

## 2017 Chief Logan Conference Survey Results

How easy was the registration process for this conference?

Answer Choices–	Responses–
– Extremely easy	<b>25.00%</b> 8
– Very easy	<b>56.25%</b> 18
– Moderately easy	<b>15.63%</b> 5
– Slightly easy	<b>3.13%</b> 1
– Not at all easy	<b>0.00%</b> 0
Total	32

–	Very Good–	Good–	Average–	Fair–	Poor–	Total–
– Sleeping accommodations	<b>65.52%</b> 19	<b>20.69%</b> 6	<b>13.79%</b> 4	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>0.00%</b> 0	29
– Breakfast food	<b>16.67%</b> 4	<b>25.00%</b> 6	<b>33.33%</b> 8	<b>25.00%</b> 6	<b>0.00%</b> 0	24
– Box lunch food	<b>15.63%</b> 5	<b>31.25%</b> 10	<b>37.50%</b> 12	<b>15.63%</b> 5	<b>0.00%</b> 0	32
– Dinner food	<b>25.00%</b> 7	<b>35.71%</b> 10	<b>21.43%</b> 6	<b>14.29%</b> 4	<b>3.57%</b> 1	28
– Staff & service	<b>67.74%</b> 21	<b>25.81%</b> 8	<b>6.45%</b> 2	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>0.00%</b> 0	31

cell service

I camped. I don't go for the food. It was fine.

Nothing. The Lodge staff were fantastic. The Continental breakfast was more filling than most Continentals. It would have been nice to order off a menu if one needed a heartier breakfast, but I understand the issue of kitchen staffing.

Good accommodation was made for non-meat eaters. I liked having hard boiled eggs available for breakfast. The veggie wrap on Friday was a little sad, but excellent on Saturday. Overall, great food experience.

Healthier food options. Breakfast choices not great.

My box lunch was mislabeled and I did not know it until I unwrapped the food. I did not stay at the Park. I had made reservations 2 month in advance, but never received the confirmation that was promised. By the time I could follow up, the place was full. Able to find local accommodations.

Given the cost of the conference every aspect of the amenities were excellent. When considering cost all would be marked very good to excellent.

More communication between lodge and camp ground

I registered late and could not get accommodations because the lodge was booked full.

WiFi unavailable in rooms.

The food was cold.

Needed more fresh fruit and less prepackaged baked good for breakfast.

Make sure that people know that time to meet and time program starts are two different things, or can be. I missed a class on Friday because it said that time in my schedule I signed up for turned out not to be time i needed to meet to go to the class/program.

Class room too cold

What part of my experience are you asking about? I'm not clear on this question.

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	Content too basic	Content just right	Content too advanced	Delivery excellent	Delivery ok	Delivery weak	
– Fri Am Bird Walk- Laura Ceperly	0.00% 0	50.00% 1	0.00% 0	50.00% 1	50.00% 1	0.00% 0	
– Fri Hatfield McCoy Tour- Neil Warren	0.00% 0	100.00% 2	0.00% 0	100.00% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	
– Fri Hatfield McCoy Museum- Bill Richardson	0.00% 0	80.00% 4	0.00% 0	80.00% 4	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	
– Fri Tomlin Wildlife Elk Tour- Randy Kelley	0.00% 0	91.67% 11	0.00% 0	66.67% 8	25.00% 3	0.00% 0	
– Fri Buffalo Creek Disaster- Billy Jack Dickerson	0.00% 0	100.00% 7	0.00% 0	100.00% 7	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	
– Fri Eve Keynote, Elk Restoration- Randy Kelley	0.00% 0	80.95% 17	0.00% 0	57.14% 12	38.10% 8	0.00% 0	
– Sat AM Bird Walk- Jerry Westfall	0.00% 0	100.00% 7	0.00% 0	57.14% 4	14.29% 1	0.00% 0	
–	0.00%	60.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	

