

A Survey of Natural Areas in Ohio

September 6, 13, and 20, 2008

Malone Canton Campus, Timken Science Hall, Room TS100, Yale Avenue entrance

Course Objectives: to study and observe natural areas in Ohio

September 6, 2008 – 8:00 A.M.

Morning – Malone College Campus

Afternoon – The Gorge, Akron, Ohio



During the first week we will spend the morning on Malone's campus identifying the enormous diversity of plants growing here. We will travel to The Gorge in Akron in the afternoon; this area requires climbing at elevations. It is an area of large rock outcroppings and deep cut valleys left by glaciers moving through the area during the last Ice Age. Here we will see not only plants that thrive in cool, damp areas but also those that live in dry, warm areas. We hope to hone and master our keying skills during this first day of class.

September 13, 2008 – 8:00 A.M.

Morning – Eagle Creek Preserve, Portage County

Afternoon – Johnson's Woods, Wayne County

In the second week we will travel northeast to visit the Eagle Creek Preserve in Portage County. We will study plants and animals living in a wooded as well as a bog environment. On the return trip we will stop to visit Johnson's Woods, an area virtually undisturbed by man in the last 400 years. This beautiful wood consisting of enormous beech, maple and oak trees in an unspoiled environment may linger as a memory long after the conclusion of the workshop.



September 20, 2008 – 6:45 A.M. (Please note departure time)

All day at Sheik's Hollow in Hocking Hills, Ohio



In the third week we will visit unglaciated southeastern Ohio. We will hike in the Sheik's Hollow Nature Preserve (the location may vary due to weather conditions); this area is seldom traveled because it requires a permit to access. Jeff Johnson, a naturalist working for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, will lead the adventure. He will identify the plants and animals we encounter. He will also point out the geological, historical and sociological relevance of this area of Ohio. Lunch will be at the base of a waterfall. **The day will require some rigorous hiking—probably—3 to 4 hours. Hiking shoes and a degree of fitness are necessary components of a successful hike.** This trip feeds the mind, exercises the body, and refreshes the soul.

■ Course Requirements:

1. Course is graded as credit/no credit.
 2. Attendance is required for all classes.
 3. Participation is required.
 4. Notebook/Journal will be kept and turned in for grading: worksheets will be included.
 5. Rigorous hiking is required.
 6. Twenty-five plants must be keyed and *documented*; they should be turned in with the notebook on the last day of class.
 7. Grades will be issued two to three weeks after completion of the class.
- Two semester credit hours - \$680 (summer tuition rate) plus lab fee of \$55.00 = **\$735.00**.
 - **Payment must be received with registration. No deferred billing.**
To plan for Financial Aid for the workshop please contact Laura Klco, lkco@malone.edu, and obtain approval code.
 - This class has limited enrollment and will be filled on a first-come, first-accepted basis.