
Mississippi Chapter Sierra Club

Golden Triangle Group

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October 2007 – January 2008



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EVENTS – Open to ALL

OCTOBER

Sat. and Sun., Oct. 20th – 21st. **Retreat for the Mississippi and Alabama Chapters of the Sierra Club** at the Plymouth Bluff Conservation Center on the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway just outside of Columbus. For program and registration info, go to <http://alabama.sierraclub.org/07registration.pdf>.

Sat., Oct. 20th. **Deadline for public comment on Proposed Plan for OHV (Off Highway Vehicle) Use in MS National Forests.** The proposed plan allows for game retrieval up to 1.5 mi in from any open road on Wildlife Management Lands. We fear that this proposal will be difficult to enforce and will lead to deterioration and erosion along the roads where OHVs are used. Instead, we propose that use of OHVs for game retrieval up to 1.5 mi be limited to specified roads or corridors where it can be enforced and where OHV use will not negatively impact or destroy the landscape or nearby hiking and biking trails. It also should be left up to the Rangers in charge of each Forest District to decide which roads or corridors best meet these criteria.

Sat., Oct. 20th. 9:00 a.m. **Field Trip to the Buttahatchee Bluffs.** Nature's Conservancy's Matthew Miller will be the guide for this walk and an informative talk through this beautiful and ecologically significant area. Light lunch and beverage will be provided after the walk. Dress comfortably in long pants, hiking or walking shoes that can get wet, and bring sunscreen and bug repellent. Please plan to arrive at the parking lot of Huddle House restaurant located at the junction of U.S. Hwy 78 and County Road 35 near Hamilton, AL by 9:00 a.m. We will caravan to the trail head from this location. There are only 20 spots available so please contact Cathy Costello at 601-709-4755 or ccostello@tnc.org to confirm attendance as soon as possible.

NOVEMBER

Sat., Nov. 3rd. 9:00 a.m. – 1 p.m. **Outing to the Old Cove** in Webster County. Unusual vegetation and fauna await your discovery in this steeply wooded property owned and preserved by Weyerhaeuser. We will meet at Clay Lyle Building, MSU Campus, Starkville. Wear sturdy walking shoes, bring yourself a picnic, and hope for stunning fall colors wrapped around a crisp fall day.

Wed., Nov. 14th. 7:00 p.m. **Program: Loss of Biodiversity Due to Land Use Change in a Rich Temperate Forest of Southern Chile** by Freddie Bernales, Master's Degree Candidate in the Department of Geosciences, Mississippi State University. The talk will be held in Rm 117, Clay Lyle Building, MSU Campus, Starkville.

DECEMBER

Sat., Dec. 8th, 6:00 p.m. **Holiday Gathering and Potluck** at the home of Harold and Frances Thompson, 608 Lakeview Dr., Starkville. As part of our club tradition, the Thompson's will again be our gracious hosts for this festive celebration of goodwill and peace. From Highway 82, go north on Old West Point Rd. Take the 3rd left onto Critz St., the 2nd right onto Overstreet Dr., then left on Lakeview Dr. For more information, call the Thompsons at 662-323-7379. Sierra Club Calendars will also be ready for pickup.

JANUARY

Wed., Jan. 16th, 6:00 p.m. **Potluck and Planning** at David Cross and Juliet Tang's home, 211 Edgewood Dr., Starkville. Bring suggestions for spring programs, outings, and newsletter articles. From Highway 82, go north on Old West Point Rd. Take the 3rd left onto Critz St., then the 1st right onto Edgewood Dr. For more information, call Juliet Tang at 662-338-5426.

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NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

I welcome contributions for newsletter articles. Please send them to Juliet Tang, jtang@mafes.msstate.edu.



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