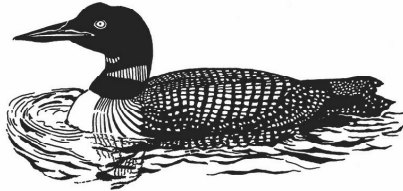


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6th Annual Hamilton County Birding Festival
June 18 - June 20, 2010
Schedule of Events

Speculator, Lake Pleasant, Piseco & Morehouse
Blue Mountain Lake, Indian Lake,
Long Lake, Raquette Lake & Inlet

WELCOME!!

Hamilton County is the third largest and least populated county in New York State. The county is entirely within the Adirondack State Park. Over 60% of our land area is either Wilderness or Wild Forest. *There is not a single traffic light in the entire county.* The county's million acres of forest, 1,500 miles of rivers and streams and over 56,000 acres of lakes and ponds provide birding and wildlife watching opportunities unequalled.

Our towns and hamlets are located at 1,200 – 1,500 feet above sea-level and our mountains approach 4,000 feet. Normally in June we enjoy warm days and cool evenings. It could be hot. It could snow. Check the forecast before you come and bring clothing for a wide range of weather conditions and temperatures.

Nesting birds, rising trout, rushing water, wildflowers and newborn of many species make the woods and waters of Hamilton County a place of springtime excitement and discovery. There is, however, one member of the animal world we are not thrilled to see each year.

Black flies are nasty little biting critters that can, if you're not properly forewarned and forearmed, ruin your day. They are a fact of life in the north country and are treated with respect. Bring light-colored outer garments. A good insect repellent is essential. **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** is one of the newer, specially designed bug shirts with mesh inserts and hood. Complete suits are available.

After a day's activities, you will find an array of comfortable lodges and excellent restaurants staffed with hospitable folks. If you're looking for exciting nightlife, shopping malls and bright lights, you may be disappointed. We're up and out too early to stay up very late. Here in the heart of the Adirondacks our pleasures are simple ones. You will find an ongoing celebration of the out-of-doors and extraordinary, unspoiled natural beauty.

*The Hamilton County Department of Tourism and
Audubon NY hope to see you in June for the Adirondack Birding Festival.*

Please Note:

Each of the outdoor trips will require different equipment necessary for a pleasant birding adventure. Suggested hiking equipment include binoculars, camera, sunscreen, bug repellent (netting or bug shirt suggested), water, snacks and/or lunch and comfortable waterproof footwear. In addition, the canoe trips will require a canoe/kayak, paddles, and PFD as required by law. The Adirondack Black Fly can be quite annoying at this time of year, so be prepared with insect repellent and/or bug shirts for each event!

Registration is required for each outdoor event. Registration is not necessary for any of our evening presentations.
To register, call 800-648-5239 Mon-Fri. 9 am - 4 pm.

◀Friday June 18▶

Walk: Ferd's Bog – 7AM, Inlet

Ferd's Bog is a unique wildlife rich habitat, which is surrounded by a 50-acre boreal forest. Short (0.3 mile) hike to see **Wood Warblers** and **Boreal Birds**, led by NYS Licensed Guide, **Gary Lee**, on a floating dock walkway. Good chance to possibly see **Black-Backed** and **Three Toed Woodpeckers**, **Gray Jays**, and **Boreal Chickadees** as well as **Olive-sided & Yellow Bellied Fly Catchers**.

GUIDE: Gary Lee

LIMIT: 35 participants

EVENT LENGTH: 1.5 hours

MEET: Corner of Route 28 & Uncas Road, by Kliffside Kennels.

GPS Coordinate: 43.7683967N, 074.809652W

DIRECTIONS Drive 1.7 north on Rte 28 from Inlet towards Eagle Bay. Look for Uncas Road on the right.

**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED:* Call 800-648-5239 Mon-Fri, 9AM-4PM

Road Safari: Sabattis Road 2pm, Long Lake

One of our newer trips, you will explore deep into the Whitney Wilderness IBA while in the comfort of a bus! The trip will make a stop at Sabattis Bog, one of the few spots to see **Palm** and **Canada Warblers** from the road, as well as other boreal species. You'll continue on to the outlet of Little Tupper Lake, where you'll watch for **Common Loons**, **Virginia Rails**, **waterfowl**, **River Otters** and other wild residents. A stop at the end of Round Lake should be a great spot to view **Common Loons**, American **Bitterns**, **Great Blue Herons** and several **wabler species**. We will also make stops along the road to explore the many small streams, ponds, and bogs as time and interest permits. A bus will be provided by the town of Long Lake for this trip. See meeting place below.

