

# Members' Day Activity Schedule

Saturday, May 2, 2020

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Plan your day!

*Please note:*

*Free Fallingwater tours are offered throughout the day, but you must make reservations. Call Visitor Services at 724-329-8501 in advance or sign up at the Barn the morning of the event.*

*Outdoor activities are subject to change based on weather and trail conditions. Hike return times in the afternoon may vary. The Barn closes at 4:00 p.m. so please remove all items from the Barn if you are participating in an afternoon hike. The outdoor restroom facilities will still be available.*

## MORNING HIKES AND ACTIVITIES

8:00 a.m.                      **Registration opens**

8:00 to 10:30 a.m.        **Continental Breakfast in the Barn at Fallingwater**

8:30 to 10:00 a.m.        **Birding Hike**

Search out the early birds during a 1.5 mile hike along Tissue Lane and the Peninsula Trail in Bear Run Nature Reserve. (Easy)

8:45 to 10:45 a.m.        **Fallingwater Landscape Hike**

Explore the beautiful landscape that inspired the Kaufmann family and Frank Lloyd Wright. This hike departs from the Barn. (Moderate)

9:00 to 10:45 a.m.        **The Reserve in Spring**

Take in the scenery and learn about what's growing in the woods of Western Pennsylvania this time of year. (Moderate)

9:30 to 10:45 a.m.        **Family Hike and Nature Bioblitz**

Take the White Loop trail through the forest with WPC naturalists and discover interesting plants, insects and amphibians. Designed for children but all are invited. (Easy)

## INFORMATION SESSIONS (FIREPLACE ROOM, LOWER LEVEL OF THE BARN)

8:45 to 9:05 a.m.        **Fallingwater Institute: Immersive Learning at Fallingwater**

Fallingwater's education programs, known as Fallingwater Institute, have an enduring legacy of inspiring groups of high school and college students, adult professionals and lifelong learners. Fallingwater's Curator of Education Ashley Andrykovitch will discuss the immersive, studio-based learning opportunities on our site through residencies, workshops and other multi-day educational programs.

9:15 to 09:35 a.m.      **Early Season Butterflies of Pennsylvania**

WPC ecologist Pete Woods will present the Conservancy's ongoing research on several butterfly species of concern, and will teach you about the butterflies you may encounter on today's hikes.

9:45 to 10:05 a.m.      **Ecological Home Gardening 101**

When preparing your garden this spring, be sure you're not including any invasive species in the mix. Invasive Species Coordinator Amy Jewitt will let you know which species to say "no" to when shopping at your local garden store or plant nursery and help you become more knowledgeable on the native species that are best suited to the specific conditions in your yard.

10:15 to 10:35 a.m.      **A Beautiful Mess: Large Wood Restoration in the Allegheny National Forest**

For the past five years, WPC has been working with the USDA-Forest Service and a host of partners on the Allegheny National Forest to re-establish historic densities of woody materials in streams to restore habitat and natural flow regimes. Watershed scientist Luke Bobnar will discuss historic conditions and disturbances, as well as methods and observations from this naturally inspired restoration technique.

11:00 to 11:45 a.m.      **Children's Nature Activity (Upstairs in the Barn)**

## [MEMBERS' MEETING \(FIREPLACE ROOM, LOWER LEVEL OF THE BARN\)](#)

11:00 a.m. to noon      **Members' Meeting**

- 2019 overview of Conservancy work by President Tom Saunders
- Financial Report
- Frankstown and Lincoln rain garden
- Flight 93 Memorial ecological assessment
- Farmland access initiative for growing local foods for the Pittsburgh region
- Abandoned mine drainage work at Bennett Branch Forest
- World Heritage and Fallingwater preservation

12 to 2:00 p.m.      **Lunch Buffet**

Enjoy a hearty selection of grilled food and vegetarian dishes. \$18 for adults, free for children 10 and under. *Please make lunch reservations by Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.*

## AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

12:00 to 2:00 p.m.      **Craft projects for children, Upper Barn**

1:15 to 4:00 p.m.      **Hike to the Restored Dam Area along Bear Run**

WPC completed a dam removal on Bear Run in 2008 to allow fish to swim unimpeded in the stream. It was the first dam in the state to be removed using only hand tools because of the remote location. Participate in an electrofishing demonstration at the site and help net native fish including the Eastern Brook trout. (Moderate - Rugged)

1:15 to 4:30 p.m.      **Wildflower Walk at Ohiopyle State Park**

Enjoy a leisurely walk on the Great Gorge Trail, one of the best wildflower sites in Pennsylvania, with WPC botanist Steve Grund. If the red and white trilliums are at peak bloom, you will see a display like nowhere else. If we only get a great (rather than magnificent) show from the trilliums, Dutchman's breeches will steal the show, or maybe even bellworts! (drive or carpool to Ohiopyle State Park). (Easy)

1:15 to 3:00 p.m.      **Fallingwater Landscape Hike**

Explore the beautiful landscape that inspired the Kaufmann family and Frank Lloyd Wright. This hike departs from the Barn. (Moderate)

1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.      **Yellow Loop Hike**

Explore the forests and streams at Bear Run and learn about current efforts to restore a native deciduous forest. (Moderate - 1.7 miles)

1:30 to 4:00 p.m.      **Hike the Lower Bear Run Trail**

Experience the same path that Fallingwater guests and Kaufmann Department Store employees took between an old railroad stop and the house. Learn about the plant species and ecology of Bear Run Nature Reserve along the way. (Moderate - Rugged)

2:00 to 4:00 p.m.      **Hickman Chapel Open House**

Take a self-guided tour\* of an historical chapel on Route 381/National Scenic Byway that the Conservancy is restoring. Volunteers will be available to share the history and answer questions.

*\*Hickman Chapel is approximately one mile south of the entrance to Fallingwater along Route 381. No shuttles travel to or from Hickman Chapel.*