

## Anne Arundel Bird Club Field Trips for Sep - Oct 2018

### September 2018

**September 2, Sunday, 7:30 – 10:30 AM, meet at top parking lot past the sports fields**

#### **Kinder Farm Park**

Directions from park entrance on Jumpers Hole Road: Make the first left onto Gali Sanchez Way and follow road up to the top parking lot past the sports fields.

We will hike on paved paths as well as grassy and dirt paths through varied habitat. The park has four ponds, woods, and wildflower fields and we will be looking for early migrants as well as resident birds.

**Contact:** Alan Young at 410-991-8300 or [alnmyoung@aol.com](mailto:alnmyoung@aol.com)

**September 5, Wednesday, 7:00 AM (half day), meet at Bay 50**

#### **Mill Creek**

A great opportunity to hike trails at the MOS Sanctuary in Talbot County. Be prepared for diverse terrain so sturdy hiking boots are recommended. Bring water and bug spray. Trip is limited to fifteen participants so contact leader if you plan to attend.

**Contact:** Dominic Nucifora at 443-534-4891 or [d.nucifora@yahoo.com](mailto:d.nucifora@yahoo.com)

**September 7, Friday, 7:00 AM (all day), meet at Bay 50**

#### **Poplar Island**

Join us as we take this great opportunity to tour this magnificent island in the Chesapeake Bay. We will board in Tilghman Island at 9:00, returning to dock at 1:00. The island is a magnet for migrating shore birds and home to many species. We will stop for a late lunch at Chesapeake Landing. Trip is limited to 12 participants.

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**September 19, Wednesday, 7:30 – 10:30 AM, meet at the Jackson Landing dock at Patuxent River Park**

#### **Pontoon Trip with Greg Kearns, Patuxent River Park**

Directions: South on MD 301 to Croom Station Road. Turn left and follow Croom Station Road 1.6 miles to its end at Croom Road (MD 382). Turn left and proceed for 1.5 miles to Croom Airport Road. Turn left and continue for 2 miles to the Park entrance. Proceed 1.7 miles past the Park office, follow road down to Jackson Landing. We will meet at the dock for a three hour tour of Jug Bay looking for sora and other rails. Greg will be checking his traps so it's possible to have some close looks at these magnificent birds. Cost is \$7 per person and reservations are necessary as there is limited participation.

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**September 22, Saturday, 7:00 – 11:00 AM, meet at Swan Creek Wetlands**  
**Swan Creek Wetlands**

Directions: From I-695 take Exit 1. Make a right at the end of the ramp and then a left onto Fort Smallwood Road. Follow for 1.3 miles and make a left onto Kembo Road. Take the road to the end and park on the ride side of the road alongside the fence. A great opportunity to explore the entire Cox Creek containment pond of this magnificent dredge site. Over 100 acres include open water, low marsh with non-vegetated tidal flats, saltbush assemblages, woodlands, and a beach/sand bar area. A viewing platform overlooks part of the wetland. We will be looking for migrating shore birds as well as many year-around residents. Trail is covered with rocks so sturdy waterproof footwear is recommended and scopes are helpful.

**Contact: Stan Arnold** at 410-428-7567 or [thrushhost@gmail.com](mailto:thrushhost@gmail.com)

**September 26, Wednesday, 7:30-10:00 AM (rain date October 20), meet at Millersville Park & Ride on Veterans Highway behind Exxon Station**  
**Masonville Cove Environmental Education Center**

Directions from I-97 North: stay left to 895. Just after the tolls stay to the right and take exit 9 for Childs Street. Make an immediate right onto the Childs Street exit. **Do not go through the Harbor Tunnel.** Make the next right onto Frankfurst Avenue and entrance to Masonville Cove is on the right. Masonville is 54 acres of wetlands, trails and protected bird sanctuary along the Patapsco River. You never know what rarity may show up, especially during migration.

**Contact: Wendy Alexander** at 443-204-3754 or [drbeanes@verizon.net](mailto:drbeanes@verizon.net)

**September 29, Saturday, 7:00 AM (all day), meet at Bay 50**  
**Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge**

We will do the 12- mile wildlife drive, stopping for good looks at migrating shorebirds and waterfowl. Habitats include tidal salt marsh, freshwater impoundments, upland fields and forests. Bring lunch, water, bug spray. Scopes helpful.

**Contact: Dale Murphy** at 410-798-6345 or [murphy\\_dale@msn.com](mailto:murphy_dale@msn.com)

## October 2018

**October 3, Wednesday, 8:00 – 11:00 AM, meet at Cromwell Valley Park**  
**Cromwell Valley Park**

Directions: Take the I-695 beltway, get off at Exit 29A (from either direction). Turn left at the first light onto Cromwell Bridge Road, then go about 1 mile. (Watch for the speed camera by the school.) Pass 1<sup>st</sup> entrance (Sherwood Farm). In another ½ mile, at 2<sup>nd</sup> entrance, turn left onto park entry road at 2175 Cromwell Bridge Road. Sign says "Cromwell Valley Park, Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks, Willow Grove Farm." Follow the road across the bridge, and park in gravel parking on left. Cromwell Valley is one of the best places to see migrating warblers in the fall. Join us for a leisurely hike along fields and streams in this beautiful setting.

**Contact: Kevin Graff** at 410-967-5896 (text only) or [keyweststyle2001@gmail.com](mailto:keyweststyle2001@gmail.com)

**October 7, Sunday, 7:30 – 10:30 AM, meet at top parking lot past the sports fields**

**Kinder Farm Park**

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**October 10, Wednesday, 8:00 – 11:00 AM, meet at Greenbury Point Nature Center Parking Lot**

**Greenbury Point Trail**

Directions from MD-450 South: left on Baltimore Annapolis Blvd, 1.8 miles to Greenbury Point Nature Center. Meet in parking lot. Join us as we hike the 2.0 loop along the Severn River and Chesapeake Bay. There are wooded coves, wetland ponds, forest, scrub brush and grassy meadows teeming with birds.

**Contact: Linda Vitchock** at 443-557-8233 or [lindabvit@hotmail.com](mailto:lindabvit@hotmail.com)

**October 13, Saturday, 6:00 AM (all day), meet at Ft. Smallwood Park**

**Big Sit at Ft. Smallwood Park**

We will start before dawn hoping for some owls and stay until the park closes at dusk! Come join us for the entire day or just part of it as we tally all the birds we can see from our spot by the water. Bring a chair and some food to share!

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**October 14, Sunday, 8:00 – 11:00 AM, meet at Quiet Waters**

**Quiet Waters Park**

Monthly walk through the park exploring woodland trails, edge habitat, and views of the South River. A lovely habitat for birding throughout the year and could be very good for migrant birds. \$6 per car Park entry fee. Meet at Blue Heron Center.

**Contact: Pat and Juanita Tate** at 410-615-5133 or [jpt8@earthlink.net](mailto:jpt8@earthlink.net)

**October 20, Saturday, 7:30– 11:00 AM, meet at Millersville Park & Ride Veterans Highway**

**Ft. McHenry & Masonville Cove**

An opportunity to explore the restricted wetland at the fort and then to travel to nearby Masonville Cove to see what has come in there!

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**October 27, Saturday, 8:00-11:00 AM, meet at North Tract**

**Patuxent Research Refuge, North Tract**

Directions: Rt. 32 to Route 198, left on Bald Eagle Drive

Over 8,000 acres of fields, forest, and ponds is home to more than 200 birds over the span of a year. We will travel by car to several of the hot spots throughout the park, as well as hike the river trail looking for late migrants and resident birds.

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