GUIDE: Joan Collins

LIMIT: 15 participants

EVENT LENGTH: 3.0 hours

BRING: Bug Repellant, (netting or bug shirt suggested), water, snacks, binoculars, waterproof hiking attire.

MEET: Mt. Sabattis Geiger Arena Parking Lot off Deerland Road (by the Big flag pole across from the Post Office)

GPS Coordinates: 43.9670849°N, 74.4223878°W

DIRECTIONS: From the intersection of Rte 30 and 28N in Long Lake, (near Stewarts and Hoss' County Councner), head south on Rte 30 for .2 mile. Parking lot is on the left (east) side of road.

**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED:* Call 800-648-5239 Mon-Fri, 9AM-4PM

Canoe/Kayak: Sacandaga & Kunjamuk River – 2PM, Speculator

This is a flat-water paddle following the Sacandaga River for 1.5 miles to Kunjamuk Bay, where the Kunjamuk River enters the Sacandaga River from the north. Look for **American Bitterns** and **Blue Herons** along the waters edge. **Bald Eagles, Kestrels, Red Tailed Hawks** and **Ospreys** are often seen in the area. From that point, the Kunjamuk River meanders through the former International Paper Company timber tree farm for another 3.5 miles and ends at Elm Lake. Along the water's edge, you'll find **Cardinal Flowers, Canada Lilies**, and a variety of **wild orchid**. Also possible to see are **Cedar Wax Wings, Winter Wrens**, and many varieties of **Warblers**, including the **Black Throated Green**, and **Black Throated Blue**. The itinerary will be determined on the day of the trip.

GUIDE: Jerry Roberts, Fran Gramlich

LIMIT: 15 participants

EVENT LENGTH: 3.0 hours

MEET: Speculator Ballfield/Pavillion Parking Lot, by the river put-in on the left side of the bridge.

GPS Coordinates: 43.4955805°N, 074.3587472°W

DIRECTIONS: Drive ½ mile south on Rte. 30 from the 4 corners of Speculator. Look for the Ballfield/Pavillion on the left side, across from The Lemon Tree.

***PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED:** Call 800-648-5239 Mon-Fri, 9AM-4PM

"Woodland Wonders" , Adirondack Museum, Blue Mtn Lake, 7:30pm

A Narrated color slide presentation by Gerry Lemmo, wildlife and travel photographer.



Keep your eyes open, or you may very well miss even some of the more common forest dwellers hidden within the shadows, or even in plain sight. Woodland delights, featured here, include rare yellow lady's slippers, the brilliant scarlet tanager, an iridescent-green tiger beetle and the intimidating, yet stealthy black bear.

The call of a barred owl, along with other wildlife sounds, accompanies this presentation

FEATURED SPEAKER: Gerry Lemmo

LENGTH: 1 hour.

MEET: Adirondack Museum Auditorium

GPS WAYPOINT: 43.8693404 N, 74.4319656 W.

DIRECTIONS: From the intersection of Route 30 and Route 28 in Blue Mtn Lake, drive N on Rte 30 for 1.0 mile. Look for Museum on left (west) side of Rte. 30.

◀Saturday June 19▶

HIKE: Pillsbury Mountain– 6 AM, Speculator

This is an **EXTREMELY challenging** 1–1/2 mile hike (to the top) which climbs approximately 1500 ft to the summit at 3597ft, where you will find an inactive fire tower. You must be in extremely good physical shape to participate on this hike. Along the trail, you may find **Wood Warblers**, including the **Black Poll, Black Throated Blue, Black Throated Green**, as well as the **White Throated Sparrow and Hermit & Wood Thrushes**. The higher elevations could reveal the **elusive Bicknell's Thrush, Boreal Chickadee**, and the **Gray Jay**, which is what Pillsbury is known for. We will meet at the Mason Lake Parking lot, and carpool in to the starting point for the hike.

GUIDES: Mary Ellen Blakey & Jamie Taft (AKA "Captain Eagle Eyes")

EVENT LENGTH: 5-6 hours

LIMIT: 12 participants

BRING: Bug Repellant, (netting or bug shirt suggested), snacks, water, lunch, binoculars, waterproof hiking attire.

MEET: Mason Lake Parking Area on W side of Rte 30 overlooking Mason Lake.

