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## **Torreya State Park – Aspalaga Landing - Thursday, May 20, 2010**

**Meet at 7:15 am in Civic Center parking lot.** Carpool caravan will depart for the park promptly at **7:30 a.m.**

Or arrive on your own--

**Start time at field trip location: 8:45 am.** Meet at picnic area on right side of entrance road to **Torreya State Park.** Torreya State Park is located on the Apalachicola River between the towns of Chattahoochee and Bristol. Phone: 850-643-2674 (**see map below**)

**End Time:** we will start back to Tallahassee at 2:30 pm, arriving at 3:45 pm.

**Degree of Difficulty:** Hard      **Handicap access:** no

**Guides:**, Pamala and Bill Anderson, botanists, photographers and volunteers at Torreya State Park. Contact info: panderson@fairpoint.net

**Description:** From the picnic area we will caravan a short distance to the Aspalaga Landing section of the park south of SR 271 and park the cars inside the gate. This is a new section of the park not yet open to the general public. This trip will take you through some unusual topography for our state. We will follow water-carved rushing limestone creeks with very steep banks. There will be steep climbs up slopes littered with large limestone boulders. You should still be able to see *Hepatica americana* and *Thalictrum thalictroides* in their last bloom, along with *Croomia pauciflora*. Along the trail you may see Ashe magnolia (*Magnolia ashei*), bay-star vine (*Schisandra glabra*), Godfrey's swamp privet (*Forestiera godfreyi*), buckthorn (*Sideroxylon lycioides*), Carolina lily (*Lilium michauxii*), and leatherwood (*Dirca palustris*). Lunch will be at picnic area back at original meeting point in park.

**Park entrance fee: \$3:00 per car.** Entrance is on honor system; please have exact change.

**DON'T FORGET:** Water, sun screen, hat. Light, long-sleeved shirt and pants are recommended to protect against biting insects. The slopes are steep, so sturdy shoes and walking stick are recommended.

**Nearest Restrooms:** Restrooms are available at picnic area in Torreya State Park.

Nearest gas station if remote: Hosford

Cell phone reception: not reliable

**Contact number** for the day of the event:

**Park Entrance:** From **south** follow SR 20 west from Tallahassee. At 3.2 miles west of the small town of Hosford, turn right onto CR 1640 (there is a small sign to Torreya St. Pk. on hwy 20). Follow this road to its junction with SR 12 and continue across SR 12 on CR 271. Follow signs on this road into the park. From **north** take I-10 west from Tallahassee to Chattahoochee exit (CR 270A). Follow this road to a T intersection and turn left. Travel back

under I-10 on this road (CR 269) to junction with CR 270. Turn right on CR 270 bearing right at the fork onto CR 271 and continue into Torreya State park. **GPS:** -84.946294 30.573450

**Map**

[http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s\\_q&hl=en&geocode=&q=2576+NW+Torreya+park+Road,+Bristol,+Florida+32321&sll=37.0625,-95.677068&sspn=50.02446,78.837891&ie=UTF8&hq=&hnear=NW+Torreya+Park+Rd,+Bristol,+Liberty,+Florida+32321&ll=30.509726,-84.971824&spn=0.42889,0.615921&z=11](http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=en&geocode=&q=2576+NW+Torreya+park+Road,+Bristol,+Florida+32321&sll=37.0625,-95.677068&sspn=50.02446,78.837891&ie=UTF8&hq=&hnear=NW+Torreya+Park+Rd,+Bristol,+Liberty,+Florida+32321&ll=30.509726,-84.971824&spn=0.42889,0.615921&z=11)