

Great Smoky Mountain National Park LSAM Spring Excursion March – April 2007

Day 4

A lazy, rainy day. Alexey, Matt, Desmerelda, Dmitry (aka Mad Dog), and I loaded up in the Suburban and left the parents at home. We went to Twin Creeks where my rearing chambers are. They are now just a few days shy of one year old. A small dead tree fell and crushed two containers, which is not a bad loss considering they've been all alone in the woods for a whole year. We collected specimens (still getting beetles!!!) and refilled the collecting jars. In June I'll dump out all the contents, clean the containers, and make them ready for a fresh batch of wood in the fall.

Alexey had planned on starting a three day two night hike in the back country today, but the cold wet weather has made him think otherwise. So we went to the Smoky Mountain Brewery (at Mad Dog's insistence) for lunch. Back home I stayed in and worked on the computer.



Smoky's rearing chambers still going strong.