

TEXAS GULF COAST FERN SOCIETY

APRIL FERN FORAY

When: Saturday, April 8, 2006 10:00 a.m.

Where: Little Thicket Nature Sanctuary – see map on opposite side
Meet at Sanctuary (about 1 and ½ hour drive north of Houston)
We will possibly be joined by Dr. Larry Brown, noted taxonomist and teacher, as well as a few members of the Outdoor Nature Club

Wear: Hiking boots or sturdy walking shoes, long trousers
Be prepared for 2 to 3 miles of hiking

Bring: Drinking water, brown bag lunch. You probably won't need insect repellent this early in season

Facilities: Rest rooms are available, but there is no running water.

Rules: **NO COLLECTING!!**

Finish: 3 to 4 p.m.

See:

Possible Fern Species:	Common Name:
<i>Ophioglossum crotalophroides</i>	Bulbous Adder's-tongue
<i>Botrychium dissectum</i>	Cutleaf-Grape Fern
<i>Lygodium japonicum</i>	Japanese Climbing Fern
<i>Osmunda cinnamomea</i>	Cinnamon Fern
<i>Osmunda regalis</i>	Royal Fern
<i>Pleopeltis polypodioides</i>	Resurrection Fern
<i>Polystichum acrostichoides</i>	Christmas Fern
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken Fern
<i>Thelypteris kunthii</i>	Southern Shield Fern
<i>Asplenium platyneuron</i>	Ebony Spleenwort
<i>Athrium filix-femina</i>	Southern Lady Fern
<i>Woodwardia aerolata</i>	Chain Fern
<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i>	Sensitive Fern
<i>Woodwardia virginica</i>	Virginia Chain Fern

In addition to pteridophyte species, we should see numerous wild flowers and other herbaceous plant material. Do your homework!