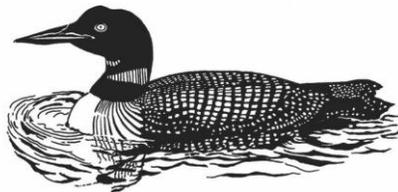


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ADIRONDACK BIRDING FESTIVAL



13th Annual Hamilton County Birding Festival

June 9 - June 11, 2017

Schedule of Events

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

Call (518) 548-3076 or (800) 648-5239 to register!

The Hamilton County Department of Tourism and Audubon NY welcome you this
June for the 13th Annual Adirondack Birding Festival.

The Adirondack Park in upstate New York is a bird-watching haven. In June, the Adirondack Birding Festival in Hamilton County celebrates the height of breeding season with 3-days of birding hikes, walks, safaris, outings and presentations throughout the county.

About Hamilton County:

Located entirely within the Adirondack State Park, Hamilton County is the third largest, yet least populated, county in New York State. Over 60% of our land area is either Wilderness or Wild Forest. The county's million acres of forest, 1,500 miles of rivers and streams and over 56,000 acres of lakes and ponds provide unequalled birding and wildlife watching opportunities.

Nesting birds, rising trout, rushing water, wildflowers, and the newborn of many species make the woods and waters of Hamilton County a desirable location to explore. While birding in the park is enjoyable throughout the entire year, during springtime it is a place of excitement and discovery. By June, all of the birds that migrate to the Adirondack region for the summer have arrived and are in the height of breeding season.

Our towns and hamlets are located at 1,200-1,600 feet above sea-level and our mountains approach 4,000 feet. Normally in June we enjoy warm to hot days and cool evenings, on rare occasions even dropping below the freezing point. As you plan your birding adventure, make sure to check the forecast and come prepared. Dressing in layers is highly recommended, as the springtime temperatures fluctuate throughout the day.

After a day's activities, you will find an array of comfortable lodges and excellent restaurants staffed with hospitable folks. Here in the heart of the Adirondacks, it is our pleasure to share the experience of this State Park with you. You will find an ongoing celebration of our unique heritage and extraordinary, unspoiled natural beauty.

Don't think it can get much better? Did we mention that all of the outings and presentations during the birding festival are FREE?

Please Note:

Each of the outdoor trips will require different equipment necessary for a pleasant birding adventure. Suggested hiking equipment includes: binoculars, camera, sunscreen, bug repellent (netting or bug shirt suggested), water, snacks and/or lunch, flashlight (headlamp), and comfortable, waterproof footwear. In addition, the canoe trips will require a canoe/kayak, paddles, and PFD as required by law. This time of year is referred to as "Black Fly Season," so be prepared with insect repellent and/or bug shirts for each event!

- Registration is required for each outdoor event.
- Registration is appreciated but not necessary for any of our evening presentations.

**To register, call (800) 648-5239 or (518) 548-3076
Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm.**

Friday June 9, 2017

HIKE: Massawepie Mire, Colton - 6:30AM

Join Joan Collins for a hike into lovely, remote Massawepie Mire, the largest bog in New York State. Massawepie is also a designated “**Important Bird Area**” (IBA) in New York. The trail through the mire is an old railroad bed, now a perfectly level dirt road. There are several different habitats encountered along the trail including mixed forest, boreal forest, bog, and marsh. The South Branch of the Grass River is crossed at about 1.5 miles down the trail and Silver Brook at 3 miles. Participants will watch for many bird species including, **Black-backed Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Gray Jay, Boreal Chickadee, Palm Warbler, Canada Warbler** (18 warbler species nest in the area), **Lincoln’s Sparrow**, and if we are extremely fortunate, the elusive **Spruce Grouse!** Bog plants such as the carnivorous Sundew and Pitcher Plant are also found along the trail. Moose tracks are often observed at the mire. Plan to hike over 5 miles round trip on level terrain. We will do a bit of car-birding on the long drive to the trailhead to observe **Common Loons, Mourning Warblers**, and more! The field trip will conclude with plenty of time for participants who plan to attend the Raquette Lake dinner cruise on the WW Durant Friday evening.

GUIDE: Joan Collins

EVENT LENGTH: 5-6 hours

LIMIT: 15 Participants

BRING Bring food (lunch), water, appropriate attire/hiking shoes, binoculars, hat, sunscreen, and insect spray. Larkin’s in Tupper Lake (at 58 Main St. (Route 3) just past Pine St.) is highly recommended as a food/restroom stop and they open at 4 a.m. each day! Participants can get coffee/breakfast and lunch to bring for the hike.

MEET: Meet at the Massawepie Boy Scout sign on Route 3 at 6:30 a.m.

