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Where: Cliff House PATC Cabin North of Elkton, VA

Directions: Take 340 north of Elkton for approximately 4 miles. Turn right on 609 Naked Creek Road. After 3.3 miles reach the junction with 759 and continue straight on 759.

At 6.3 miles the road forks -take the left fork 607. At 6.8 miles road becomes unpaved but with a good surface. At 8.4 miles you will reach Cliff's House on the left with a small wooden sign.

Turn up the drive and in .1 miles it will be on your left.

Events: 9AM-5PM Hiking - Bring your own lunch
5:30PM-7 Pot Luck Dinner
7- ??? Chapter History, Open slide show

Hiking: Cliff House borders the Shenandoah National Park and roaming the grounds near the cabin will provide good opportunities to explore the area unrestricted. However, there are no formal trails. Come any time for this activity.

If you would like to take a more structured hike, you can join the 9 am group who will be hiking Powell Mountain Trail for the entire day and be back at 5pm. For an easier walk, the Fire Road is available. Contact Michael Seth if you are interested in this activity. (540) 438-1301 sethmj@jmu.edu

Powell Mountain Trail hike will consist of walking three miles on a little used trail that should be rich in native plants. The first 1.8 miles is steep climbing 1800 feet. At the end of the trail we will walk along the Skyline Drive for a short distance and then walk 2.5 miles along the Appalachian Trail from Bootens Gap, usually a good place for wildflowers, to the Meadows School Trail. We will then walk (downhill) 1.5 miles. Total is 7.5 miles

The Meadows School hike is an easier option 1.5 miles along a fire road that ascends about 900 feet before reaching the Skyline Drive. Total out and back is three miles but folks may turn back any time if they want a shorter hike.

POT LUCK: Bring a dish to share. Chapter will provide paper goods, silverware, cup and non-alcoholic beverages. Those who find this event appropriate for beer or wine BYOB. In the past we have provided a meat dish for this but this year we will NOT be providing any extra dishes so the table is open to any and all of your culinary delights.

This is a well-equipped cabin with a kitchen, refrigerator, running water and electricity. Bring extra chairs and warm clothes for the evening events - we will be outside as much as possible. This event happens rain or shine. It's a nice spot to hangout if it does rain. Our rental begins Friday 3PM-Sun noon so if you would like to spend the night, bring your own gear.

Plants remaining from the plant sale will be available at half price! There are still some good choices left.

SLIDE SHOW: A Kodak Carousel slide projector and screen will be available. Please bring some old photos to share. Anything from the Chapter's early days would be very welcome!