



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.

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 and practice with them ahead of time.



by Bob Anderhalt

Tentative Schedule: May 13-16, 2020

Wednesday:

9 am Travel York, PA to Oregon, OH
Stop at Magee Marsh
Hotel - Sleep Inn & Suites
* lunch on Turnpike & Applebees' supper

Thursday:

Magee Marsh Wildlife Area
Howard Marsh Metro Park
* Deli lunch & Luckie's supper

Friday:

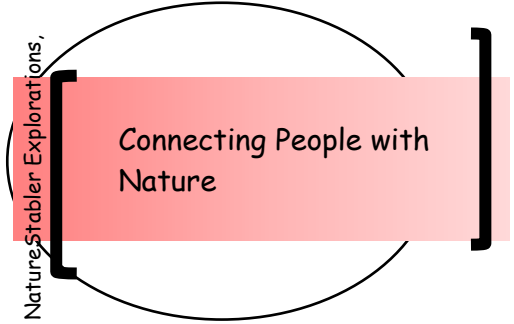
Maumee Bay State Park
Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge
Metzger Marsh State Wildlife Area
Howard Marsh Metro Park
Magee Marsh
*Pizza/salad lunch & Panera's supper

Saturday:

Magee Marsh
9:00pm York
*Perch Wagon & Andy's Ice Cream
* supper on Turnpike

NatureStabler Explorations:

Your escort for the trip is Becky Stabler, who has over 30 years of experience bringing people and nature together.



MAGEE MARSH & OHIO'S NORTHWESTERN SHORE MAY 13-16, 2020



**YORK AUDUBON SOCIETY
&
NATURESTABLER
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Registration

Name: (1) _____

Name: (2) _____

Email: (1) _____

Address: (1) _____

City, Zip: _____

Home phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Roommate (s) _____

Any Special concerns/needs for the trip?

Single Rate \$612/person

Double Rate \$468/person

Triple Rate \$420/person

Quad Rate \$396/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, 3 lunches, 1 supper, host, bus & gratuity

After April 20, deposit not refunded, after April 25 refund is available for costs per individual only.



You never know
what you might
see while
exploring!

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.

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!

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) to 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) to 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.mageemmarsh.org

<http://lakeeriebirding.ohiodnr.gov>

<http://cranecreekbirding.blogspot.com>

<http://www.bsbo.org> Black Swamp Bird Observatory

<https://www.fws.gov/refuge/ottawa/>

<https://birding-in-ohio.com/lucas-county/howard-marsh-metropark/>