GPS WAYPOINT: 43.5991366° N, 74.4163017° W

DIRECTIONS: From South: Take Rte 30, 8 miles north of Speculator, **From North:** 16 miles S on Rte 30 from Indian Lake. The parking area is on the west side of Rte 30, and overlooks Mason Lake.

**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED:* Call 800-648-5239 Mon-Fri, 9AM-4PM

CANOE: Round Lake / WALK: Sabattis Bog - 7AM, Whitney Wilderness IBA, Long Lake

Round Lake and Sabattis Bog are within the William C Whitney wilderness area, a designated IBA by Audubon NY. Temperate deciduous and boreal forests make up most of the surrounding area, with over 30% of the site being a wetland habitat. Birds that reside in the area include **American Black Duck, American Bittern, Bald Eagle, Northern Goshawk, Canada Warbler, and the Rusty Blackbird**. We could also see the **Pied-billed Grebe, Osprey, Olive-sided Flycatcher and Palm Warblers**, all which breed here. We may visit Sabattis Bog after the canoe trip on Round Lake if the time permits. Participants must bring their own canoes or kayaks.

GUIDES: John and Patricia Thaxton, Jerry Roberts,

LIMIT: 15 People or 8 Canoes

EVENT LENGTH: 4 - 6 Hours

BRING: Canoe/Kayak, paddles, PFD (required), binoculars, camera, insect repellant (netting or bug shirt suggested), waterproof gear, water, and lunch.

MEET: Parking lot on Sabattis Road

GPS WAYPOINT: N44.0550438° W74.5617940° (Parking lot)

DIRECTIONS: From Long Lake, take Route 30, 6-1/2 miles N from the Long Lake Bridge to Sabattis Road on Left. You'll see the DEC Whitney Wilderness sign at the turnoff. Take Sabattis Road (dirt) for 3 miles, cross over bridge. Stay left after you cross the bridge, parking area is on the R side of Sabattis Road before Round Lake.

**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Call 800-648-5239 Mon-Fri, 9AM-4PM*

ROAD Safari – Moose River Plains IBA – 7am, Inlet

Join us on another new birding festival trip into the **Moose River Plains IBA**. This unusually large tract of land (50,000 acres), purchased from the Gould Paper Company in 1963, presents a large diversity of habitats, including bogs, boreal forests, open plains and mature upland hardwoods and mountaintops of spruce. The roads, which were once used for logging, make exploring this area extremely easy. **Almost every species of breeding bird in Hamilton County can be found in one of the many rich habitats contained within the IBA.** There are also many streams and ponds in the area which make this a birders paradise! The road through the plains stretches almost 25 miles gate-to-gate and reaches from Inlet to Indian Lake. We'll explore the western (Inlet) side of the plains, with the exact itinerary to be decided on the morning of the trip. We will also carpool together, to reduce the amount of vehicles in the group.

GUIDES: Joan Collins

EVENT LENGTH: 5 hours

LIMIT: 15 participants

BRING: Bug Repellent, (netting or bug shirt suggested), water, snacks, binoculars, waterproof hiking attire

MEET: Entrance to DEC Limekiln Campground, on Limekiln Road.

GPS WAYPOINT: 43.7220437° N, 074.7921920° W

DIRECTIONS: From Raquette Lake: Drive 9.8 miles on Rte 28 to Limekiln Road, the first left after the Inlet Golf Club, approximately 1.0 mile before downtown Inlet. **From Inlet:** Travel E on Rte 28. for 1.0 mile, Limekiln Road is the first right after the Citgo gas station. On Limekiln Road travel 1- 3/4 miles to Limekiln Campground, which will be on your right. Meet at the Gate outside of the campground.

**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Call 800-648-5239 Mon-Fri, 9AM-4PM*

Hike: Shallow Lake, 7AM, Raquette Lake

*** NOTE: Canceled due to poor trail and birding conditions.**

DRIVING SAFARI: Powley Road – 2PM, Piseco

Another one of our more popular Birding Festival trips 4 years in a row! Drive on a lightly traveled dirt road (approx 8 miles) which affords a look at some of the more unusual species in the area, such as the **American Three-Toed Woodpecker, various Birds of Prey, Olive Sided Flycatchers, Thrushes, Cedar Waxwing, Sparrows,** and other woodland habitat bird species. Other birds seen along the road in past years included **Indigo Bunting, Northern Parula, Carolina Wren, Chestnut Sided Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, Yellow-Rumped Warbler, Nashville Warbler, and Chipping Sparrow.** Stops along the way will give this leisurely trip many birding opportunities.
GUIDES: Mary Ellen Blakey & James Taft (AKA "Captain Eagle Eyes")

EVENT LENGTH: 3 hours

LIMIT: 20 participants

BRING: Binoculars, camera, bug repellent (for those who want to get out of their vehicles), comfortable clothes.

