



March 2010 Russell Lands On Lake Martin Naturalist Events Spring: "In like a Bobcat, out like a Bunny"

Guided Nature Tours

Saturday, March 13th & Saturday, March 27th:

Guided Nature Tours: 1:30pm Meet at Wilson Road Trailhead

Weary of one of the coldest winters on record? Ready for Spring? Join Russell Lands On Lake Martin Naturalist Marianne Hudson for an educational foray into Russell Forest. Since Lions and Lambs are not native to our woods, in March we will liken the month to a Bobcat and a Bunny. Their respective characteristics of ferocity and timidity will be compared to the fickle March weather. Bobcats and Bunnies rely on each other as predator and prey: and both of these critters live and die in your neighborhood. We will hike through their prime habitats and search for evidence of their movements. To the delight of the Bobcats, there is more than one rabbit species in Russell Forest – we will discuss their similarities and their differences. Bobcat and Bunny skulls will be on hand for examination and impromptu discoveries always abound. This energetic hike will offer both learning and exercise. Appropriate for participants ages 5 - 105.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED! There is a \$10 fee for this program. Please contact our Naturalist at 256-496-2710 to inquire and to register.

For all Guided Nature Tours: It is recommended that participants have a moderate fitness level and are able to stand or walk for at least two hours. Walking pace will be relaxed with frequent stops. Comfortable, seasonally appropriate clothing and shoes are advised. Participants may also wish to bring bottled water, sunscreen and insect repellent. Binoculars and cameras are welcome. There are no bathrooms on the Forest Trails.

If you have questions for Marianne, she can be contacted at 256.496.2710 or Naturalist@Russelllands.com.

Wildlife Presentations

Saturday, March 13th: 7:00am – 1:00pm Naturalist Cabin at Russell Crossroads

Saturday, March 27th: 8:00am – 1:00pm Naturalist Cabin at Russell Crossroads

Join Russell Lands On Lake Martin Naturalist Marianne Hudson at Russell Crossroads for an informative presentation highlighting our native wildlife. Discussion will include interesting facts about our wild neighbors and feature touchable items left behind by forest residents. This month, Marianne's display will highlight Bobcats and Bunnies: two species whose personality differences can be likened to the changing weather of March. This lively presentation will inspire you to appreciate the wild dramas being lived out all around us. Program includes live animals and is appropriate for all ages.

No charge – everyone is welcome!

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