	Content too basic	Content just right	Content too advanced	Delivery excellent	Delivery ok	Delivery weak	
Sat. Nature Photography- Ellen Hrabovsky	0	3	0	5	0	0	
	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>62.50%</b>	<b>25.00%</b>	<b>37.50%</b>	<b>50.00%</b>	<b>12.50%</b>	
Sat. Soils- Stephen & Rosalie Carpenter	0	5	2	3	4	1	
	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>83.33%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>50.00%</b>	<b>16.67%</b>	<b>16.67%</b>	
Sat. Bird Identification- Jerry Westfall	0	5	0	3	1	1	
	<b>14.29%</b>	<b>71.43%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>42.86%</b>	<b>42.86%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	
Sat. Medicinal & Edible Plants-Becky Linger	1	5	0	3	3	0	
	<b>20.00%</b>	<b>80.00%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>80.00%</b>	<b>20.00%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	
Sat. Survival Techniques- Joe Atkins & Dana Rowsey	1	4	0	4	1	0	
	<b>12.50%</b>	<b>87.50%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>25.00%</b>	<b>75.00%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	
Sat. Southern Coal Fields Archeology- Bob Maslowski	1	7	0	2	6	0	
	<b>16.67%</b>	<b>66.67%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>33.33%</b>	<b>33.33%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	
Sat. Insects- Laura Miller	1	4	0	2	2	0	
	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	
Sat. Nature Interpretation	0	4	0	4	0	0	

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<b>Guide Training- Doug Arbogast</b>							
–	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>66.67%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	
<b>Sun AM Bird Walk Jerry Westfall</b>	0	3	0	2	0	0	
–	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>14.29%</b>	<b>57.14%</b>	<b>14.29%</b>	
<b>Sun AM Nature Journaling- Becky Linger</b>	0	7	0	1	4	1	
–	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>80.00%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>60.00%</b>	<b>20.00%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	
<b>Sun AM Geology- Claudette Simard</b>	0	4	0	3	1	0	
–	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>85.71%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	
<b>Sun AM Mammals- Sheldon Owen</b>	0	7	0	6	0	0	
–	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>71.43%</b>	<b>14.29%</b>	<b>71.43%</b>	<b>28.57%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	
<b>Sun AM Bird Identification- Jerry Westfall</b>	0	5	1	5	2	0	

Joe Atkins was a walking encyclopedia of outdoor survival information - amazing! It was one of the best, most informative classes I've ever attended at the MN Conferences.

Birds presentation was terrible! All he talked about were the sounds a bird makes. Learned nothing about birds. Very disappointing.

Jerry Westfall moves a little faster than I like to on bird walks, but probably great for most people. He put a lot of work into his program! It showed

So many scientifically detailed power points in soils. Hard to "dumb down" the information, but could be presented differently, I think... soil comparison was interesting. Southern coal field archeology was very slow moving, instructor was asked repeatedly to speak louder, so the class lost some of what he said.

I did not see the wildflowers and weeds class that I took in the above list. The presenters laptop was not functional and so we had about 1.5 hours in the field. He was knowledgeable on plants (as I am ) but he talked very little, if at all, about wildflowers. I learned nothing at all. It would have been fine if he would have focused on wildflowers and weeds for most of the talk and if his laptop had been functional. I have had a similar problem as a presenter at another function (Boy Scout Training) so I can relate to his problems somewhat.

The challenge is always editing! Given the breadth of the subjects determining what will be talked about for ONE session has to be a challenge and both instructors did that as well as anyone could. This state is fortunate in having such resources as these two people. Both were excellent with both content and manner of delivery. Different personalities but excellent programs.

Soils class- presenter allowed too many questions to interrupt flow of his presentation. Looks like you left out Sat. class on wildflowers & weeds- it was right level of detail for me; too bad the PowerPoint wouldn't work but presenter adjusted well.

Sound was not great in the conference room. Difficulty understanding Randy and Sissy.

The Nature Journaling class started out well and one woman showed journals she had made, we were then given an assignment outside. Upon return to the classroom, the instructor lost control of the class. Only half of us were asked to report on our assignment before another participant took the class off on a tangent for the final 20 minutes.

I'm thinking that there needs to be a level of classes (for example - soil 101, insects 101, etc.). Some instructors were so into their field of study that it was way too much information for the novice. I don't think they truly understood their audience. I don't think that of the classes I attended, any instructor asked anything about those in attendance and their level of knowledge nor who they were.