GPS WAYPOINT: N 44° 15.658' W 074° 38.483'

DIRECTIONS: The Massawepie Boy Scout sign is located approximately 10 miles west of Larkin’s along Route 3 (on the left side of the road if heading west). (We can leave some of the cars in a parking area and car-pool to the trailhead.)

HIKE: Hitchins Pond, Long Lake - 7AM

Join **John and Patricia Thaxton** for a walk into beautiful Hitchins Pond and the Upper Dam on the Bog River. **Common Loons** nest on Hitchins 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 bog. Next, there is a marsh with a brook, where blue joint grass, alders and pickerel-weed provide contrast from the peat land. 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 2.2 mile round trip hike up Low’s Ridge may 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, Lincoln’s Sparrow, Palm Warbler, Canada Warbler, Magnolia Warbler** (and many other notable warbler species)

NOTE: This is a flat, but long trip in a very isolated area. You must be in appropriate condition and you should bring energy food and lunch due to the length of the walk.

GUIDE: John and Patricia Thaxton

EVENT LENGTH: 5-6 hours

LIMIT: 20

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

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

GPS WAYPOINT: N44.1285450°, W74.5458196°

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 after the bridge. The actual unmarked trail is down the road another 6.6 miles, and we will carpool to the trailhead.

WALK: NLP Trail, Piseco - 7AM

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

GUIDES: Jamie Taft and Christy Wilt

EVENT LENGTH: 3-4 hours

LIMIT: 15 participants

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

MEET: Piseco Post Office

GPS WAYPOINT: 43.4591183° N 74.5222633° W

DIRECTIONS: From Speculator: Drive W on Rte 8 for 8.8 miles to the intersection of Route 8 and Old Piseco Road. Turn right onto Old Piseco Road, for 2 miles, going just past the airport. The Post Office is on the right hand side of the road.

WALK: Dillon Road, Raquette Lake – 1:00PM

Take a walk down an old railroad bed. This 4 mile roundtrip walk enters woodland, riverine, marsh and boggy habitat. Here you will have the opportunity to see a variety of **warblers**, **thrushes**, and possibly **Yellow-bellied** and **Olive-sided flycatchers**. Whet your appetite for dinner aboard the WW Durant.

GUIDE: Mike and Wanda Moccio

EVENT LENGTH: 3-4 Hours

LIMIT: 20

MEET: Raquette Lake Library

GPS WAYPOINT: 43.813262, -74.658255

DIRECTIONS: From Inlet: drive 11 miles east towards Raquette Lake, turn left down County Road 2 and then left onto Dillon Road. The library is on the left. From Blue Mountain Lake: Drive 13 miles west on Route 28 towards Raquette Lake. Turn right down County Road 2 and the left onto Dillon Road. The library is on the left.

WALK: Forked Lake Road, Long Lake – 2:30PM

A favorite for the 7th year in a row! This 2 mile walk on the Forked Lake Campsite road will bring us through a variety of woodland habitats. We could see a variety of **thrushes**, and **Gray Jays** have been seen in the area. The variety of birds seed is unprecedented and sure to surprise! This route follows an unimproved dirt road that parallels the Raquette River on the south side and should present some rewarding birding opportunities.

GUIDE: John & Pat Thaxton

EVENT LENGTH: 2-3 hours

LIMIT: 20

MEET: Forked Lake Campground Parking Lot. Enter the campground from North Point Road.

GPS WAYPOINT: 43.9050798°N, 74.5261100° W

DIRECTIONS: From the intersection of Route 28N & 30 (Hoss's Country Corner/ Stewarts) in Long Lake, travel Route 30 south for 3 miles and make a right onto North Point Road. Drive another 3 miles to the entrance of Forked Lake Campground on the right (north) side of the road. Continue for another 2 miles in towards the campsite, and meet in the large parking lot.

W.W. DURANT DINNER CRUISE, Raquette Lake - 6:30pm (departure)

Join us on a very special cruise celebrating the Black Fly Challenge Mountain Bike Race and the Adirondack Birding Festival. **Boarding** time is **5:30-6:00 PM**, and the cruise will last from 6:30-8:30 PM. You may also just ride the top deck of the Durant without the dinner. Cash snack and beverage bar as well as use of the restrooms (below) will be available to those riding the open upper deck.

COST: **BIRDING FESTIVAL SPECIAL!**

Upper deck cruise only: \$13/per person, if pre-registered,\$15/per person normal rate.

