



Mammals of Louisiana

Saturday, February 9, 2019

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

ULM & Russell Sage WMA

9:00 a.m.: Convene in Room _____, _____, ULM Campus, Monroe

Topics:

- Intro to Mammals of Louisiana
- Anatomy and Dentition
- Survey of some of the more common mammals of LA (powerpoint slides, skulls and study skins)
- Mammalian "sign"

11:15 a.m.: break to travel & eat along the way

12:15 p.m.: Reconvene at Russell Sage WMA – 20-30 minute drive from ULM

We will be walking through both wooded and open habitat areas in search of mammalian "sign." This could include tracks, scat, evidence of feeding, territory markers, shed antlers, skulls, etc.

There's a lot of water everywhere; Kim will be scouting for areas we can access and probably won't be able to tell us exactly where we are going until that morning.

3 p.m.: Conclusion w announcements (if any), wherever we end up.

Special notes:

1. In addition to the usual field gear of notebook, pencil, camera, Kim suggests bringing a ruler. (Duh! I have oft noticed how hard scale can be to judge in a photo and have wished I had a measuring device in my camera bag. Time to remedy that.)

2. **Boots!** Even if it doesn't rain another drop between now and then, there will still be plenty of water and mud. Right now, Feb. 9 is expected to be partly sunny with a high of 59°. Don't forget water and snacks.

3. We will be going onto a State Wildlife Management Area. You need a Louisiana hunting or fishing license to do that. You can buy a cane pole license online for a couple of bucks. (Link in blog post.)

4. If you want to pay me for the workshop or buy a t-shirt on site, please arrive 20 minutes early so we don't have to waste precious workshop time on business!

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