



Oklahoma Native Plant Society Wonders of Wildflowers

May 14-16, 2021

University of Central Oklahoma's Selman Living Lab

UCO's Selman Living Lab is located in the Cimarron Gypsum Hills of northwestern Oklahoma. It is a biological field station composed of a 320-acre natural area of mixed-grass prairie with gypsum outcrops, riparian areas, cave entrances, and sandsage grassland. A facilities site near the natural area has a trailer, two bunkhouses, astronomy domes, and a multi-purpose building/ safe room with a kitchen and eating/meeting space. **COVID-19 protocols will be in place. Face masks will be required. We will eat meals outdoors if the weather permits; please bring a lawn chair so we can spread out.**

Friday, May 14th

4:00-7:00 PM	Social Time
	Dinner on your own
7:00-12:00 PM	Gypsum Hills flora slide show - <i>Gloria Caddell</i>
	Astronomy activities - <i>Star creek Astronomical Society</i>

Saturday, May 15th

7:00-8:00 AM	Breakfast
8:30-11:30 AM	SLL Natural Area Field Trip
12:00-1:30 PM	Box Lunch
2:00 – 5:00 PM	Alabaster Caverns State Park Field Trip (<i>cave tour: adults \$10, seniors \$8</i>)
5:00 – 6:30 PM	Dinner
6:30 – 9:00 PM	Mexican free-tail bat flight viewing-- <i>Bill Caire, mammalogist, (Bring a flashlight)</i>

Sunday, May 16th

7:30 - 8:30 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM →	ONPS Board Meeting

Lodging Options:

1) **Bunk or camp at the SLL facilities** site for free. Because of UCO COVID-19 restrictions, we will need to limit trailer and bunkhouse occupancy. We can accommodate up to about 15 people. You will need to bring a sleeping bag and pillow, towels, etc. You can also camp at the SLL if you wish. ***If you wish to stay at the SLL, please e-mail Gloria Caddell at gcaddell@uco.edu as early as possible. Reservations for accommodations there will be first come-first served.***

2) **Camp at Alabaster Caverns State Park**, located about 7 miles from the SLL. Book a campsite through their website on travelok.com or call (580)621-3381.

3) **The Stables Lodge** is a very nice lodge (with just a few rooms) at the entrance to Alabaster Caverns State Park. Check availability by calling (580)621-3491.

4) **Boiling Springs State Park** is located about 30 miles from the SLL. Book a cabin or campsite through their website on travelok.com or call (580)256-7664.

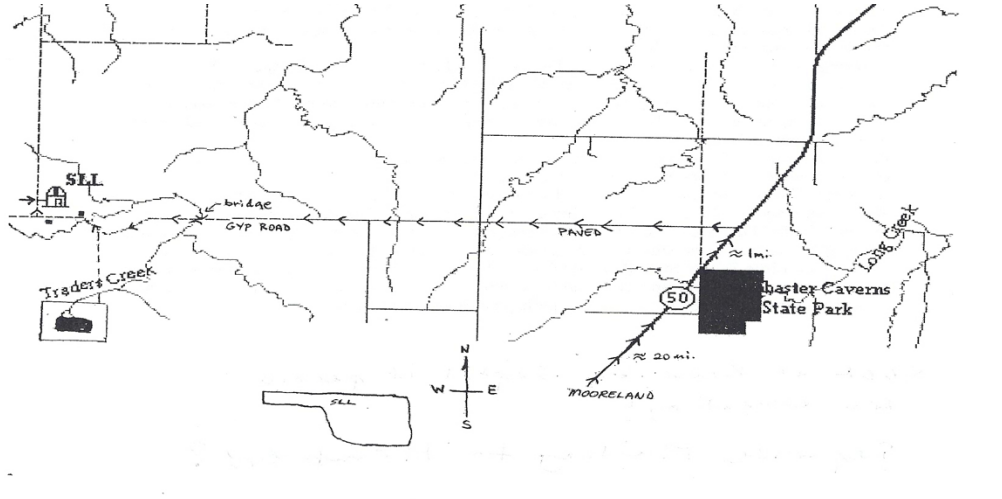
5) **Woodward**, about 30 miles from the SLL, has many motels, including: Northwest Inn, Hampton Inn, Holiday Inn Express, Days Inn, La Quinta, Candlewood Suites

6) **Alva**, about 40 miles from the SLL, also has several motels.

Contact persons: If you have questions about the meeting, contact Joe Roberts at joeroberts13@cox.net or (405)820-6851. For questions about the SLL and its facilities, please contact Gloria Caddell at gcaddell@uco.edu or (405)974-2722. On the days of the meeting, you can contact her on her cell phone at (405)823-4520.

Please see the Botany Corner article about the Gypsum Hills vegetation in the Spring 2020 Gaillardia.

Directions: The SLL is located in Woodward County, southwest of Freedom and west of Alabaster Caverns State Park. On State Highway 50, go one (1) mile north of the entrance to Alabaster Caverns State Park. Turn left (west) on Road EW21 – this is a paved road. Proceed along this road about 6 miles (be very careful, the road turns into a gyp-covered road with some potholes) You will cross a concrete bridge and go up a hill on which the road bends to the south and then back to the west. At the top of the hill, in the distance, you will see a white house on the right and just past that house is another house on the left (about ¼ mile) - This was Betty Selman's house. Just past her house turn right (north) on the section road. About 250 feet north is the entrance to the Selman Living Lab - white fence, trailer, buildings, domes, etc. See the map provided below. The SLL has no street address but can be found using Google Maps.



Map to the Selman Living Lab – 1 mile north, then 6 miles west of Alabaster Caverns State Park

Registration

Register online at the ONPS website www.oknativeplants.org OR mail registration to:
 Joe Roberts, 8113 Cloverdale Way, Yukon, OK 73099-8866
 Make checks payable to: Oklahoma Native Plant Society

Name _____
 Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
 E-mail _____ Phone _____

Registration is limited to 30 because of UCO's requirements for social distancing due to COVID-19. On-site registration will not be available. Please register as early as possible but no later than May 1, 2021.

- _____ Registration Fee \$10.00
- _____ Student Registration \$5.00
- _____ Saturday Breakfast \$5.00 eggs, bacon, pancakes, cereal & beverage
- _____ Saturday Lunch \$12.00 sandwich, chips, cookie & beverage (*select sandwich option below*)
 - ___ chicken salad ___ turkey club ___ turkey & cranberry wrap ___ cold ham & cheese ___ veggie
 - ___ If you need gluten-free bread, please check here
- _____ Saturday Dinner \$12.00 (*select option below*)
 - ___ chicken, sides, dessert & beverage ___ vegetarian option, dessert & beverage
- _____ Sunday Breakfast \$5.00 eggs, bacon, pancakes, cereal & beverage
- _____ TOTAL Amount Enclosed

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