



SAPS SPRING TRIP

Atlanta and Callaway

March 30-April 2, 2012

In a nod to our travel beginnings, and by popular request, we are going to reprise our first trip to Atlanta gardens, and beautiful Callaway Gardens. We will leave Kingsport with a subsequent stop in Johnson City before heading over the mountains to Asheville beyond. Our journey should pique the interests of all plant aficionados, as our stops will range from research gardens for mountain environs, to bog gardens, to formal gardens and conservatories. We'll mix in a few shopping opportunities as well as some historic homes and riverside walks for good measure, and we'll season the entire adventure with the camaraderie of our SAPS traveling companions. This should be a wonderful trip, and we hope you will join us

Day 1: Friday March 30

*Our bus departs Kingsport from the Ingles shopping center at 7:00. Johnson City departs from Home Depot parking lot at 7:30. Our first stop will be the **Mountain Horticultural Crops Research and Extension Center**. Here, faculty, staff, and graduate students conduct applied research in plant science that results in the development of new and improved crops, technologies, and sustainable production practices. Lunch will be at **Larkin's on the Lake** on charming Lake Lure. From here, we'll travel just a short distance to **Meadowbrook/We-Du Nursery**, for a fascinating and fun opportunity to enjoy and shop at the mecca for native plants so well suited to our local climate. After loading our purchases, we'll head on down the road to our hotel in Roswell, just outside of Atlanta. Dinner on your own*

Day 2: Saturday March 31

*Depart the hotel at 9:30 to visit the magnificent **Atlanta Botanical Gardens** when it opens. From formal gardens to conservatories, this lovely place will delight you, whether your favorites are orchids or native plants. We'll have box lunches prepared by the onsite caterer, (please see form to make your menu selections) to maximize our time at this garden. Our second site of the day will be **Chattahoochee Nature Center**. Sited along the Chattahoochee River, it features a lovely network of paths thru a variety of environments. This nature center offers access to one of Atlanta's most splendid natural attractions. The grounds include several ponds, a butterfly garden, and hundreds of acres of wetlands and forestland along the river. Featured gardens include a Butterfly Garden, Georgia's Living Wetlands, a Green Roof Terrace garden, and a Unity Garden. Return to our hotel and dinner on your own.*

Day 3: Sunday April 1

*Depart the hotel at 9:30. The morning will be spent exploring the lovely gardens at the **Carter Center** in Atlanta. Visitors are always welcome, and are encouraged to enjoy the lovely plantings and quiet oasis in the heart of Atlanta. From there, it's off to LaGrange Georgia, and a Southern lunch buffet, at the legendary **Katie's Too**. Just a hop away is the **Hills and Dales Estate**, another of the Callaway family homes, and the beautifully restored gardens. We'll arrive at **Callaway Gardens** in time for you to do some exploring before you enjoy your dinner in their lovely dining rooms.*

Day 4: Monday April 2

We'll start our day off with a guided tour of the entire Callaway estate. Enjoy lunch on your own at one of the many restaurants before we leave for the Tri-Cities at 1:00 pm.

Reservation Form

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Please circle 2 entrees: soup, half sandwich (type) _____, side salad, fruit cup. Tea or lemonade? **Refer to lunches section**

Will you be sharing a room with anyone? Name(s) _____

Questions: Call Marsh Passmore at 423-292-5126

Please mail this form with payment to Marsh Passmore, 822 Elizabeth Drive, Johnson City, TN 37604

Please make checks payable to Rocky Mount Enterprises. Sorry, no credit cards.

Lunches

Larkin's on the Lake is a premier dining destination in the beautiful setting of Lake Lure. We'll enjoy a private setting and a selection of luncheon items.

Metro Fresh in the Garden is the on-site caterer for the Atlanta Botanical Garden. Please select any TWO of the following a la carte items for your box lunch: 8 oz soup w/slice of French bread, half sandwich, side salad, or cup of fruit. Side salad and soup are chef's choice, half sandwich can be either turkey, Roast Beef, ham or vegetarian. Any other dietary restrictions they will try to accommodate. Lunch also includes choice of iced tea or lemonade, and a cookie.

Katie's Too is a genuine Southern buffet, with a large selection of meats, vegetables, and desserts. Highly recommended.

Our Hotels

Courtyard By Marriott-Roswell

1500 Market Blvd
Roswell, GA 30076
770-992-7200

Callaway Gardens

17800 US Hwy 27
Pine Mountain, GA
800-225-5292

Included in this trip:

- Transportation by motorcoach
- 3 nights lodging, inc. breakfast
- Admission to all gardens: Atlanta Botanical Gardens, Carter Center Gardens, Chattahoochee Nature Center, Hills & Dales Estates, Callaway Gardens
- Mountain Horticultural Crops Research and Extension Center, Meadowbrook/We-Du Native Plant Nursery.
- 3 lunches and 1 dinner

Cost per participant:	Double Occupancy:	\$445.00
	Single Occupancy	\$603.00
	Triple Occupancy:	\$421.00
	Quad Occupancy	\$395.00

This trip is only open to SAPS member. Membership of \$15.00 may be enclosed with trip payment.

\$100 Deposit required to hold your reservation.. Final Payment due March 1, 2012.