

WNPS STUDY WEEKEND MAY 19-21, 2017 FIELD TRIPS at a GLANCE

Saturday May 20

Trip#	Destination	Leader	Duration	Departure	Key Features
1	Kamiak Butte, Thorn Creek Nursery	Robin O'Quinn	All day	8:00 AM	Palouse Prairie remnants, hiking through open woodland, tour of native plant seed nursery
2a	Smoot Hill	Ellen Kuhlmann	All day	8:30 AM	Palouse Prairie
2b	Escure Ranch	Cody Thomas	All day	8:30 AM	Expect to see great displays of some combination of arrow leaf balsamroot, various buckwheats, phloxes lomatiums, lupines, larkspurs and possibly bitterroot. Explore Ranch of the 1940's and a 3 mile rolling terrain hike to Towell Falls, on 20 sq. mile BLM Land.
3	Clarkia Fossil Beds	Ruth and Rob Kirkpatrick, Bill Rember	All day Roughly 2 hr drive one way	8:00 AM	15 million year old Miocene lake bed deposits of outstandingly well preserved specimens of a variety of gymnosperm and angiosperm taxa reminiscent of forests of the southern Appalachians.
4	Palisades Park and Deep Creek	Becky Brown	Half day to all day	8:30 AM	Basalt outcrops, seasonal pools, overlooks of Spokane for half day, with opportunity to continue to explore the Deep Creek Canyon area with its lush riparian vegetation after lunch
5	Liberty Lake	Joe Cannon	Half day to all day	8:30 AM	Riparian vegetation, opportunity to observe interactions of beavers and vegetation; for ambitious hikers continue on Liberty Lake Loop trail through lush streamside vegetation and ancient forests to ridgeline views
6	Dishman Hills	Mary Waters	Long half day	9:00	Diverse flora in ancient granite ravines
7	Turnbull Wildlife Refuge	Mike Rule	Long half day	9:00	Wetlands and upland ponderosa pine woodland, focus on refuge management issues
8	Riverside State Park	Kathy Ahlenslager	Long half day	8:30	Ponderosa pine woodland, geologic formations along Spokane River, historic Native American and early European settlement sites
9	Steptoe Butte	Richard Old	Long half day	8:30	Palouse prairie remnants, panoramic views of surrounding agricultural land

10	Mica Peak	John McCormick	Long half day	9:00	Mid elevation mixed conifer forest
11	Fishtrap Lake	Suzanne Schwab	All day	9:00	Channeled Scabland geology, shrub steppe, wildfire (2014) recovery, overlooks of Fishtrap Lake.
12	Deep Creek Headwaters, Reardan CLOSED - FULL	Jack Nisbet Gene Kiver	All day	8:00	Channeled Scabland geology and history

Sunday May 21

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13	Kamiak Butte	Robin O'Quinn	Long half day	8:00 AM	Palouse Prairie remnants, hiking through open woodland
14	Hog Canyon	Suzanne Schwab	Half day	9:00 AM	Channeled scablands, shrub steppe flora, historic ranch, water falls
15	Clarkia Fossil Beds	Becky Brown, Bill Rember	All day Roughly 2 hr drive one way	8:00 AM	15 million year old Miocene lake bed deposits of outstandingly well preserved specimens of a variety of gymnosperm and angiosperm taxa reminiscent of forests of the southern Appalachians.
16	Iler Creek CLOSED - FULL	Ruth and Rob Kirkpatrick	Half day to all day	8:30 AM	Basalt outcrops, seasonal pools, overlooks of Spokane for half day, with opportunity to continue to explore the Deep Creek Canyon area with its lush riparian vegetation after lunch
17	Liberty Lake	Joe Cannon	Half day to all day	8:30 AM	Riparian vegetation, opportunity to observe interactions of beavers and vegetation; for ambitious hikers continue on to Iler Creek Natural area through lush streamside vegetation to ridgeline views
18	Tubbs Hill	Larry Hampson	Long half day	9:00	Diverse flora along shoreline of Lake Coeur d'Alene
19	Turnbull Wildlife Refuge	Don Schaechtel	Half day	9:00	Wetlands and upland ponderosa pine woodland, bring binoculars for waterfowl and other bird viewing
20	Little Spokane River	John Bauman	Long half day	9:00	Ponderosa pine woodland, riparian vegetation, focus on butterfly viewing
21	Damage Creek	Justin Bastow	Long half day	8:30	Soil ecology and carbon cycling, recovery from 2013 Watermelon Hill fire

22	Mica Peak	John McCormick	Long half day	9:00	Mid elevation mixed conifer forest
23	Telford Recreation Area CLOSED - FULL	Diane Stutzman	Long half day – west of Spokane	8:30	Channeled scablands geology and shrub steppe flora with diverse wetlands
24	Channeled Scablands NEW Description!	IAFI Member	All day	8:00	Channeled Scabland geology and history

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, May 19 2:00 – 6:30 PM - Registration – Hargreaves Hall, EWU Campus

6:00 – 7:00 PM – Reception with light refreshments – Hargreaves Hall, EWU Campus

7:15 – 8:30 PM - Talk by Kurt Merg on WA Dept of Fish and Wildlife Habitat Restoration Projects, Hargreaves Hall

Saturday, May 20 7:30 – 9:00 AM – Departure for field trips from lot P-15, EWU Campus

Pick up pre-ordered box lunches here.

1:00 - 5:00 PM – Room 246 in Science Building on EWU Campus open for keying of plants, dissecting microscopes available

5:00 – 6:00 PM – Reception with light refreshments - Hargreaves Hall

6:15 – 7:15 PM – Banquet – Hargreaves Hall

7:30 – 8:30 PM – Keynote address on Geologic and Human History of the Spokane River and Channeled Scablands by Jack Nisbet and Gene Kiver

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