

Meetings of Interest



September 28-30

Making Connections, the international conference of the Society for Ecological Restoration, will emphasize the importance of partnerships. Plenary sessions will explore restoration education, rangeland restoration, and restoration across borders, while pre- and post-conference workshops will look at wildlife and riparian restoration and restoration planning. Conference sessions are diverse, including such topics as the restoration of prairies, road removal, and the use of fire in restoration. The gathering will be held at the Austin, Texas, Marriott at the Capitol. Visit <http://www.phil.unt.edu/ser/> on the web for more information.

October 1-3

El Malpais National Monument will host its *10th Anniversary Resource Stewardship Symposium* at The Inn at Grants, New Mexico (505-287-7901). Activities will include research presentations, poster sessions, field trips, and workshops on research planning and stewardship of archeological sites and caves. Registration will be around \$30. For registration information contact monument staff at 505-285-4641, x14; for program agenda information contact Herschel Schulz at 505-285-4641, x25 or by e-mail: herschel_schulz@nps.gov.

October 6-10

The Natural Areas Association will hold its 25th annual conference at the Mission Point Resort on Mackinac Island, Michigan. Entitled *Planning for the Seventh Generation*, the theme of the conference reflects the Native American tradition of considering how choices made in the present may affect the next seven generations. Primary topics will include a discussion on the past, present, and future of natural areas and the role of natural areas in conservation planning and sustainable development. For more information contact the Natural Areas Association at 517-241-2974 or visit http://wildlife/dnr.state.mi.us/HomePages/Meetings/Natural_Areas_1998 on the web.

October 13-16

The Fifth Conference on Fossil Resources, *Partners Preserving our Past, Protecting our Future*, will take place in Rapid City, South Dakota, at the Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn. Like its predecessors, this conference will bring together professionals from numerous federal and state agencies who are involved in the management, interpretation, and protection of paleontological sites. Themes will include science and research on public lands; education and outreach; paleontology and the public trust; technology and paleontology; paleontological resource management; partnerships; and curation and conservation. Contact Rachel Benton (rachel_benton@nps.gov) of Badlands National Park for registration information at 605-433-5361.

March 22-26, 1999

The 10th George Wright Society conference on research and resource management in parks and on public lands is now in the planning stages. To be held in Asheville, North Carolina, near Great Smoky Mountains National Park, *On the Frontiers of Conservation: Discovery, Reappraisal, and Innovation*, is organized around three concurrent sessions: a management track, an analysis and synthesis track, and a track devoted to Appalachian issues. Abstracts are being accepted until October 15. For more information visit the website <http://www.portup.com/~gws/gws99.html> or contact the society at gws@mail.portup.com or 906-487-9722.