	<b>Very Knowledgeable</b>	<b>Knowledgeable</b>	<b>Not very knowledgeable</b>	<b>Total Respondents</b>
<b>Fri Am Bird</b>	<b>50.00%</b>	<b>50.00%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	

	Very Knowledgeable	Knowledgeable	Not very knowledgeable	Total Respondents
Walk- Laura Ceperly	1	1	0	2
	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
Fri Hatfield McCoy Tour- Neil Warren	2	0	0	2
	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
Fri Hatfield McCoy Museum- Bill Richardson	5	0	0	5
	92.86%	7.14%	0.00%	
Fri Tomlin Wildlife Elk Tour- Randy Kelley	13	1	0	14
	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
Fri Buffalo Creek Disaster- Billy Jack Dickerson	7	0	0	7
	91.67%	8.33%	0.00%	
Fri Eve Keynote, Elk Restoration- Randy Kelley	11	1	0	12
	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
Sat AM Bird Walk- Jerry Westfall	5	0	0	5
	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
Sat. Nature Photography- Ellen	5	0	0	5

	Very Knowledgeable	Knowledgeable	Not very knowledgeable	Total Respondents
Hrabovsky				
– Sat. Soils- Stephen & Rosalie Carpenter	100.00% 8	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	8
– Sat. Bird Identification- Jerry Westfall	87.50% 7	0.00% 0	12.50% 1	8
– Sat. Medicinal & Edible Plants-Becky Linger	85.71% 6	14.29% 1	0.00% 0	7
– Sat. Survival Techniques- Joe Atkins & Dana Rowsey	100.00% 4	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	4
– Sat. Southern Coal Fields Archeology- Bob Maslowski	100.00% 8	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	8
– Sat. Insects- Laura Miller	100.00% 6	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	6
– Sat. Nature Interpretation Guide Training- Doug	75.00% 3	25.00% 1	0.00% 0	4



	Very Knowledgeable	Knowledgeable	Not very knowledgeable	Total Respondents
Arbogast				
Sun AM Bird Walk Jerry Westfall	100.00% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	3
Sun AM Nature Journaling-Becky Linger	33.33% 2	66.67% 4	0.00% 0	6
Sun AM Geology-Claudette Simard	100.00% 5	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	5
Sun AM Mammals-Sheldon Owen	100.00% 7	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	7
Sun AM Bird Identification-Jerry Westfall	100.00% 4	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	4

Laura Miller's class was excellent. But it seemed almost exactly like the core insect class that I took from her in Canaan during training. I would love to see a class on how to collect and maintain an insect collection.

Get someone else to teach birding.

Soils: fewer and less wordy power points.

Maslowski declined to address some questions.

Where is the weeds and wildflowers section? Presenter was knowledgeable on plants, but he did not tell me anything I did not already know. Nothing on wildflowers and weeds, but I am beginning

to think that maybe the class was switch without me knowing since it is not listed anywhere above.

Archeology needed microphone

Weeds and wild flowers was all plant anatomy not ID as advertised. Well done but not as expected.

Bob Maslowski was a bit difficult to hear.

None of the classes I attended allowed introduction of participants and their knowledge base.

Rate your interest in the following classes:

	<b>Very interested/would attend–</b>	<b>Some interest/might attend–</b>	<b>very low interest/probably won't attend–</b>	<b>Would not attend or already took–</b>	<b>Total–</b>
<b>Ferns</b>	<b>45.16%</b> 14	<b>32.26%</b> 10	<b>19.35%</b> 6	<b>3.23%</b> 1	31
<b>Restoring Elk in WV</b>	<b>11.11%</b> 3	<b>29.63%</b> 8	<b>18.52%</b> 5	<b>40.74%</b> 11	27
<b>Mushrooms</b>	<b>50.00%</b> 15	<b>43.33%</b> 13	<b>6.67%</b> 2	<b>0.00%</b> 0	30
<b>WV Butterflies &amp; Moths Atlas</b>	<b>46.67%</b> 14	<b>46.67%</b> 14	<b>3.33%</b> 1	<b>3.33%</b> 1	30
<b>WV Fish</b>	<b>37.93%</b> 11	<b>34.48%</b> 10	<b>17.24%</b> 5	<b>10.34%</b> 3	29
<b>Fresh Water Mussel Biology &amp; Conservation</b>	<b>19.23%</b> 5	<b>34.62%</b> 9	<b>30.77%</b> 8	<b>15.38%</b> 4	26
<b>Spiders</b>	<b>35.71%</b> 10	<b>32.14%</b> 9	<b>32.14%</b> 9	<b>0.00%</b> 0	28
	<b>33.33%</b>	<b>29.17%</b>	<b>25.00%</b>	<b>12.50%</b>	

