

Reunion at the Cradle Asheville Tours

Wednesday, September 26th, 2018

Welcome to the Reunion at the Cradle! Time to get in touch with your BFSF's (Best Forest Service Friends) and decide what you are going to do together for the "on your own day," Wednesday, September 26th.

On the back of this form you will find descriptions of three wonderful tour options for you:

- ✓ **Biltmore Behind the Gate.** This fabulous tour will take you behind the locked gate to explore the conservation history connections with Gifford Pinchot and Carl Schenk. (SOLD OUT as of May 10, 2018)
- ✓ **Cradle and Culture.** This unique tour of the Cradle of Forestry showcases the culture and music of the Southern Appalachian Mountains.
- ✓ **Reality Research:** The Southern Research Station invites you to spend a half-day at the Bent Creek Experimental Forest, exploring upland hardwoods research.

To sign up for the Biltmore or Cradle Tours, please complete the form below and mail with your check payable to *SFSRA 2018 Reunion* to: SFSRA 2018 Reunion, Attn: James Reaves,

74 Kendall St., Newnan, GA 30263 Contact: fsreunion2018@gmail.com

To express your interest in the Bent Creek tour, please send an email to fsreunion2018@gmail.com stating: (1) the number of people interested, and (2) whether you would prefer a morning 0900-1200 or afternoon 1300-1600 tour.

Please return bottom half of page with your order.

Tour Options (Choose 1)*	# of Tickets	Ticket Price	Total
Biltmore Behind the Locked Gate		\$125	SOLD OUT
Cradle and Culture		\$50	SOLD OUT
Reality Research		Free	

*Advance sign up is open until the tour is full, or June 25, whichever is earlier. Your cancelled check is your receipt. Your advance payment will be refundable if we can fill your seat.

Name(s): _____

City and State: _____

Cell Phone Contact Number (Optional): _____

Special transportation requirements? Check yes, and someone will contact you. YES___ NO_____

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Biltmore Behind the Gate. This fabulous tour will take you behind the locked gate on the Estate. Depart the hotel by motor coach at 0815 and return at 1600. At the Estate, one group will board Biltmore Estate shuttles and be treated to the story of this singular place by experts on the Vanderbilt family's history and vision, including its conservation connection with Gifford Pinchot and Carl Schenk. The other group will enjoy a self-guided tour of the house and gardens, or the winery and shops. Enjoy a buffet lunch with seasonal offerings. After lunch, the groups will be reversed, so that everyone gets a chance to enjoy both the forest history tour and the rest of the Estate. Walking level is moderate. Some of the stops will be on non-paved areas and paths could be rough or uneven. Limited to 100 guests, paid in advance. (SOLD OUT as of May 10, 2018)

Cradle and Culture. This unique tour of the Cradle of Forestry showcases the culture and music of the Southern Appalachian Mountains. Depart the hotel by motor coach at 0815 and return at 1630. The tour begins with a scenic drive along the Blue Ridge Parkway, with a brief stop at the Blue Ridge Parkway Visitor Center. At the Cradle, enjoy a delightful presentation by Marci Spencer, author of Pisgah National Forest - A History, followed by lunch. After lunch, explore the historic cabins, center and museum, with Cradle guides. End the day with a performance by renowned Appalachian musician and storyteller, Sheila Kay Adams. Walking level is easy and mostly on paved surfaces. Limited to 100 guests, paid in advance.

Reality Research. The Southern Research Station invites you to spend a half-day with them at the Bent Creek Experimental Forest, exploring upland hardwoods research. Participants will need to provide their own transportation to the Bent Creek Experimental Forest. The Station will provide transportation on the tour, beginning with an overview of Southern Appalachian ecology and geology. Researchers have planned stops to view old growth stands, fire studies, side-by-side silvicultural treatments and management solutions. The tour will last about three hours. Walking level is moderate, with some uneven ground. Advance expression of interest is requested. Sign-up opportunity will be provided on the first day of the Reunion.