MEET: Intersection of Route 10 and Powley Road, 1.2 miles south of the Route 8 & Route 10 intersection.

GPS WAYPOINT: 43.3790382° N, 074.5456680° W

DIRECTIONS: From Speculator: Take Rte 8 West for 12 miles, turn left (south) onto Rte 10 and travel 1.2 miles. Powley Road is on the R (west) side of the road

**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED:* Call 800-648-5239 Mon-Fri, 9AM-4PM

Lake Eaton Walk, 2pm, Long Lake

Explore this relatively flat 3-4 mile walk just north of the hamlet of Long Lake in the vicinity of Lake Eaton, with William Labes and NYS Licensed guide Jerry Roberts. The walk, with a fairly gentle terrain and a couple of small hills passes through several different birding habitats dominated by new growth forests. The first part of the hike will take you through forestland dominated by Hemlock, Red Pine, and Yellow Birch, after which you'll be moving through a mixed hardwood forest. This hike will take several hours or more, so please bring water and snacks. The exact route of the walk will be determined on the day of the hike.

GUIDES: William Labes & Jerry Roberts

EVENT LENGTH: 3 hours

LIMIT: 20 Participants

BRING: Binoculars, camera, bug repellent, comfortable clothes.

MEET: Entrance to Lake Eaton Campground on Route 30, N of Long Lake

GPS WAYPOINT: 43.9869010° N, 74.4567027° W

DIRECTIONS: Drive on Rte 30 from Long Lake for approximately 1.9 miles, and look for the campground on the left (west) side of the road.

**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED:* Call 800-648-5239 Mon-Fri, 9AM-4PM

Movie: "Winged Migration" , 3pm, Indian lake

“First they flap northward in the spring to their Arctic nesting grounds — the geese, the pelicans, the storks, dozens of species. Then in the fall they wing back home to perhaps Africa or South America, prey to man's and nature's casual malevolence — the hunters, the oil slicks, the raptors — not to mention their own exhaustion.

That's all that happens in *Winged Migration*, the intellectually austere but technologically and aesthetically riveting documentary that has become a surprise art-house hit this spring. At the moment, it has a per-screen average just a bit south of such megamorononic offerings as *The Matrix Reloaded* and *Bruce Almighty*. And as their audiences have fallen away, its has grown.

It deserves its every dollar and its Oscar nomination because it flies with the birds — intimately, soaringly, ecstatically — in ways that are utterly without cinematic precedent. As the film's executive producer, Jean de Tregomain, says, "It not only gives you a bird's-eye view, it lets you become a bird." Under the direction of Jacques Perrin, its many crews mounted cameras on helicopters, gliders (some of them remote-controlled), delta-wing planes, even balloons, so they could fly amid the migrating flocks, often eyeball to eyeball with the birds. You see the world beneath as they see it — stunningly spacious, gorgeously hued and sometimes dangerous, for we are with the birds as they skim beneath the bridges of the Seine or past New York City's skyscrapers."

LENGTH: 1-1/2 hours.

MEET: Indian Lake Theatre, Main Street, Indian Lake

COST: \$3.00 per person

GPS WAYPOINT: 43.7822845° N, 74.2674637° W

DIRECTIONS: From the intersection of Route 30 and Route 28 in Indian Lake, drive W on Route 30/28 towards Blue Mtn Lake for 1/10 mile, Theatre is on the left (south) side of road.

"Boreal Birds of the Adirondacks", Great Camp Sagamore, 7:30pm, Raquette Lake

Some of the most exciting birding locations in New York State can be found in the boreal habitat of the Adirondack Park. Joan Collins will present "Boreal Birds of the Adirondacks", a multimedia presentation using photographs, video, audio, and slides of the wonderful bird species that nest in the North Country. Species such as **Black-backed Woodpecker, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Gray Jay, Boreal Chickadee, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Bicknell's Thrush, Palm Warbler, Blackpoll Warbler, Lincoln's Sparrow, and Rusty Blackbird**, among others, will be presented along with details of their nesting habitat.

FEATURED SPEAKER: Joan Collins

LENGTH: 1.0 hour.

