

Knobs and Knolls

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Nature Center and Park
Bristol, Tennessee

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The Wildflowers are here!!

Come and see and walk our trail at the Nature Center



COMMON LOON



SPRING BEAUTY



TROUT LILY



VIOLETS

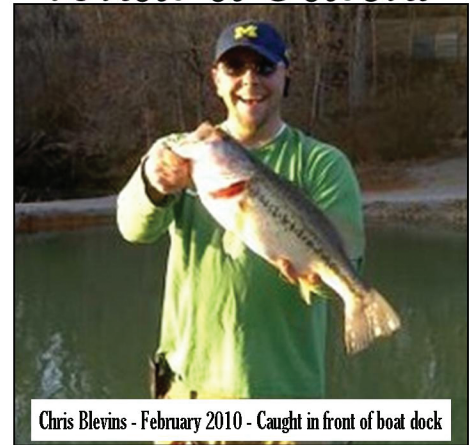


BLOOD ROOT



RED FOX

What a Catch!



Chris Blevins - February 2010 - Caught in front of boat dock

For more information and photos of park wildlife visit the Friends of Steele Creek website at <http://www.friendsofsteecreek.org/>
To see upcoming nature activities in the area visit the Nature Calendar at <http://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=eHlvbjQyQGdtYWlsLmNvbQ&gssessionid=SqySiLKeZMnuRQz0P7yhvA>

Knobs and Knolls Future Change in Delivery

We are all experiencing the effects of the economy on our budgets and Friends Board of Directors has been reviewing where we can pare back expenses. The cost of printing and mailing the *Knobs and Knolls* newsletter has risen to nearly \$1,200.00 per year. To reduce this expense, the Friends Board has voted to continue to post the newsletter to the Friends Website in the future and email notification to you when it has been posted. If you have not been receiving email notices from *Friends*, please send your email address to friendsofsteecreek-park@charter.net. If you want to continue to receive *Knobs and Knolls* in the US mail, please call Sue King-Marschalk at 423-968-2090 or email your request to friendsofsteecreek-park@charter.net. Hard copies of *Knobs and Knolls* will continue to be available at the Nature Center and Slater Center.

The Officers and Board of Directors for Friends of Steele Creek Nature Center & Park invite you to attend the Friends Annual Meeting

Monday May 17, 2010 7:00PM

THE LODGE @ Steele Creek Park

2010-2011 Board of Directors, selection and approval

"Porch Light Insect Program" by Larry McDaniel





Beverages and desserts will be provided

Earth Day 2010



Steele Creek Park Lake Clean-Up

Saturday April 24, 2010 9 a.m.-Noon

-  Meet at the Nature Center for supplies and instructions
-  Gloves and bags will be provided by Keep Bristol Beautiful
-  Beverages and snacks provided for all volunteers
-  For more information, contact the Nature Center at 423-989-5616

Letter from the President

Things are greening up at the Park. Wildflowers make their appearance starting mid-March and lasting through early May. Get a park listing at the Nature Center. The first Earth Day was held April 22, 1970, so we are celebrating its 40th birthday this year. Join us at the Nature Center April 24th from 9 – noon for the Great American Lake and Park Clean-up, supplies will be provided. Help us spruce up the place with a good spring cleaning.

I would like to personally welcome Mike Musick to his new position as Recreation Superintendent. Friends look forward to working closely with him to enhance, improve and maintain the Nature Center and Park.

A new goal this year is to work towards a level two category for our Arboretum at the Park. We would like to partner with interested groups and individuals to accomplish this task. We now have an interactive Blog for bird sightings at the Park. Check it out! You can link to it from our website.

Our Herbarium project needs volunteers to go out and collect and dry plant specimens for display. Workshops and instructions are available at the Nature Center, ask for Larry McDaniell.

I am encouraging all members to attend the annual meeting on May 17th at 7PM at the Lodge at the park. The “Porch Light Insect Program” given by Larry McDaniell will be fun and informational and the agenda will be to set mid and long range goals for the group. Look for our window display at Dent Burke on State St. during the month of July. Look for information coming on the 1-Day Fishing Tournament to be held this summer at the Lake. It will benefit the new addition to the Nature Center.

And don't forget to check at the Nature Center with the Naturalists for the spring activities being offered including Wildflower, Wetlands, Bird and Butterfly walks. Or just explore the Park and trails on your own, hike, snap pictures (for the Photo Contest), picnic or just basically enjoy communing with nature.

Take a Walk in the Park!

Sonie Schermer, President

New “Steele Creek Park Recent Sightings” Blog

If you'd like to keep up with what wildlife has been seen recently at the park, check out our new blog, “Steele Creek Park Recent Sightings”. Park Naturalist Larry McDaniell reports regularly on interesting animals (and sometimes plants) that he and others have seen in and around the park. If you want to be notified whenever a new report is posted you can subscribe to be notified by e-mail. To access the blog, simply go to <http://steelecreekfans.wordpress.com/>

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