

48th Elsie Quarterman Cedar Glade Wildflower Festival

Cedars of Lebanon & Long Hunter State Park

May 1, Friday Events



Event	Time	Location	Leader/Facilitator
Cedar Glade Restoration **Preregister, limited parking	1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Vesta Cedar Glade	Sam King
Research Roundtable	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Cedar Forest Lodge	MTSU Center for Cedar Glade Studies
Archeology and Cedar Glades	6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Refreshments provided by Friends of Cedars and MTSU Glade Center.	Cedar Forest Lodge	Phl Hodge, State Archeologist

May 2, Saturday Events

Event	Time	Location	Leader/Facilitator
Bird Walk, limit 16	7:00 – 8:30 a.m.	Outside Nature Center on parking lot side	Melissa Turrentine, Jeff Walck & TOS
Botany by Bike **Preregister (see note), limit 12	8:00 a.m. – Noon	Parking W. Richmond Shop Rd. & Cedar Forest Rd.	Todd Crabtree
Landscaping with Native Plants	9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Porch Behind Nature Center by Garden	Wilson Cty Master Gardeners
Family Event: Here's to Herps!	9:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Outside Nature Center on parking lot side	Dr. Matt Niemiller
Cedar Glade Hike #1 **Preregister, limit 30	9:00 a.m. – Noon	Outside Cedar Forest Lodge – Plan to caravan and share rides	Holly Taylor, Milo Pyne, Jeff Walck
Kids: Make TN Coneflower Seed Bombs	9:30 – 10:30 a.m.	Nature Center Back Porch	Ranger Shauna & Staff
Family Event: Geology Hike	10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Outside Nature Center on parking lot side by wash station	Ron Zurawski
Photography Workshop **Preregister, limit 12, \$10	10:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Nature Center small meeting room	David Pinos
Family Event: Hoots in the Glades	11:00 a.m. – Noon	Assembly Hall	Ranger Shauna & Skipper the Owl
Family Event: Edible Plants Hike	Noon – 1:00 p.m. Booth open 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Outside Cedar Forest Lodge	Sharon Bracy, Naturalist & Wild Foods Expert
Kids: Make a Wildflower Journal	12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	Nature Center	Ranger Shauna & Staff
Cedar Glade Hike #2 **Preregister, limit 30	1:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Outside Cedar Forest Lodge – Plan to caravan and share rides	Holly Taylor & Milo Pyne
Kids: Cedar Cookies not to Eat	1:30 – 2:30 p.m.	Nature Center	Ranger Shauna & Staff
Family Event: Glade Fossils	3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Gazebo next to Nature Center	Ron Zurawski
Kids: Make Tie Dye Butterflies	3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Nature Center Back Porch	Ranger Shauna & Staff
Cave Biology Hike, 18 yrs or older **Preregister, Limit 8	3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Meet in front of Nature Center	Dr. Matt Niemiller
Family Event: Owl Prowl	7:30 – 9:00 p.m.	Meet in front of Nature Center	Park Rangers

May 3, Sunday Events at Mount View SNA & Vesta Cedar Glade

Event	Time	Location	Leader/Facilitator
Cedar Glade Hike #3 Wildflower Hike **Preregister, limit 15	10:00 - Noon	No pets. Meet at Mount View State Natural Area parking lot.	Nature Education Society of TN (NEST) Owners Lesley Ann and Jason Allen
Cedar Glade Hike #4 Nightjars: Birds of Mystery **Preregister, limit 15	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	No pets. Meet at Vesta Cedar Glade parking lot. Parking is limited; preregistration is required.	Nature Education Society of TN (NEST) Owners Jason and Lesley Ann Allen

<p>**To pre-register for Events: https://tnstateparks.com/parks/events/cedars-of-lebanon Questions about Events at Cedars of Lebanon (615) 443-2769 Ranger Shauna Bridgers: Shauna.Bridgers@tn.gov</p>	<p>MTSU Center for Cedar Glade Studies www.mtsu.edu/glade-center Questions? Contact Kim Sadler Email: kim.sadler@mtsu.edu</p>
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NOTE: EXTREME INCLEMENT OR DOWNPOURING RAINY WEATHER WILL CANCEL MOST OUTDOOR EVENTS. Check with the Cedars park office for information about cancellations due to weather on May 2. No food concessions at the park, bring water and food.



SAVE THE DATE: May 16, 2026, Friends of Cedars & Wilson County Master Gardeners Native Plant Sale, 10 – 2, Assembly Hall at Cedars

DATES FOR NEXT YEAR'S ELSIE WEEKEND: May 1 & 2, 2027!

