

**2010 IDAHO NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY  
ANNUAL STATE GATHERING / MEETING  
Host Chapter: White Pine Chapter of INPS**

**When: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, June 11, 12 and 13, 2010.**

**Where: Heyburn State Park, Hawley's Landing Campground, 5 miles east of Plummer, Idaho on Hwy 5. From Highway 95 turn east on Hwy 5 and proceed about 6 miles. Turn left (north) and follow the signs for Hawley's Landing Campground. The park is located about 40 miles south of Coeur d'Alene.**

Links to maps and documents are listed with this announcement on both the INPS and White Pine chapter websites [www.idahonativeplants.org](http://www.idahonativeplants.org) and [www.whitepineinps.org](http://www.whitepineinps.org).

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**Costs:**

Friday and Saturday campsite registration fees will be paid by INPS for INPS registrants. Some campsites will be reserved as well for Thursday or Sunday night for those who wish to stay longer and pay those nights' reservation fees. These extra night reservations must be coordinated with Nancy Miller at 208-882-2877 or [nmiller at moscow dot com](mailto:nmiller@moscow.com) as soon as possible.

One vehicle is allowed with the campground reservation. Additional vehicles at a campsite incur an additional fee.

**Campground:** We do not have a group site so must have individual RV and tent site reservations. Each RV site has space for an RV (optionally using electricity, etc) and a tent. Each tent site has space for two tents. RVers and tenters will share some RV sites. If there are more tent sites needed there is additional area we can reserve. If anyone has rain or sun covers (pop-up shelters) and can bring them, please do (and please let us know you are bringing them). The campground is on a lake so those with small children should be aware of this and should let us know with the registration form.

There are two large restrooms with flush toilets, and there are garbage and gray water facilities. Vehicles and campers should be locked when they are left unattended. Valuables should not be left unattended in tents.

You may bring firewood if desired.

There could be mosquitoes so bring repellent. Also bring suntan lotion.

Optional: bring bikes for biking the trail; canoes or kayaks for individual water activities.

Other lodging: Heyburn State Park website lists some alternate lodging possibilities in the area. A few cabins may be for rent at the park - see the Heyburn State Park website. Motels are available in St. Maries, Idaho. Also the Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort/Hotel is approximately 12 miles north of Heyburn State Park on Hwy 95. See the casino website at [www.cdacasino.com](http://www.cdacasino.com).

## Schedule of Events

### FRIDAY, JUNE 11:

We will hold two optional events Friday afternoon for those who arrive early and wish to participate. Please indicate on your registration form if you are arriving in time and wish to attend either. Or you may take advantage of the many trail and water features of the park.

- a tour of the Heyburn State Park at about 2 p.m. led by park staff leaving from Hawley's Landing. Heyburn is the oldest of Idaho's State Parks. It has many trails through varied habitats, historic shelters built in the 1930s by CCC staff, three lakes and the St. Joe River. It was traditionally a gathering point for the Coeur d'Alene tribe.
- a tour leaving at 1:30 p.m. of **Plants of the Wild** in Tekoa, Washington, a local native plant grower specializing in container-grown seedlings of forbs, grasses, shrubs and trees. Kathy and staff have been supplying native plants for 26 years for restoration and reclamation projects as well as for individual homeowners. Their facility is approximately 15 miles from the park and is located in the grasslands of the Palouse.

Dinner Friday is on your own although we will socialize after dinner in the campground. If we do decide to coordinate efforts for dinner we will let registrants know in advance by email and on the website.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 12, FIELD TRIPS (There are 2 Saturday tours – both are all day tours so participants should plan to take their lunch and water.)

- **Clarkia Paleobotany / Hobo Creek Cedar Grove Tour:** In the morning we will leave at **8 a.m.** and drive to the **property of Dr. Bill Rember** near Clarkia, Idaho, about 25 miles southeast of Heyburn State Park. Dr. Rember will talk to us about the 15 million-year-old Miocene plant fossils found here in the sediment of an ancient lake bed. Participants will all have the opportunity to pry open the clay/rock layers to hopefully discover and hold an ancient leaf, needle, bud or pollen stored within the clay layers. Afterwards we will drive to the Hobo Creek Cedar Grove for a leisurely afternoon walk under the cedars surrounded by ferns and other woodland plants. We should return by 5:00 p.m. *It may be possible for individuals to do this tour as a half-day trip to Dr. Rember's only if transportation can be arranged back to the campground before the group goes to the Cedar Grove.*
- **Mary Minerva McCroskey Memorial State Park.** Pam Brunsfeld, curator of the University of Idaho Stillinger Herbarium, will lead us on this field trip which begins at **8 a.m.** Due to the mild winter many of our native plants may bloom as much as several weeks early but hopefully there will be many still blooming in this park with quite varied habitats. This is a large park about 25 miles southwest of Heyburn State Park; it is dedicated to a pioneer woman. The ridgeline road through the park offers spectacular views of the Palouse country. The park encompasses numerous habitats – from deep forests of hemlock, cedar and yew - to Palouse grasslands and prairie flora. Any hiking will be short and on fairly level ground. We should return by about 5 p.m.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 12, EVENING EVENTS:

There will be a catered dinner at the CCC-built stone shelters at the park Saturday evening. If you have folding chairs please plan to bring them. The cost of dinner is \$20 per person (small children free). Please note how many will attend the dinner on the reservation form and include your check. The State Annual Meeting will follow dinner. This meeting will include the election of 2010-2011 state officers as

well as considering other issues important to INPS. The keynote address will follow immediately after the Annual Meeting.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 13 State Board Meeting and Half-day Field Trips.**

- **8 a.m.-9:45 Headquarters Conference Room. INPS State Board meeting of current Board of Directors (officers and chapter presidents). Board members not present will be able to participate via teleconferencing. Board members wanting to go on the field trips will leave after the meeting and join the field trips in progress.**
- **8:30 a.m. Bill Rember's fossil bed site near Clarkia, Idaho.** Bill Rember has offered to repeat the fossil portion of the Saturday field trip in shortened form on Sunday for those who were at the other field trip. We should return to Heyburn State Park by 1:00 p.m.
- **8:30 a.m. Big Creek Coastal Disjuncts.** Pam Brunsfeld will lead this trip to Big Creek, a tributary of the St Joe River joining the river just east of Calder on National Forest Rd 50. We will travel up the St. Joe River about 40 miles then drive a short way up Big Creek. This area is rich in coastal disjuncts which are interesting to study in the context of climate change and fragmented habitats. These are plant species growing in areas such as northern Idaho and they are disjunct from their primary coastal distribution. No elevation changes or heavy hiking. We should return by about 1 p.m.

For those interested in biking part of the 72-mile biking trail, **Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes**, which passes through the park, please indicate this on the reservation form in case a group wants to bike together on Sunday. Bikers must provide their own bikes and helmets. This paved trail goes through many different habitats and often is along the lake front or through wetlands. Individuals may bike or hike the trail at any time if they wish. There are restrooms situated at access points for the bike trail.

**Please fill out the reservation form and mail it in as soon as possible if you plan to attend the annual meeting. Reservations for the dinner must be made by May 20, 2010.**