



## MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

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# News Release

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### ***Grand Bay Reserve offers free flower photography workshop May 17***

BILOXI, Miss. – The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources/Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR), in partnership with Wildlife Mississippi, presents a free hands-on flower photography workshop May 17 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Grand Bay Coastal Resources Center in Moss Point featuring Robert Smith ([www.photobiologist.com](http://www.photobiologist.com)).

During the workshop, Smith will discuss the gear he uses and his approach to shooting flowers. Smith began taking photographs to document species and places where he was working as a forest and wildlife biologist. He will help you get the most out of the gear you have and share some tricks of the trade on how to inexpensively enhance the quality of your flower photographs.

Following the classroom session, participants will take to the field and use the tips and techniques they learned to capture some of the wonderful diversity of the late spring and early summer wildflowers found at the Grand Bay Reserve. Afterward, favorite photos will be uploaded to the Reserve's facebook page to highlight the participants' achievements of the day.

This is a family-friendly event. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Grand Bay Coastal Resources Center is located at 6005 Bayou Heron Road, Moss Point, Miss. in Jackson County. Visit [www.grandbaynerr.org](http://www.grandbaynerr.org) for directions and a map. For more information, call Jennifer at 228-475-7047 or email her at [jen.buchanan@dmr.ms.gov](mailto:jen.buchanan@dmr.ms.gov).

The Grand Bay NERR is located in southeast Jackson County and includes wetlands and waterways from Bang's Lake to the Alabama state line. A major goal of the Reserve is to provide for research coordination and dissemination of scientific data to the community and local decision-makers to provide sound information on which to base management decisions.

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the state by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes. Visit the DMR online at [www.dmr.ms.gov](http://www.dmr.ms.gov).

**PHOTO CREDIT: Photos Courtesy of Robert Smith/[www.photobiologist.com](http://www.photobiologist.com)**

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**PHOTO CAPTION:**

Budding nature photographers can enjoy a free flower photography workshop May 17 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Grand Bay Coastal Resources Center in Moss Point. Nature photographer Robert Smith will lead the hands-on class, discussing the gear he uses and his approach to shooting flowers.



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