	<b>Very interested/would attend–</b>	<b>Some interest/might attend–</b>	<b>very low interest/probably won't attend–</b>	<b>Would not attend or already took–</b>	<b>Total–</b>
<b>AM: Bird Walk</b>	8	7	6	3	24
<b>Eve: Bat Conservation</b>	<b>51.61%</b> 16	<b>29.03%</b> 9	<b>9.68%</b> 3	<b>9.68%</b> 3	31
<b>Eve: Moth Biology &amp; Conservation</b>	<b>25.00%</b> 7	<b>42.86%</b> 12	<b>21.43%</b> 6	<b>10.71%</b> 3	28
<b>Medicinal Plants</b>	<b>27.59%</b> 8	<b>51.72%</b> 15	<b>6.90%</b> 2	<b>13.79%</b> 4	29
<b>Edible Plants</b>	<b>31.03%</b> 9	<b>44.83%</b> 13	<b>13.79%</b> 4	<b>10.34%</b> 3	29
<b>Tracking &amp; Observation Skills</b>	<b>40.74%</b> 11	<b>44.44%</b> 12	<b>7.41%</b> 2	<b>7.41%</b> 2	27
<b>GPS/Orienteering and Wayfinding</b>	<b>28.57%</b> 8	<b>21.43%</b> 6	<b>35.71%</b> 10	<b>14.29%</b> 4	28
<b>Native Bees &amp; Other Pollinators</b>	<b>41.38%</b> 12	<b>37.93%</b> 11	<b>17.24%</b> 5	<b>3.45%</b> 1	29
<b>Eve: Astronomy</b>	<b>44.83%</b> 13	<b>37.93%</b> 11	<b>17.24%</b> 5	<b>0.00%</b> 0	29
<b>Phenology:Nature's Timetable</b>	<b>22.22%</b> 6	<b>48.15%</b> 13	<b>25.93%</b> 7	<b>3.70%</b> 1	27
<b>Nature</b>	<b>14.29%</b>	<b>25.00%</b>	<b>28.57%</b>	<b>32.14%</b>	

	Very interested/would attend–	Some interest/might attend–	very low interest/probably won't attend–	Would not attend or already took–	Total–
– Photography	4	7	8	9	28
– Geology	<b>25.93%</b> 7	<b>33.33%</b> 9	<b>11.11%</b> 3	<b>29.63%</b> 8	27
– Soil	<b>3.85%</b> 1	<b>34.62%</b> 9	<b>19.23%</b> 5	<b>42.31%</b> 11	26
– Monarch Butterfly Migration & Conservation	<b>25.00%</b> 7	<b>32.14%</b> 9	<b>25.00%</b> 7	<b>17.86%</b> 5	28
– Outdoor Survival Skills & First Responder First Aid	<b>18.52%</b> 5	<b>40.74%</b> 11	<b>22.22%</b> 6	<b>18.52%</b> 5	27
– WV's Rare Plant & Animal Species	<b>46.43%</b> 13	<b>42.86%</b> 12	<b>7.14%</b> 2	<b>3.57%</b> 1	28
– Hellbenders: WV's Giant, Rare Salamander	<b>31.03%</b> 9	<b>34.48%</b> 10	<b>27.59%</b> 8	<b>6.90%</b> 2	29
– Resource Extraction FAQ	<b>25.00%</b> 6	<b>29.17%</b> 7	<b>37.50%</b> 9	<b>8.33%</b> 2	24
– Box Turtle Conservation Issues	<b>21.43%</b> 6	<b>35.71%</b> 10	<b>39.29%</b> 11	<b>3.57%</b> 1	28
–	<b>21.43%</b>	<b>42.86%</b>	<b>21.43%</b>	<b>14.29%</b>	

	Very interested/would attend–	Some interest/might attend–	very low interest/probably won't attend–	Would not attend or already took–	Total–
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WV Raptor Rehabilitation	6	12	6	4	28
–	<b>46.43%</b>	<b>39.29%</b>	<b>14.29%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	
Emerging Threats to WV Natural Resources	13	11	4	0	28

The only reason I marked some lower was that I have had some exposure to those in the past.

