



Join us for a winter celebration of the Roan Highlands: their grassy balds, balds of green alder--a relict shrub from the Pleistocene, their birds and rare & endangered wildlife. We'll meet Saturday morning, February 16th at the Roan Mountain State Park conference center. Bring the kids!

Nora Schubert, the Roan's expert conservation biologist, will present a program on her years of research on the highlands' golden-winged warbler, rare faunal habitats, and easy tips on gathering location data. Heading up to the 'Hump' from 19E—and wishing you had a four-wheeler for part of the trip? Here's the lady to tell you all about it. Nora, whose life began in Missouri, brings a naturalist's love to all she does.

Jamey Donaldson: We all associate that name with goats munching the Canada blackberry on the grassy balds. Yes, Jamey is creator of the Baatany Goat Project, but he is also ETSU's much sought after botanist for the latest word on

rare Appalachian flora. Aside from an update on the 2013 goat browsing season, Jamey will present his recent work on the Roan's green alder with highlights of its botanical history.

During Lunch:

Foster Levy, ETSU's Honors Director, will give a short status report on Hemlock trees in the Park area. Will they be shading the trout pools in the years to come?

Lisa Huff of the TN Natural Areas Program will give us a short update on invasive plants. These invaders have arrived at Carver's Gap!



Nora Schubert approaching Grassy Ridge

HIKES

Hike # 1

Richard Knight, author of *The Birds of Northeast Tennessee*, will lead a birding hike in Hampton Creek Cove.

Hike #2

Marty Silver, a Warriors' State

Park legend with wildlife and children, will lead an animal tracking hike down near the Doe river. Marty is *the* expert on the habits and habitats of the Roan's animals.

Hike# 3

Jerry Greer, acclaimed Blue Ridge photographer, will lead a photography hike through the beautiful winter woods west of Twin Springs. Copies of his recent *Blue Ridge Parkway* will be available.

Hike # 4

Jamey Donaldson, will lead a hike to the alder balds on the Roan. Dress warm for this one!

SCHEDULE

Meet at Conference Center 9:15AM

Nora Schubert: Rare Fauna 9:30

Break

Jamey Donaldson: Alders 11:00

Lunch: City Market goodies 12:00

Elizabethton's City Market will present a sumptuous selection of sandwiches for everyone's taste along with platters of cookies and brownies.

Hikes

1:PM Meet on lower field left of the Park's cabins entrance; leaders will be at the car lineup.

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