



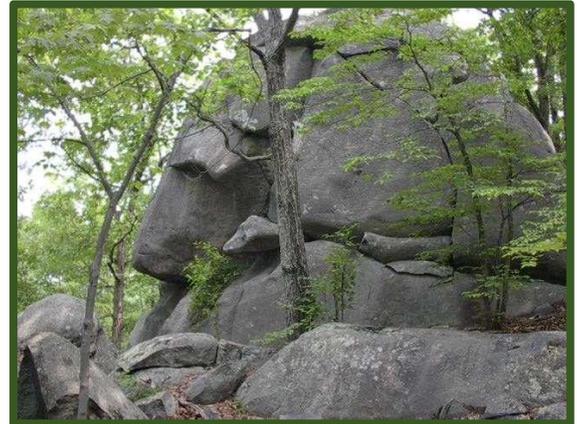
# Uwharrie Rocks – *Giving Voice and Expression to Ancient Beauty*

A contextual program of Emerging Ecology

July 27-29, 2018

A weekend in the Uwharrie Mountains  
and the Uwharrie National Forest near Badin, North Carolina

The Uwharrie Mountains which are located in the vicinity of the Uwharrie National Forest were formed long before the Appalachian Mountains. Some of the rocks may be nearly ½ a billion years old. Saturday evening and Sunday morning will be dedicated to creating our own versions of stories that recount the past and point to the human role in joining with the rocks and trees to create the future in which the human and the non-human realms both flourish.



On Saturday morning, we will be guided by Steven Powell, a geologist with a passion for rocks. He will help us understand their stories in ways that evoke imagination for the future. The group will visit the “Nifty Rocks” area near Badin Lake. During Saturday afternoon, groups will visit other parts of the Uwharrie Mountains depending on the people’s interests and hiking abilities.

This outing is being organized by Emerging Ecology as a part of its contextual programs series. By walking through the ancient rock formations, participants will encounter the world as it was before humans trod over the hills. The Uwharrie Mountains were formed in the earliest stages of the North American plates’ journey. During the evenings, the group will work together to give voice to the rocks and the trees. These epic narratives will enliven the present planetary issues and help point the way into a future where humans can work in mutually enhancing ways with the non-human realms. The weekend includes image-creating workshops and visits to the forests as shown below.

Touch the Past, Enliven the Future				
Friday, July 27	Saturday, July 28			Sunday, July 29
7:30 – 9:00 pm	9:00 am – 12:30	2:00 – 5:00 pm	7:00 – 9:00 pm	9:00 am – noon
Meeting colleagues on the journey  <i>Gather at the Albemarle Inn, Albemarle, NC</i>	Visit the Uwharrie Mountains with geologist guide Steven Powell	Groups visit special places in the Uwharrie National Forest	Workshop: <b>Creating Expressions of Natural Wisdom</b>  <i>Gather at the Albemarle Inn, Albemarle, NC</i>	Workshop: <b>Sharing Motivating Songs, Images and Stories</b>  <i>Gather at the Albemarle Inn, Albemarle, NC</i>

The registration fee for this trip is \$30. The fee includes workshop expenses and materials. Each person will be responsible for their own food, lodging and travel. Carpooling will be coordinated as needed. For additional information, or to register, visit the Emerging Ecology website ([www.EmergingEcology.org/reimagining](http://www.EmergingEcology.org/reimagining)) or contact Nelson Stover ([NStover@EmergingEcology.org](mailto:NStover@EmergingEcology.org)).

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## Practical Details

**Workshop facilities:** The song-writing and story creation workshops will be held at the Albemarle Inn, Albemarle, NC. Albemarle is about 1 hour south of Greensboro on US-52.

**Creativity workshops:** After visiting the Uwharrie Mountains, the group will gather on Saturday evening and Sunday morning to create poems, prose and songs to give voice to the rocks and trees. Nelson Stover will guide the process. Rudy Gordh will assist with musical accompaniment where needed.

**Weekend cost:** The registration fee for the weekend is \$30. This covers workshop expenses and materials. Individuals are responsible for their meals, lodging and travel expenses.

**Food arrangements:** Meals will be organized to meet the needs of the group once they arrive in Albemarle. Several restaurants are located near the workshop facilities. People staying at the site will have breakfast at their hotel; people staying other places will organize breakfast accordingly. Each person will be responsible for their own food expenses.

**Overnight accommodations:** A block of rooms has been arranged for the participants, at the Best Western Albemarle Inn. The total cost of each room with two queen beds and a hot breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings (for two nights including taxes) will be \$200.70. Nelson is coordinating room reservations. People wishing to make other arrangements are welcome to do so on their own initiative. Campsites may be available for booking in the Uwharrie National Forest.

**Cell phone connectivity:** During the trip Nelson will be contactable by cell phone at 336-609-2154. However, be advised that cell phone service in the national forest may be sporadic.

**Registration process:** People wishing to attend this week-end program should contact Nelson Stover ([NStover@EmergingEcology.org](mailto:NStover@EmergingEcology.org)). Payment can be made in check or cash to Emerging Ecology, 5911 Western Trail, Greensboro, NC 27410. Electronic payments and registration can be completed on the Emerging Ecology website at: <http://www.emergingecology.org/reimagining>.



**Additional information:** For additional information, phone Nelson Stover at 336-605-0143 or visit the Emerging Ecology website ([www.EmergingEcology.org/reimagining](http://www.EmergingEcology.org/reimagining)) or its Facebook page ([www.Facebook.com/EmergingEcology](http://www.Facebook.com/EmergingEcology)). The QR scan at the left will take you directly to the Emerging Ecology Facebook page to register for the event.