

Houston Chapter of NPSOT - 2012 Spring Field Trips

Three field trips are scheduled for Spring 2012. All three trips will be on Sundays and led by Dr. Larry Brown. Please continue to use our new meeting location, the parking lot east of the Memorial Park Arboretum. Please wear appropriate footwear for walking through wet or dry fields, bring drinking water, bug spray, and a lunch if you like. If the weather is drizzling rain, we proceed, but if it is a gully-washer, we still gather at the Arboretum and then cancel. We meet at the Arboretum between 8 and 8:30 AM, and depart promptly at 8:30 AM. Please contact Paul Roling for any additional inquiries: 281-353-7413 or [PRoling \(at\) att.net](mailto:PRoling@att.net).

Sunday, March 25: University of Houston Clear Lake Campus. Near the parking lots in the back part of the University of Houston Clear Lake Campus, fields of flowers abound each spring. The underlying soil is composed of clays. The campus is about 30 miles southeast of the Arboretum. For people near the Clear Lake area, we will meet you in the back parking lots of the campus at about 9:15 AM.

Sunday, April 15: Old Riley Fuzzel Road Preserve/Peckinpaugh Preserve. On the Spring Creek Greenway Project, two parks on the Montgomery County side of Spring Creek offer a large selection of flowering plants in the deep fine sandy loams along Spring Creek and around Alligator Pond. These two preserves are about 30 miles north of the Arboretum. For those from the north side of town, we will meet you by the Exxon station on the southeast corner of FM-2920 off I-45 at about 9:10 AM.

Sunday, April 29: Russ Pitman Park. Russ Pitman Park covers 4 acres in the city of Bellaire. Hiking trails meander throughout the park, which has many mature trees, a shady wetland, a pocket prairie, flowerbeds and much greenery between. The park, on Newcastle Street in Bellaire, is six miles south of our Arboretum parking lot. For those closer to the park than the arboretum, we will meet you at the parking lot on Evergreen Street on the south side of the park, around 8:45 AM.

If you want to be added to the NPSOT field trip e-mail list, send an e-mail to [PRoling \(at\) att.net](mailto:PRoling@att.net) requesting to be added to the list. E-mail reminders are sent out about a week before each trip.

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