



Photo by Bob Anderhalt



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.

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Tentative Schedule:

May 8-11, 2024

Wednesday:

- 9am Travel to Oregon, OH
- Lunch on Turnpike
- Quick Stop at Magee Marsh
- Hotel - Sleep Inn & Suites
- Supper -

Thursday:

- Magee Marsh Wildlife Area
- Lunch - Andy's Deli
- Supper - Blackberry Corner
- Howard Marsh Metro Park

Friday:

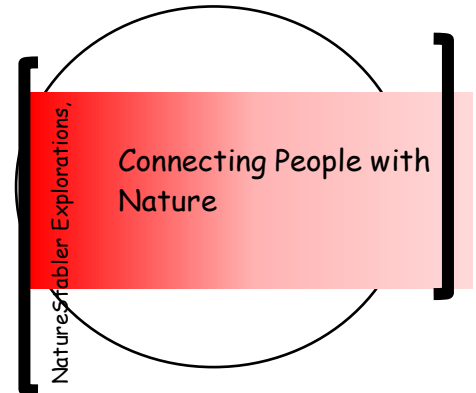
- Oak Openings Metro Park
- new variety of spots
- Whitehouse for Lunch
- Black Swamp Bird Ob - optics alley
- Magee Marsh WA visitor center
- Magee Marsh
- Supper - Panera
- Maumee Bay State Park
- Biggest Week vendors

Saturday:

- Magee Marsh Wildlife Area
- Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge
- Lunch - Perch Wagon
- Weis Mkts - York

NatureStabler Explorations:

Your escort for the trip is **Becky Stabler**. She has over 30 years of bringing people and nature together.



MAGEE MARSH & OHIO'S NORTHWESTERN SHORE



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Registration

Name: _____
Email: _____
Address: _____
City, Zip: _____
Home #: _____
Cell #: _____

Roommate(s):

Any Special concerns/needs for the trip?
Food? Special needs in room?

O Single Rate \$679/person
O Double Rate \$534/person
O Triple Rate \$486/person
O Quad Rate \$450/person

Include \$150 deposit /person due before April 3.
After April 1 total amount due at registration. All
final payments are due by April 20.

Amount enclosed: _____

____ Using Visa or Mastercard? add 3%

Mail to: NatureStabler Explorations
Square Commercial Center
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Rates include: 4 days, 3 nights, 3 breakfasts, 2
lunches, 1 supper, snacks, host, bus & gratuity

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!

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.mageemarsh.org

* <http://cranecreekbirding.blogspot.com>

* <http://www.bsbo.org> Black Swamp

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

* <https://metroparkstoledo.com/explore-your-parks/oak-openings/>

* <https://metroparkstoledo.com/explore-your-parks/howard-marsh/>



Look at the possible sightings on the bird list from the Black Swamp Bird Observatory website. Checkout a nice pair of binoculars or scope, and practice with them ahead of