Dinner Cruise: Registration and pre-payment are required for the dinner cruise, and the cost will be \$37.00 per person inclusive (meal, cruise, tax, tip). **RESERVATIONS:** Please call **Raquette Lake Navigation** directly at 315-354-5532 to make your reservations. Visit www.raquettelakenavigation.com for more information about the cruise and the luncheon menu.

HOSTS: Captain Dean & Donna Pohl

LIMIT: The Durant is licensed for a total of 100 passengers. The dining room accommodates 56 max for the dinner buffet.

Saturday June 10, 2017

HIKE: Spring Pond Bog – 6:30 AM

Join Joan Collins for a hike to scenic Spring Pond Bog. One of the most popular birding destinations in the Adirondacks and a designated “**Important Bird Area**” (IBA), Spring Pond Bog is the second largest bog in the New York State. This Adirondack Nature Conservancy

property contains diverse habitats and bird species. Wetlands, bogs, boreal forest, mixed and deciduous forests, and areas growing back from logging activity, can all be found at this Tupper Lake property. Spring Pond Bog is a primary study site for **Spruce Grouse** researchers in the Adirondacks. Eighteen warbler species breed in this area including **Northern Waterthrush, Mourning, Palm, and Canada Warblers**. Other boreal species include **Common Loon, Northern Goshawk, Black-backed Woodpecker, Olive-sided, Yellow-bellied, and Alder Flycatchers, Philadelphia Vireo, Gray Jay, Boreal Chickadee, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Lincoln's Sparrow**, and the increasingly rare **Spruce Grouse**. The hiking trail to Spring Pond Bog gradually climbs through a hardwood forest to a glacial esker. There is a boardwalk loop to the right of the esker that takes visitors into the bog for close-up views of plant and bird life. The trail is less than a mile long. We will make a couple other stops and hike along level dirt roads in boreal forest within the Spring Pond Bog complex. The field trip will conclude with plenty of time for participants to attend Dr. Kevin McGowan's Keynote Presentation Saturday afternoon at the Adirondack Museum.

GUIDES: Joan Collins

EVENT LENGTH: 5-6 hours

LIMIT: 15

BRING: Bring food (lunch), water, appropriate attire/hiking shoes, binoculars, hat, sunscreen, and insect spray. Larkin's in Tupper Lake (at 58 Main St. (Route 3) just past Pine St.) is highly recommended as a food/restroom stop and they open at 4 a.m. each day! Participants can get coffee/breakfast and lunch to bring along. (Larkin's is about a mile northwest of McDonalds.)

MEET: Meet in Tupper Lake at the large parking lot to the right of McDonalds. We can leave some of the cars at the parking lot and car-pool into Spring Pond Bog.

GPS WAYPOINT: N 44 13.679, W 74 27.77

DIRECTIONS: McDonalds is located at 26 Demars Blvd. (Route 3 west) From Long Lake head North on State Route 30, the parking lot will be just before McDonalds.

DRIVING SAFARI/ WALK: Perkins Clearing, Speculator - 7AM

NYS licensed guides Michael & Wanda Moccio will lead the driving safari into the Perkins Clearing area to see **Mourning, Chestnut-sided, Blackburnian, and other warblers**. There will be many stops along the way to observe wildlife along the road. Also possible to see **Olive-sided and Alder Flycatchers**, and many other mixed woodland species, including **Indigo Bunting and Rose-breasted Grosbeaks**.

GUIDES: Michael & Wanda Moccio

EVENT LENGTH: 4-5 hours

LIMIT: 15

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

MEET: Mason Lake parking area on the west (left) side of Route 30, north of Speculator.

GPS WAYPOINT: 43.5991366°N, 74.4163017°W

DIRECTIONS: From South: Take Route 30, 8 miles north of Speculator. **From North:** 16 miles S. on Route 30 from Indian Lake. The parking area is on the west side of Route 30, and overlooks Mason Lake. You'll see several picnic tables at the rest stop.

HIKE: Roosevelt Truck Trail, Newcomb 7 AM

Back by popular demand with guides **John and Patricia Thaxton!**

DESCRIPTION: This gently rolling trail is an old moss covered road passing 2 ½ miles through a pristine northern (boreal) coniferous forest where many of the Boreal species can be found. We will start the walk (and leave the cars) at the pull off/parking lot on Route 28N, which is 1.6 miles north of the Boreas River bridge on Route 28N. We'll walk 5 miles round trip and return to the parking lot on 28N. We'll look for **Gray Jay, Boreal Chickadee, Pine Siskin, Black-Backed Woodpecker and the Cape May Warbler**. It is one of the few areas in the Adirondacks to observe the **Cape May Warbler**.