MEET: Great Camp Sagamore, Sagamore Road, Raquette Lake

GPS WAYPOINT: 43.8083983° N, 74.6554437° W (This is the waypoint for the intersection of Route 28 and Sagamore Road. From this point, drive 3.5 miles (south) onto Sagamore Road (dirt) to Great Camp Sagamore.

DIRECTIONS: **From Blue Mtn Lake:** Drive W on Rte 28 for 13.2 miles, and make a left onto Sagamore Road. Follow for 3.5 miles to Great Camp Sagamore. **From Inlet:** Drive E on Rte 28 for 10.7 miles, and make a right onto Sagamore Road. Follow for 3.5 miles to Great Camp Sagamore. The evening presentation will be in "The Big Barn", on the left. Parking lot is off to the right as you approach on Sagamore Road.

◀Sunday June 20▶

HIKE Low's Ridge/Hitchens Pond 7am, Long Lake

Join Joan Collins for a walk into beautiful Hitchens Pond and the Upper Dam on the Bog River. Common Loons nest on Hitchens Pond each year. Bald eagles and Great Blue Herons are also a common sight. The route is an old dirt road that passes through many

lovely and varied habitat areas. The first mile of trail borders a vast peatland bog with sphagnum moss, cotton-grass and pitcher plants. The next habitat is a wetland marsh with a creek, where bluejoint grass, alders, and pickerel-weed provide contrast from the peatland. Coniferous and deciduous forests make up the last mile, with many interesting cliff areas. After the 2.5 mile walk on level terrain to Hitchins Pond, there will be a food break at a scenic picnic area. An optional 1.5 mile round trip hike up Low's Ridge will be offered where there are spectacular views of the Bog River Valley and High Peaks. With the wonderful variety of habitats along this route, many species will be observed. Some of the species likely to be observed include, **Common Loon, Great Blue Heron, Red-shouldered Hawk, Broad-winged Hawk, Bald Eagle, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Philadelphia Vireo, Common Raven, Gray Jay, Palm Warbler, Canada Warbler, Magnolia Warbler** (& many other warbler species), **Lincoln's Sparrow and Purple Finch.**

NOTE: This is a flat, but long trip. You must be in appropriate condition and you should bring energy food and lunch due to the length of the walk. **(5 miles round trip, bring lunch)**

BRING: Bug protection, hat, sunscreen, water, **lunch**, binoculars and appropriate clothing/jacket and footwear.

MEET: River Falls Parking Area on Route 421 (Off Rte 30)

GPS Waypoint: 44.1199583° N, 74.5397787° W - This is the intersection of Route 30 and County Route 421. Travel onto Rte 421 for another 3/4 mile to meeting spot.

DIRECTIONS: Drive 12 miles north of Long Lake on Route 30. Take a left-hand turn onto County Route 421 (Bog River sign) and proceed just under 3/4 of a mile to the Bog River Falls Parking Area on the left. The actual unmarked trail is down the road another 6.6 miles, but we will carpool to the trailhead.

***PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED:** Call 800-648-5239 Mon-Fri, 9AM-4PM

HIKE the Northville Lake Placid Trail—7AM, Long Lake

A bird walk in these areas will take participants through a wide variety of habitats including boreal forest, marsh/bog, swamp, mixed forest, deciduous woods, and to the shoreline of Long Lake. Each section, north and south, is two miles, round trip. We will do both, if time permits. The walk through boreal wetlands takes you over raised walkways and is home to **Black-backed Woodpeckers, Yellow-bellied Flycatchers and Boreal Chickadees.** The second half of the trail moves through mixed forest where you may see **Ruby-crowned Kinglets**, nesting **Northern Goshawks** and up to 14 varieties of woodland warblers, including **Yellow-rumped, Magnolia** and **Blackburnian.** As you approach the lake at Caitlin Bay, look for many species of waterfowl, **Common Loons** and **Bald Eagles.**

GUIDES: John & Patricia Thaxton

LIMIT: 25 Participants

EVENT LENGTH: 5-6 hours

BRING: Bug Repellent, (netting or bug shirt suggested), water, binoculars, waterproof hiking attire.

MEET: Parking Lot on S side (R side) of Rte 28N at (across from) Tarbell Hill Rd.

GPS WAYPOINT: 43.9759875° N, 74.3925475° W

DIRECTIONS: The trailhead for the hike is a large parking lot on the south side of Rte. 28N, 1.6 miles N on Rte 28N from Hoss's Country Corner in Long Lake. It is directly opposite the intersection with the Tarbell Hill Road.

***PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED:** Call 800-648-5239 Mon-Fri, 9AM-4PM

HIKE the NLP Trail - Haskell's Road / Piseco Airport: 7AM, Piseco

Join Mary Ellen Blakey and Jamie Taft (AKA "Captain Eagle Eyes") on this new exploratory trip over a fairly flat section of the Northville-Lake Placid Trail heading north. We'll travel approximately 3+ miles (round trip) though a mixed deciduous and conifer woodland expecting to see / hear a variety of **warblers** and **woodpeckers**.

Afterwards, we'll travel to the Piseco Airport, to see nesting **Blue Birds**.

GUIDES: Mary Ellen Blakey & Jamie Taft

EVENT LENGTH: 4 hours

LIMIT: 15 participants

BRING: Bug Repellent, (netting or bug shirt suggested), water, snacks, binoculars, waterproof hiking attire.

MEET: Parking Lot at end of Haskell's Road in Piseco

GPS WAYPOINT: 43.4591183° N 74.5222633° W

DIRECTIONS: From Speculator: Drive W on Rte 8 for 8.8 miles to intersection of Rte 8 and Old Piseco Road (at Casey's Corners). Right onto Old Piseco Road, for 2.2 miles, passing the airport on the R. Right onto Haskell's Road for 0.7 mi. to the end of road, to find parking lot on both sides of road.

***PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED:** Call 800-648-5239 Mon-Fri, 9AM-4PM

CANOE/KAYAK: Good Luck Lake, Sacandaga River West Branch – 7AM, Piseco

Start this trip with a paddle into Good Luck Lake, to explore the local birding population. Then, continue on with an easy paddle to Chub Lake via the West Branch Sacandaga River. According to Barbara McMartin in *Discover the Southern Adirondacks*, "The entire river is a haven for many birds. In the northern flows **Marsh Hawks** perch right over the river while **Olive-sided Flycatchers** and **Rose-breasted Grosbeaks** flock in the trees beside the river and **Hummingbirds** mass in the flowers below."

GUIDES: Jerry Roberts

EVENT LENGTH: 6 hours

LIMIT: 10 participants

BRING: Canoe/Kayak, paddles, PFD, binoculars, camera, insect repellent (netting or bug shirt suggested), waterproof gear, water, and lunch.

MEET: Put-in/Parking area on the E side of Rte 10, near bridge over the West Branch.

GPA Coordinates: 43.2553808°N, 074.5355749°W

DIRECTIONS: From north: 11 mi. S on Rte 10 from the intersection of Rte 10 & 8 in Piseco. **From south:** 12 mi. N on Rte 10, from the intersection of Rte 29 and Rte 10 in Caroga Lake.

***PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED:** Call 800-648-5239 Mon-Fri, 9AM-4PM

W.W. Durant Cruise – 12:30 PM, Raquette Lake

Recap the Birding Festival weekend aboard the W.W. Durant's upper deck on a scenic cruise of historic Raquette Lake with narration by Captain Dean Pohl.

Boarding time is 12:00-12:30 PM and cruise will last from 12:30-2:30 PM. Cash snack and beverage bar as well as use of the restrooms (below) will be available to those riding the open upper deck.

COST: \$10/per person if pre-registered. \$15/per person walk in. (subject to availability)

Note: If you would like to register for the luncheon cruise, the cost will be \$31/per person pre-registered. \$35/per person for a walk in, (subject to availability)

Reservations are required to receive the discounted Birding Festival Rate.

You must call Hamilton County Tourism to make your reservation. Payment will be accepted upon arrival at the W.W. Durant.

HOSTS: Donna & Captain Dean Pohl

LIMIT: 100

CRUISE LENGTH: 2.0 Hours

MEET: Raquette Lake Navigation Dock in Raquette Lake.

GPS WAYPOINT: 43.8140023° N, 074.6560354° W

DIRECTIONS: **From East:** From Blue Mtn Lake, take Rte 28 for 12.4 miles to Raquette Lake. **From West:** From Inlet, take Rte 28 for 10.8 miles to Raquette Lake. From Rte 28 turn north (left) onto County Route 2, into the village of Raquette Lake, passing the Raquette Lake Tap room on the R. Follow the shoreline and you will see the W.W. Durant docked straight ahead.

**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED:* Call 800-648-5239 Mon-Fri, 9AM-4PM