



Flora-Quest seeks Eco-tourists

Frolicking among spring flowers is a tough job, but someone has to do it.

Many of Ohio's best botanists and naturalists lead field trips for Flora-Quest (May 4-6, 2012) including Guy Denny, Rick Gardner, Dr. Jaret Daniels and many more. It is a *botanical adventure* in southern Ohio, with some excellent birds, butterflies, hiking and geology thrown in for good measure.

What continues to draw like-minded individuals to Shawnee State Park and Forest each spring? Orchids, for one. Many other exceptional native species also reside here, like Indian Paint-brush and Hoary Puccoon. Adams and Scioto counties are packed full of rarities and wonderments and our guides know where to find them. Throw in small selection of excellent speakers as entertainment, local music and 100 of the most interesting people to engage in conversation and you start to get the picture of why Flora-Quest attendees keep coming back.

It is no wonder the ranks quickly fill with new adventurers and past participants anxious to experience southern Ohio's spring. Columbus and north extending to Cleveland will have just begun to show signs of spring when the flower riot is in full bloom at Shawnee.

2012's focus will be on many of the long-time favorite spots, the local State Dedicated Nature Preserves. Sign up to explore with our expert guides in an otherwise "off-limits" preserve: Raven Rock or off-trail at Whipple Preserve.

Flora-Quest offers reasonably priced trips, speakers, and a variety of food options. Camping, cabins and comfortable hotel rooms are available in the immediate vicinity. Add to this, Flora-Quest minimalizes our carbon foot-print by providing groups with eco-friendly vans and additionally supporting local conservation and preservation, and carbon offset initiatives.

See full details at www.flora-quest.com to download the registration for an unforgettable excursion.