

2016 Bog Learning Network Work & Learn Field Day Series – Quarry Bog

Date: Tuesday, June 7th

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Rain Date: Thursday, June 9th

Quarry Bog is a 65-acre preserve featuring one of the two Southern Appalachian bog communities in Shady Valley (Johnson County, TN) owned by the Tennessee Chapter of The Nature Conservancy. The Nature Conservancy manages four wetland and stream restoration sites in Shady Valley and these sites, including Quarry Bog, provide habitat to several target conservation species.

Workday Agenda

The Nature Conservancy's Director of Protection for the Tennessee Chapter, Gabby Lynch, will provide our group with an overview of the history of Quarry Bog and restoration initiatives at the Shady Valley Preserves. The workday activities will be guided by The Nature Conservancy's Shady Valley Stewardship Manager Charles McQueen and will include cut stump herbicide treatment of multiflora rose and hand pulling of multiflora rose seedlings.

In addition to the opportunity to take in the magnificence of the views from Shady Valley while we work and as we enjoy our lunches together, this field day also offers the singular occasion of a free camp over at The Nature Conservancy's John R Dickey Birch Branch Sanctuary under the stars or in the TNC-owned 1800s-era, one-room, restored log cabin with amenities and separate bath house.

What to Bring & What's Provided

Recommended: Rubber boots/waders, personal water bottle, field lunch, long pants & long sleeves

Suggested: Work gloves and safety glasses if you have them available

Provided: Water, tools & personal protection equipment, boot decontamination station

Carpool Meet Location

We will meet in the Westgate Shopping Center/Earth Fare parking lot located at 66 Westgate Parkway, Asheville, NC 28806 in the east end of the parking lot (closest to I-26/US-19/US-23) at **8:00 a.m.** to make carpooling arrangements for an 8:15 a.m. departure. We will then regroup at TNC's Shady Valley Field Office at 10:00 a.m. and caravan from there to Quarry Bog.

Directions to TNC's Shady Valley Field Office from Asheville, NC: Follow I-26 W/US-23 N for 27.2 miles and keep left to continue on I-26 W for 30.5 miles to exit 24 for US-321/Tennessee 67 toward Elizabethton. Turn right onto US-321 N/University Pkwy and follow US-321 N for 7.5 miles to Broad St. Continue on Broad St. for 1 mile and turn left onto US-19 E. In 0.2 mile, exit from US-19 E onto TN-91 N toward Stoney Creek/Shady Valley. Follow TN-91 N for 22 miles to US-421 N and turn left. Continue on US-421 N for 1.2 miles to TNC's Shady Valley Field Office located at: **10537 US-421, Shady Valley, TN 37688** (McQueen Farm & Equipment Shop) on the right.

Please **RSVP** to Gary Peeples at Gary_Peeples@fws.gov by **Tuesday, May 31st** and include **"Quarry Bog Workday"** in the subject line so we can notify you directly if the workday is cancelled due to inclement weather. Please also indicate if you're interested in attending a camp over at the John R Dickey Birch Branch Sanctuary following the workday.