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Plant Inventory Workshop planned

A woodland plant and herbaceous flora workshop is planned for the Saturdays of June 8 and June 15, at Brown County State Park.

Participants will learn from Ball State University botanists how to identify local flora and understory vegetation. General interest in plants, gardening, forest vegetation, and wildflowers is encouraged. Enrollment is limited to 16 students.

Funding will be provided by the Indiana Academy of Science, and there will be no charge to participate. Participants will be encouraged to use the skills learned and materials offered at the workshop to identify park vegetation and add to the park's on-going plant inventory.

Participants will receive a 10X magnifier hand lens, 2 field guides: *100 Trees of Indiana*, by Jackson, and Newcomb's *Wildflower Guide*, also pen, notebook and an IN Academy of Science t-shirt and carrying bag. The park will receive a herbarium press and herbarium sheets for preserved plants to be used for interpretive programs and property reference.

Day 1 of the two-day, 14-hour workshop will generally entail an introduction to woody plant identification, introduction to *100 Trees of Indiana*, how to press plants for future reference, field work and guidelines for conducting an inventory and recording results. Day 2 will entail herbaceous plant identification, how to use the Newcomb wildflower field guide, use of additional resources, field work and inventory guidelines. Classes will be held in and near the park nature center.

Park entry fees will apply.

Registration is required thru the Brown County State Park Nature Center office, by calling (812) 988-5240, or by emailing the park's interpretive naturalist, Jim Eagleman: jeagleman@dnr.IN.gov.