

Southeast Region

After eight years with NPS, Peter White, formerly Research biologist, Great Smoky Mountains NP, has left the Service to become Director of the North Carolina Botanical Garden and a member of the Biology Department faculty at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The Garden includes 500 acres (mostly natural area) and manages several nature reserves around the state. Garden programs emphasize conservation, rare plant studies, natural habitats, and promotion of native plants for horticulture. Peter will stay active in National Park Service concerns and will maintain an active research program in conservation biology.

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Dominic "Dom" Dottavio, formerly Unit Director of the Cooperative Park Studies Unit at Clemson University, has been appointed Regional Chief Scientist of the Southeast Region. Dottavio succeeds G. Jay Gogue, who has left the Park Service to accept a position as Associate Director of Research at Clemson University.

Prior to his four years at the Clemson Cooperative Unit, Dottavio served as Director of East Coast Operations of the Center for Natural Areas, formerly an ecology program under the Smithsonian Institution. From 1975-1979, Dottavio was employed as an instructor at Purdue University, where he taught classes in forest ecology and served as Associate Director of the Integrated Natural Resources Summer Program for the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources.

A native of Massillon, Ohio, Dottavio holds a B.S. degree in natural resource management from Ohio State University, an M.S. degree in environmental studies from Yale University, and a Ph.D. in forestry and natural resources from Purdue University.