GUIDE: John and Patricia Thaxton

EVENT LENGTH: 5-6 hours

LIMIT: 15

BRING: Bug protection, hat, sunscreen, water, **lunch**, binoculars and appropriate clothing/jacket and footwear. Trail may be wet in spots.

MEET: The parking lot on the south/east side of Rte. 28N, 1.6 miles N on Rte 28N from Hoss's Country Corner in Long Lake. It is located directly opposite the intersection with the Tarbell Hill Road. **NOTE:** If you miss us at this meeting place, continue on to parking lot on 28N in Minerva where we'll start the walk. See directions and GPS coordinates.

below

GPS WAYPOINT: NLP Trail Head in Long Lake: 43.9759875° N, 74.3925475° W

GPS WAYPOINT: Pkg Lot: Start of Hike on 28N: 43.9143950° N, -74.0213517° W

DIRECTIONS: From Long Lake: drive north/east on 28N towards Newcomb. At 1.6 miles from the Stewarts/Hoss's in Long Lake, look for the parking lot on the right side of the road for the **NLP trail**. It is located directly opposite Tarbell Road. Wait here.

NOTE: If you are running late, and don't meet up at this trail head, drive directly to the parking lot on Route 28N where we'll start the hike. From the NLP trailhead in Long Lake, drive 17 miles east on Rte 28N to the intersection of the Blue Ridge Highway and Rte 28N, the road you drove on from Long Lake. Take a Right on 28N (do not go straight on the Blue Ridge Road) and drive approximately 3 miles south to the parking lot on the left side of the road, where we'll park cars and start the hike.

DRIVING SAFARI/WALK: Powley Road, Piseco 7 AM

Drive on a lightly traveled dirt road (approximately 8 miles) which affords a look at some 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: Jamie Taft and Christy Wilt

EVENT LENGTH: 3 – 4 hours

LIMIT: 20 participants

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

MEET: Intersection of Route 10 and Powley Road, 1.2 miles south of the Route 8 & Route 10 intersection. Drive onto and park on Powley Road with the other cars.

GPS WAYPOINT: 43.3790382° N, 074.5456680° W

DIRECTIONS: From Speculator: Take Route 8 west for 12 miles to route 10. Make a left turn (south) onto Route 10 and travel 1.2 miles to Powley Road, which will be on the right side of Route 10 as you drive south from Route 8. Pull onto Powley road on the right side of the road.

PRESENTATION: To Know the Crow: Insights and Stories with Dr Kevin J McGowan 4:30PM

The American Crow is a widespread and familiar bird across North America, but few people know much about its complicated and fascinating life. The crow displays more human-like traits than perhaps any other animal: intelligence, adaptability, sociability, and caring, with strong family values and lifelong bonds. Kevin will discuss the results of his 29-year study of crows, starting with their home and family life. From there he will let the audience decide what comes next, letting them choose from stories about flock life, winter roosts, crow creativity, urban life, crow-human interactions, life history strategies, secret sex lives, or murder and treachery.

GUEST SPEAKER: Kevin J McGowan Ph.D. from Cornell Lab of Ornithology
Kevin is a professional ornithologist and avid birder. He is currently the project manager for Distance Learning in Bird Biology in the Education program at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. He is the instructor for the long-running Home Study Course in Bird Biology (now the revised Ornithology: Comprehensive Bird Biology), the online course Investigating Behavior: Courtship and Rivalry in Birds, and the Be a Better Birder online tutorials and identification webinars.

Kevin was the co-editor and primary author for the book, *The Second Atlas of Breeding Birds in New York State*, one of the creators of the Cornell Lab's *All About Birds* website, and the former curator of the bird and mammal collections at the Cornell University Museum of Vertebrates.

Kevin got his Ph.D. investigating social behavior in Florida Scrub-Jays and has been studying the biology of a population of crows in central New York since 1988. He has followed the life stories of over 2,500 banded individual crows.

Kevin was president of the New York State Ornithological Association (NYSOA) in 2003-2005, and a member of New York State Avian Records Committee in 1999-2003. He is currently a Fellow of the American Ornithological Society.

MEET: Museum Auditorium

EVENT LENGTH: 1-1/2 Hours

GPS WAYPOINT: 43.8693404°N, 74.4319656°W

DIRECTIONS: From Blue Mt. Lake: ½ mile north on Route 30 from the center of Blue Mountain Lake, the intersection of Route 30 and Route 28. Museum is on the left side of the road. From Long Lake: Drive south on Route 30 approximately 10 miles. Just after you pass the Blue Mountain trail head on the left side of the road, look for the museum a bit further on the right side of the road.

