This trip is for the BIRDS!

That’s right. You will have every opportunity to explore the spring migration waypoint along Lake Erie’s southern shore in northwestern Ohio. Birders from across the world make this pilgrimage just to be able to see the birds feeding low in the branches. Warblers galore! Nashville, Black-throated Greens, Black-and-whites, Yellow, Cape May, Black-throated Blues, Prothonotary, Wilson’s, and the list goes on and on!

You’ll explore the shoreline, the marsh and wooded areas in search of every bird that is passing through, as well as, those present year-round. The exploration is at your own pace for most of the trip.

Tentative Schedule:
May 8-11, 2019

Wednesday:
9am Travel to Oregon, OH
Lunch on Turnpike
Quick Stop at Magee Marsh
Hotel - Sleep Inn & Suites
Supper - Applebee’s/ on own

Thursday:
Magee Marsh Wildlife Area
Lunch - Andy’s Deli
Supper - Luckies Barn and Grill
Howard Marsh Metro Park

Friday:
Oak Openings Metro Park
Whitehouse for Lunch
Maumee Bay State Park
Mallard Club Marsh Wildlife Area
Supper - Panera
Metzger or Howard Marsh

Saturday:
Magee Marsh Wildlife Area
Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge
Lunch - Perch Wagon
Ice Cream at Andy’s

NatureStabler Explorations: 
Your escort for the trip is Becky Stabler, naturalist and member of the National Association of Interpretation. She has over 30 years of experience bringing people and nature together.
York Audubon Society Mission

The purpose of the York Audubon Society is to:
1. Promote an appreciation of the wonder, beauty and variety of nature;
2. Promote a better public understanding of all forms of life and the life support systems of air, land, and water and their interrelationships; and
3. Foster a recognition of the need to protect wildlife, habitat, and natural resources and to use and manage natural resources wisely.

Think about joining!
You do not have to be a member to participate on this trip.

Check out these websites!
- www.yorkaudubon.org
- www.mageemarsh.org
- http://lakeeriebirding.ohiodnr.gov
- http://cranecreekbirding.blogspot.com
- http://www.bsbo.org Black Swamp Bird Observatory
- https://www.fws.gov/refuge/ottawa/
- https://metroparkstoledo.com/explore-your-parks/oak-openings/
- https://metroparkstoledo.com/explore-your-parks/howard-marsh/
- http://www.thewhitehouseinn.net/
- http://www.localthyme.pub/

The Black Swamp once covered a much larger area, but most of the area was drained for agriculture after its black soil was found to be very fertile. During migration, the birds make use of the natural areas (a remnant of the Black Swamp) maintained for them along the shores of Lake Erie.

You never know what you might see while exploring!

What to expect: Weather and Sightings

The birds migrate through this area because of the weather and geography. Depending on what fronts are moving into the area, the birds “pile-up” waiting to cross the Great Lakes with favorable fronts. This saves them valuable energy rather than flying around the lakes. They also feed on the insect population which is emerging from winter quarters.

Bring along a pair of binoculars, rain gear and water resistant shoes/boots. This is a great opportunity for experienced and novice birders as well as avid outdoors folks to experience vast numbers of birds!

Registration

Name: (1)___________________________________
Name: (2)___________________________________
Email: (1)___________________________________
Address: (1)__________________________________
City, Zip: ____________________________________
Home phone: _________________________________
Cell Phone: _________________________________
Roommate(s): ________________________________

Any Special concerns/needs for the trip?
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O Single Rate $605/person
O Double Rate $460/person
O Triple Rate $410/person
O Quad Rate $385/person

Include $150 deposit /person w/registration. After April 1 total amount due at registration.

Amount enclosed: ____________________________
___ call me, using Visa or Mastercard

Mail to: NatureStabler Explorations
Square Commercial Center
1 Center Square, Suite 201
Hanover, PA 17331

Rates include: 4 days, 3 nights, 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 supper, host, bus & gratuity

Refund Policy:
http://www.naturestabler.com/reservations.html

Hone up on your ability to recognize the field markings of the birds on the list found on the Black Swamp Bird Observatory website. Check into a nice pair of binoculars, practice with them ahead of time.