

2007 Naturalist Weekend Schedule

Friday, May 18th

8-10pm *Owl Prowl* led by Grandfather Mountain Naturalist Jesse Pope (Space limited, reservations necessary. 828-733-4326)

Saturday, May 19th

8-10am *Guided Nature Hike Exploring the High Elevation Ecosystem* led by Grandfather Mountain Naturalist Jesse Pope on the Bridge & Grandfather Extension Loop.

10:30am *Black Bear Workshop* led by Tanya Cline, Grandfather Mountain Animal Habitats Manager.

11:30 am *Guided Nature Walk* led by Grandfather Mountain Naturalist Gabe Taylor at the Woods Walk.

LUNCH BREAK

1-3pm *Salamander workshop* with Lori Williams, NC Wildlife Resources Commission herpetologist.

3pm *North Carolina's Best Family Hikes and Interpretive Trails*, Randy Johnson, author, [Hiking North Carolina](#). A book signing will follow this presentation.

4pm *Conservation in North Carolina: a statewide perspective*. Tom Earnhardt, host of "Exploring North Carolina," UNC Public TV.

5-6pm *Informal social hour*. Light hors d'oeuvres. Mildred's Grill will remain open for those who want to order something more substantial.

8-10pm *Salamander Walkabout* with Lori Williams. If conditions are too dry for salamanders, the outing will become an owl prowling. (The naturalists would like to know how many people to expect, so give them a call if you know you want to participate. 828-733-4326)

2007 Naturalist Weekend (cont.)

Sunday, May 20th

- 7-9am *Guided bird hike on Profile Trail* with Audubon biologist Curtis Smalling
- 9:30 am *Hummingbird Banding Workshop* with Dwayne Martin (1 of only 4 hummingbird banders in NC).
- 11am *Birds of Prey* with Nina Fisschessor of the Blue Ridge Wildlife Institute at Lees-MacRae College.
- LUNCH BREAK
- 1pm *The Geology of Grandfather Mountain* with Dr. Loren Raymond, Department of Geology, Appalachian State University.
- 2:30pm *The Weather of Grandfather Mountain* with Grant Gouge, consultant with the National Climatic Data Center.
- 3:30pm *Guided Geology Hike to Storytellers Rock* led by Dr. Loren Raymond.
- 3:30pm *Cougars-Pumas-Mountain Lions* presented by Megan McCloud, wildlife biologist with Grandfather Mountain.
- 4pm *Wildflower Walk* at Profile Trail.

All programs and guided walks offered as part of the Naturalist Weekend are included in the regular price of admission. Those who attend for more than one day should keep to their receipt from their first visit and present that for discount admission the following day. All activities begin at the Grandfather Mountain Nature Museum unless otherwise stated.