

**Natural Heritage Trust Fund
Site Visits Itinerary
September 19-20, 2010**

Sunday, September 19, 2010

8:00 Leave Boone hotel for Mt. Jefferson State Park

8:30-10:00 Mt Jefferson State Park (about 30 minutes from Boone)

- Stop at second overlook on way to summit parking lot
- View proposed tracts from mountain top
- Park at mountain top and take strenuous 0.3 mile Summit Trail to top of mountain
- Take Rhododendron Trail loop trail to the right for an additional 1.1 mile moderate to strenuous hike. Total time about 1 hour

10:00-11 – Leave for Pond Mountain

Take 88 W toward Lansing..... Stop at Ingels for lunches

10:30 - Meet at Warrensville convenience store

10:30- 11 Travel to Pond Mountain

11:00 – 12:30 Pond Mountain Tour and Lunch – Need rendezvous spot, see Braun Tract proposed acquisition

12:30 – 1:30 Travel from Pond Mountain to New River State Park (45+ minute drive)

1:30pm – 4:00pm Orientation Meeting at New River State Park

Including a break that includes a tour of the Park

- 12 minute video
- Museum
- 1/8 mile handicap-accessible trail

4-5 – Visit potential new tracts off 88E en route New River State Park to Mt Jefferson (and then back to Boone)

- Mount Jefferson tract (Vannoy)
- New River State Park – Conservation Fund tract near Bower (previous NHTF grant); view from road but it is located across the river

7-9 – Dinner Meeting at Clement house (or conference center)

- View Valle Crucis easements and acquisitions by Cultural Resources

Monday, September 20, 2010

8-9 – Orientation Continuation – Holiday Inn Express Boone Conference Room

9-9:30 drive to Long Hope

9:30-11:30 – Long Hope (and Lunch)

11:30-12:30 Travel to Backbone (and Lunch)

12:30 -2:15 – Backbone Ridge

2:15 pm **Adjourn**