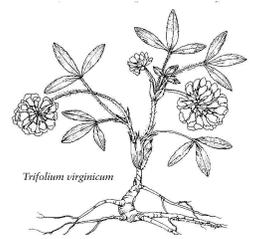


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AUGUST 27-28 2016

Shepherdstown and Berkeley Springs WV



Come join the West Virginia Native Plant Society for a late summer meeting in Jefferson County, WV. After a morning of meetings two exciting field trips are planned, one on Saturday afternoon and one on Sunday morning.

Field Trips

Saturday 's field trip will be a botanical excursion to Altona Marsh. This marl marsh consists of swamp forests, shrubby thickets, and herbaceous plants. In addition to the more typical wetland species, we will observe some rarities (known from 5 or fewer West Virginia locations).

Altona Marsh is located about 1 mile west of Charles Town in Jefferson County, WV. Access to Altona Marsh is a narrow dirt road on the north side of WV Route 51. It is a short distance from the Washington Chapel ruins - a historical attraction. The CSX Railroad is another 1100 yards or so north of the ruins and the marsh is immediately to the east (downstream).

On Sunday the focus will be Eidolon Nature Preserve, located just west of Berkeley Springs in Morgan County, WV.

The directions to the Eidolon Nature Preserve from Berkeley Springs are as follows: From the intersection of Routes 522 and 9, take Route 9 west over Cacapon Mountain and through the village of Great Cacapon until you reach Detour Road (a total of 7.6 miles). Go right on Detour Road for 9/10s of a mile to Orleans Road. Go right on Orleans Road and follow it up Sideling Hill for 2.1 miles; the entrance to Eidolon will be on your right—a light-green metal gate flanked by two low, square stone pillars. Those who visit are asked to park outside the gated entrance and proceed into the preserve on foot.



Eidolon Preserve

<http://www.potomacaudubon.org/eidolon>

Attendees to either outing will want to bring insect repellent and wear protective clothing, such as long pants, to protect from ticks. In particular, rubber boots will be useful for Altona Marsh.

Schedule and Agenda

Saturday the 27th of August 2016.

Board meeting 11-11:45 am

Annual Meeting and election of officers 11:45 am-12:30 pm

The meetings will be at Stutzman-Slonaker Hall on North King Street in Room 301, at Shepherd University in Shepherdstown, WV 25443.

Use the following link for a google map. Depending upon your location you may have to insert the address into the google map home.

[Stutzman-Slonaker Hall, N King St Shepherdstown, WV 25443](#)

Lunch 12:30-2:00 pm – Either pack your own or visit one of the many restaurants are available in Shepherdstown. There is an assortment of restaurants to choose from <http://shepherdstown.info/eat/other-eateries>

Field Trip to Altoona Marsh 3:00-5:00 pm

Lodging in Shepherdsown

<http://shepherdstown.info/stay/other-lodging/>

Camping is available along the C&O Canal

<https://www.nps.gov/choh/planyourvisit/camping.htm>

Sunday the 28th of August 2016

Field Trip to Eidolon Nature Preserve 10 am -1 pm

The Eidolon Nature Preserve is located along the summit and east and west sides of Sideling Hill, west of Berkeley Springs in Morgan County, West Virginia.

Lunch - either pack your own or there are many choices in nearby Berkeley Springs.

<http://berkeleysprings.com/dining/berkeley-springs-dining>

Places to stay in or near Berkeley Springs

<http://berkeleysprings.com/lodging/>

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