

Greenfields

On Saturday, April 16, Mary C. and Ralph G from the Southern Maryland Rock and Mineral Club, ventured to Odessa to collect petrified wood. The weather cooperated by being a lovely warm spring day. Mary and Ralph were joined by 40 other collectors from various local clubs.

Mary and Ralph reached the collecting fields about 9:35. At 9:45, trip coordinator Bob Ertman arrived and turned us loose to collect petrified wood.

Unfortunately, the fields were covered with about 6 inch high vegetation. This made collecting difficult.



After about two hours of collecting, Ralph found 5 pieces of petrified wood. Mary found one. After a lunch break Mary and Ralph resumed collecting for about a half hour, finding nothing.



Ralph heard reports that a couple of collectors found pieces in the 6 to 8 inch range, but most collectors seemed disappointed.

Although disappointed in collecting, it was still nice to be outside in beautiful spring weather.