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Cumberland Trails - East Bloc. Half Day (hiking)

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Tue Apr 04, 2017

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This re-scheduled trip delivered what it promised - a lush display of swamp lanterns (renamed "swamp daffodils" by some) - and much evidence of spring. Along with many other bird songs, we could hear varied thrush and redwing blackbirds; and pileated woodpecker working away on an old tree trunk. We were even visited by a hummingbird during our stop at the top of Fuji Jim. We meandered an extra distance, spotting evidence of beaver activity by the pond lower down. Turkey vultures were soaring throughout the entire day. Signs for Cumberland East bloc trails have been created by people with a sense of humor. For example, at one end "Two Shoes" was indicated with a pair of logger's boots hanging from a tree. We were on the trail by 9:10 am and back to our vehicles by noon. The rain held off until we were at trail's end. Thank you all for a most enjoyable morning in the forest. Stay tuned for more trips in the Cumberland Forest with Heather and Marie.

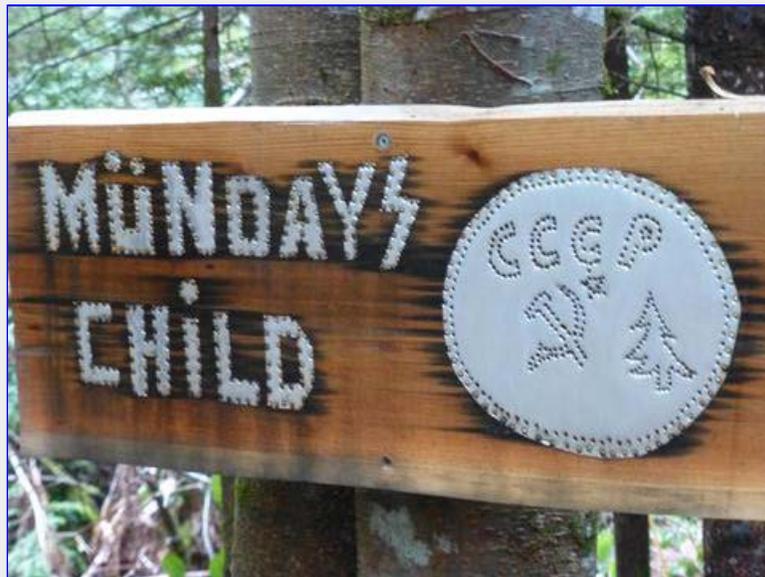


Swamp lanterns in great profusion

[Marie Maccagno photo]



Swamp lanterns were magnificent
[Don Munroe photo]



Mundays Child trail sign
[Don Munroe photo]



*Two Shoes signage - look up.
[Marie Maccagno photo]*



*Iron Curtain: "They tried to bury us but they
didn't know we were seeds."
[Marie Maccagno photo]*



Turkey tail fungus
[Marie Maccagno photo]



At the top of Top Hat trail
[Don Munroe photo]

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