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September 29-30, 2021

## Stewardship in Action Field Workshop

*Sustainable Summits: Managing Public Access for the Protection of Rare Plant Communities*

### Wednesday, September 29, 2021

Time	Session Type	Session Title
6:30 am - 7:30 am	Breakfast/Grab-N-Go	
7:30 am - 7:40 am	Welcome	<p><b>Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</b>  <b>Lisa Smith</b>                      Executive Director, Natural Areas Association</p> <p><b>Rick Myers, Ph.D.</b>                      Natural Areas Stewardship Manager                      Division of Natural Heritage                      Virginia Department of Conservation &amp; Recreation</p>
7:40 am - 8:00 am	Presentation #1	<p><b>Stewarding Virginia's Natural Area Preserve System: 25 Years of Balancing Resource Protection with Public Access</b>  <b>Rick Myers, Ph.D.</b>                      Natural Areas Stewardship Manager                      Division of Natural Heritage                      Virginia Department of Conservation &amp; Recreation</p>
8:00 am - 8:20 am	Presentation #2	<p><b>Public access management at Buffalo Mountain Natural Area Preserve: balancing sustainable visitation &amp; biodiversity conservation</b>  <b>Ryan Klopff, Ph.D.</b>                      Regional Supervisor                      Virginia Natural Heritage Program</p> <p><b>Wesley Paulos</b>                      Mountain Operations Steward                      Virginia Natural Heritage Program</p>
8:20 am - 8:40 am	Presentation #3	<p><b>Public access management of a geologically unique heath bald in the Southern Appalachians</b>  <b>Claiborne Woodall</b>                      Regional Supervisor/Western Fire Manager                      Virginia Natural Heritage Program</p>
8:40 am - 9:00 am	Presentation #4	<p><b>Restoration challenges of a mountaintop natural community at Bull Run Mountains Natural Area Preserve in Northern Virginia</b>  <b>Michael Lott</b>                      Northern Region Steward &amp; Regional Supervisor                      Virginia Division of Natural Heritage</p> <p><b>Joe Villari</b>                      Preserve Manager                      Virginia Outdoors Foundation</p>
9:00 am - 9:20 am	Break/Go to cars	
9:20 am - 10:25 am	Transport to Field Site	Buffalo Mountain NAP (BMNAP)

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<b>Wednesday, September 29, 2021 continued</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Session Type</b>	<b>Session Title</b>
10:25 am - 10:35 am	Arrival Field Sites/Break	Buffalo Mountain NAP (BMNAP)
10:35 am - 10:50 am	Stop 1	Parking Lot
10:50 am - 11:05 am	Hike	
11:05 am - 11:15 am	Stop 2	1st Switchback on Oak Trail (red blaze)
11:15 am - 11:25 am	Hike	
11:25 am - 11:35 am	Stop 3	2nd Switchback on Oak Trail
11:35 am - 11:50 am	Hike	
11:50 am - 12:00 pm	Stop 4	Summit
12:00 pm - 12:10 pm	Hike	
12:20 pm - 12:30 pm	Stop 5	Peak
12:30 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch	
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Hike	
	Stop 6	Bow of the Ship - Barrens Loop Trail #1
	Stop 7	Bow of the Ship - Barrens Loop Trail #2
	Stop 8	Base of the Lollipop on Barrens Loop Trail
2:00 pm - 2:10 pm	Hike	
2:10 pm - 2:30 pm	Stop 9	Ridge Trail
2:30 pm - 2:45 pm	Hike	
2:45 pm - 3:00 pm	Stop 10	Parking Lot
3:00 pm - 3:15 pm	Discussion/Break	
3:15 pm - 4:20 pm	Transport to Basecamp	Claytor Lake State Park
4:20 pm - 5:15 pm	Break & Free Exploration	Claytor Lake State Park
5:15 pm - 7:00 pm	Dinner & Camp Fire Social	Claytor Lake State Park

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#### Thursday, September 30, 2021

6:30 am - 7:30 am	Breakfast/Grab-N-Go	
7:30 am - 9:30 am	Transport to Field Site	The Channels NAP (TCNAP)
9:30 am - 9:45 am	Stop 1	Parking Lot
9:45 am - 10:15 am	Hike	
10:15 am - 10:25 am	Stop 2	The Channels Private Retreat Cabins & Entrance to Natural Preserve
10:25 am - 10:45 am	Hike	
10:45 am - 10:55 am	Stop 3	Saddle - View of Russell Beartown Mountain
10:55 am - 11:15 am	Hike	
11:15 am - 11:25 am	Stop 4	Mudstone/Sandstone Contact & Switchback
11:25 am - 11:45 am	Hike	
11:45 am - 11:55 am	Stop 5	Firetower and Former Firetower Cabin Site
11:55 am - 12:00 pm	Hike	
12:00 pm - 12:05 pm	Stop 6	The Channels Overlook & Interpretive Point
12:05 pm - 12:30 pm	Stop 7	Explore The Channels
12:30 pm - 1:00 pm	Stop 8	Backtrack - Summit Area & Lunch
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Hike to Parking	Brief stop at an alternate overlook looking to the north and east. Views of Mt. Rogers and Whitetop Mountains.
3:00 pm - 3:15 pm	Conclusion	Concluding Remarks
3:15 PM	Departure/Return to Basecamp	

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