

SE Georgia Pitcherplant Bog Work Day Thursday, November 16, 2016

Field Trip Leader: Lisa Kruse

Description: Join forces with the **Georgia Plant Conservation Alliance** for some down-and-dirty Autumn Bogging! This is a pitcherplant habitat restoration work day as well opportunity for learning about herbaceous bog ecology and plants. The task will be to cut shrubs to increase pitcherplant habitat. You can't beat a (hopefully) cool November day for getting a lot of work done.

We will see three species of pitcherplant—thanks to a wet summer they are dramatically showy this fall. We will work in a regularly burned bog and native longleaf pine sandhill with incredible floristic diversity. Most of the fall wildflower show will be over, but the unique structures of autumn grasses and flower seed-heads couldn't be lovelier when fresh in November. We'll keep eyes open for seed-heads of *Balduina atropurpurea* (purple honeycomb head) and *Macranthera flammaea* (hummingbird flower).

We expect to work for 3-4 hours. We will have a short but rich botanical foray after the work party and expect to finish by 4 or 4:30 PM. Afterwards, for those who are able, we will continue in the bogging spirit by diving into delicious Harry's Barbeque nearby in the town of Hagen.



Meeting Location: We will meet at 10:00 AM, town of Bellville, Evans County, at the SW corner of the intersection of State Hwys. 292 and 169. There is a good parking lot here at a restored train depot.

Bring: Work gloves, loppers, hand saw, and/or hand-pruners and/or loppers. Sun protection is critical, as well as lunch and water!

Walking Difficulty: Easy to moderate. We will be able to drive near to the bog edges. Total walking distance is about 1 mile. However there are no trails to access the pitcher plant habitats, so off-trail walking on uneven, moist terrain through 1-2 foot tall vegetation is required. There is a possibility for walking across shallow water or small streams.

Bathroom Facilities: There are no facilities at the work party sites. Bernie's Grocery at the meeting location in Bellville has a basic restroom and snacks

Lodging suggestion: Cabins and camping are available at Gordonia-Alatamaha State Park in Reidsville. THESE ARE POPULAR ON FALL WEEKENDS. Make reservations soon.

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