Please have more elective classes than 2017. Already had core classes.

Diseases of WV forests.

Please no core classes next year, and no electives that have been offered almost every year (photography) Several people from my chapter did not attend this year due to the numerous core classes that they already had taken, and the repeated electives.

Again, how does one choose? The list above is a lot to choose from.

History and current state of natural gas extraction in West Virginia presentation from Industry, regulators and public point of view.

Riparian habitat - trees, animals, etc.

Pros and Cons of Marcellus shale gas drilling in West Virginia

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	Agree–	Disagree–	No opinion–	Total–
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I prefer Sunday classes that end at lunch	87.50% 28	6.25% 2	6.25% 2	32

	Agree—	Disagree—	No opinion—	Total—
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I prefer Sunday classes the entire day	14.29% 4	75.00% 21	10.71% 3	28
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I prefer Saturday "half day" classes only	51.61% 16	38.71% 12	9.68% 3	31
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I like the option of Saturday "full day" classes	70.97% 22	22.58% 7	6.45% 2	31
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I prefer "classroom only" classes	3.23% 1	77.42% 24	19.35% 6	31
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I prefer classes with outdoor components	84.38% 27	0.00% 0	15.63% 5	32
I need more detailed class descriptions, with strenuous activity noted.	45.16% 14	16.13% 5	38.71% 12	31
–				
I would like to identify & network with other attendees	45.16% 14	0.00% 0	54.84% 17	31

	Agree—	Disagree—	No opinion—	Total—
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who share my particular nature interests				
—	51.61%	9.68%	38.71%	
I wish there was a "one day" registration fee if I can't attend the entire weekend	16	3	12	31
—	93.75%	3.13%	3.13%	
I like that the MN conference now moves all around the state	30	1	1	32

## How can the conference be improved?

I think the cost of the conference is extremely reasonable. It's the travel and accommodations that put the price up, but I do like staying at the state park lodges.

### Social time

I would recommend conference to non-MN people as suggested on down the page but the survey won't let me check both even though it says to mark all that apply.

More elective classes.

More social hours. The fire pit gathering on Saturday night was most welcome! Your last question is not check all that apply, so I will say that I will be attending the next conference and I would encourage my friends who are not master naturalists to attend!

Not all classes have to have outdoor components. More detail on class description please!

I was very pleased with the conference in every aspect. The facilities was good. I have always been a fan of the WVState Parks. The content of the conf. was excellent and speakers top notch. I was more than pleased. While this was my first MN State Conf. I have attended other conferences relating to nature (Wildflower Pilgrimage at

Blackwater) as well as one weekend conf at Twin Falls related to tracking and found this particular conference equally good.

Presentations from West Virginia natural resources industry representatives

Add times to schedule on name tags.

BTW, question 10 only allows one choice, not both.

Apparently you forgot to provide an option to rate the weeds and wildflower course. Question 10 does not allow "check all that apply"

Better breakfast choices

Maybe an interpretive hike on Saturday morning or afternoon.

No death by poor PowerPoint. Academic presenters do not know how to effectively use media.

This was my first Master Naturalist conference 31.25%

This was my second MN conference 9.38%

This was my third MN conference 12.50%

I have attended 4 or more MN conferences 46.88%

I stayed at Chief Logan Lodge 71.88%

I commuted 12.50%

I camped out 15.63%

I think the conference cost is about right 87.50%

I think the conference cost is too expensive 0.00%

I think the conference cost is too cheap 12.50%

I plan on attending the MN conference in Cacapon Resort State Park next year 77.42%

I would recommend the MN conference to friends who aren't Master Naturalists 22.58%

**END OF SURVEY**