Sunday June 11, 2017

HIKE: Sabattis Circle Road, & Round Lake Road - 6:30 AM

Join **Joan Collins** on this exciting trip into the William C. Whitney Wilderness Area north of the Town of Long Lake. Meet at the Geiger Arena in Long Lake to regroup and carpool to the birding area north. We'll enter at the southern end of Sabattis Circle Road and car-bird for 5 miles, stopping at several locations, including the scenic inlet of Little Tupper Lake and Sabattis Bog. **Eighteen warbler species** breed along this road including **Northern Waterthrush, Mourning, Palm, and Canada Warblers**. Many boreal species can be found along Sabattis Circle Road including, **Black-backed Woodpecker, Olive-sided and Yellow-bellied Flycatchers, Gray Jay, Boreal Chickadee, and Lincoln's Sparrow**. Next, we will hike a short distance on the Round Lake Trail, a relatively level, dirt road trail. If we have time, we can drive to Sabattis Station where Olive-sided Flycatchers can often be found nesting. Round Lake, Little Tupper Lake, and Sabattis Bog are within the William C. Whitney Wilderness Area, a **Designated Important Birding Area (IBA)** by Audubon New York. Temperate deciduous and boreal forests make up most of the surrounding area, with over 30% of the IBA being a wetland habitat.

GUIDE: Joan Collins

EVENT LENGTH: 5-6 hours

LIMIT: 15 Participants

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

MEET: Geiger Arena (Ice Skating Rink) Parking Lot

GPS WAYPOINT: 43.966571, -74.421913

DIRECTIONS: Located just south on Route 30, from the intersection of Route 30/28 & Hoss's Country Corner Store, on the left hand side, directly across from the Long Lake Post office.

DRIVING SAFARI/WALK: Elm Lake Road, Speculator – 7AM

Join **Jamie** into this newly open-to-the-public (for free) land formerly owned and operated as a working Timberland & Forest tree farm by International Paper Company, now owned by Lyme Timber. This will be an exploratory trip to discover the birding population of the eastern side of Speculator's woodlands. The walk will be easy and flat.

We'll meet and carpool into the interior lands, where we'll walk along the former lumber road used by the timber company. There will be a mixture of woodlands including large pine forests and hardwood areas. We'll plan the walk on the morning of the event depending on the interests of the group. The trip could also take us to the infamous and mysterious "Kunjamuk Cave" across the Kunjamuk River.

We'll see a variety of **warblers, woodpeckers** and **raptors** along the way.

GUIDES: Jamie Taft and RaChelle Hosley

LIMIT: 15 participants

EVENT LENGTH: 2-3 Hours

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

MEET: End of Elm Lake Road, where the hard pavement turns to dirt road.

GPS WAYPOINT: 43.519541, -74.348376

DIRECTIONS: From the "4 corners" at the intersection of Route 8 & 30 (Charlie Johns

Store), drive east on Elm Lake Road for 1.5 miles to where the road turns to dirt. You'll see a large horse field on the left at the turnaround. Park along side of the road.

HIKE: Northville-Lake Placid Trail, Long Lake - 7AM

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 2 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 Catlin Bay, look for many species of waterfowl, **Common Loons** and **Bald Eagles**.

GUIDES: John & Patricia Thaxton

LIMIT: 15 Participants

EVENT LENGTH: 4-5 hours

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

MEET: Parking Lot on S side (R side) of Route 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 Route 28N, 1.6 miles N on Route 28N from Hoss's Country Corner in Long Lake. Directly opposite the intersection with the Tarbell Hill Road.

WALK: Chain of Lakes Road, Indian Lake - 7AM

Join **Mike and Wanda** exploring this newly acquired land tract, formerly owned by Finch and Pruyn Lumber Co., and recently purchased from the Nature Conservancy (TNC) by the State of New York. This is the first time in 150 years that residents and visitors to the area have had access to these mixed woodland lands at the end of Chain of Lakes Road. We will walk the newly opened access roads through the Indian River Tract (part of the Essex Chain of Lake Tract) through various habitats and forests near the confluence of the Hudson & Indian Rivers to discover the rich birdlife and wildlife in the area.

GUIDES: Michael and Wanda Moccio

LIMIT: 15 Participants

EVENT LENGTH: 4-5 Hours

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

MEET: At the end of the drivable part of Chain-Of-Lakes road, by the gate/kiosk.

GPS WAYPOINT: Route 28/Chain of Lakes Road: 43.785153°, -74.240685°.

This is the meeting point, but the entrance to Chain of Lakes Road.

DIRECTIONS: FROM Indian Lake: Drive east on Route 28N for 1.3 miles, look for Chain of Lake Road on your left (north). Park along the side of the road and wait for the other participants. We'll carpool from there into the newly opened interior lands.