

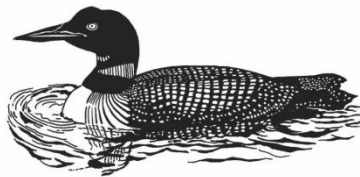


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## ADIRONDACK BIRDING FESTIVAL



### **17<sup>th</sup> Annual Hamilton County Birding Festival**

June 8 - June 11, 2023

#### Schedule of Events

Speculator, Lake Pleasant, Piseco,  
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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 4 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. 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.**

## Thursday June 8, 2023

### **TRIP FULL** DRIVING SAFARI/ WALK: Perkins Clearing, Speculator - 7AM

Joan Collins and Laurie Freeman will lead a 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:** Joan Collins & Laurie Freeman

**EVENT LENGTH:** 3-4 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: Hitchins Pond, Long Lake - 7AM

Enjoy a slow walk on a wide level path of moderate difficulty with stops to experience forest, marsh, and bog habitats and the birds who call these places home. Length of out and back hike is about 2.5 miles one way, 5 miles total. Last year's notable species included **olive-sided and yellow-bellied flycatchers, Lincoln's sparrow**, and a healthy assortment of **warblers**. **Rich Hanlon** brings an ecological focus to guided birding; while giving attention to the birds and their behavior, you'll be guided to notice our winged neighbor's relationships with other animals, plants, and the forest community as a whole. You may even discover yourself as part of nature's community in a fresh way.

**GUIDES:** Rich Hanlon

**EVENT LENGTH:** 5-6 hours

**LIMIT:** 20

**BRING:** Bug protection, hat, sunscreen, water, lunch.

**MEET:** Bog River Falls Parking Area (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.

## **TRIP FULL WALK: Sacandaga Pathway, Speculator– 1:00 PM**

Join **Joan Collins** and **Laurie Freeman** on the beautiful Sacandaga Pathway in Speculator. This 1 ½ mile long boardwalk and path is an easily accessible trail leading you to a variety of habitats and three types of wetlands along a flat-water section of the Sacandaga River. Look for **American Bitterns** and **Blue Herons** along the eastern side of the path following the river as well as **Black Ducks** and **Mallards**. Along the path, you may also find a variety of **Woodland Warblers**, **Woodpeckers**, **Red-tailed Hawks** and **American Kestrels**.

**GUIDE:** Joan Collins & Laurie Freeman

**EVENT LENGTH:** 3-4 hours

**LIMIT:** 15 Participants

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

**MEET:** Speculator Pavilion

**GPS WAYPOINT:** 43.495843, -74.359633

**DIRECTIONS:** The Speculator Pavilion is located on Route 30 South, the Village of Speculator. It is directly across the street from the public beach and is neighbored by the Speculator Fire Hall. There is ample parking here to meet and then continue onto the Pathway.

## **STILL BIRDING: Bog River Falls Parking Area, Long Lake– 2:30 PM**

Description: Handicapped accessible. We'll set up our camp chairs in a streamside Adirondack forest that's home to a rich variety of birds. This was our meeting point for another trip last year, and we quickly realized that this location would make for an amazing birding experience in its own right. So, this year it's being offered as a standalone outing. **Rich Hanlon** brings an ecological focus to guided birding; while giving attention to the birds and their behavior, you'll be guided to notice our winged neighbor's relationships with other animals, plants, and the forest community as a whole. You may even discover yourself as part of nature's community in a fresh way.

**GUIDE:** Rich Hanlon

**EVENT LENGTH:** 2 hours

**LIMIT:** 20 Participants

**BRING:** Camp chair, bug protection, hat, sunscreen, binoculars.

**MEET:** Bog River Falls Parking Area

**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.

## Friday June 9, 2023

### **TRIP FULL** HIKE: Shaw Pond and Sabattis Circle Road, Long Lake - 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. The trip will begin with a short stop at Shaw Pond in Long Lake. This shallow body of water is surrounded by marshes and hosts nesting Wood Ducks, Ring-necked Ducks, Pied-billed Grebes, Virginia Rails, and American Bitterns. Next, we'll head to 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**. 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 hours

**LIMIT:** 15 Participants

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

**MEET:** At the Geiger Arena (Ice Skating Rink) Parking Lot, located directly across from the Long Lake Post Office on Route 30/28N.

**GPS WAYPOINT:** 43.966571, -74.421913

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

### **TRIP FULL** HIKE: Roosevelt Truck Trail, Newcomb 7 AM

Hike a moderately challenging uphill grade through mixed and mature spruce forest that is home to Canada jays, black-backed woodpeckers, and various warbler species. Length of out and back hike is 2.5 miles out, 5 miles total. **Rich Hanlon** brings an ecological focus to guided birding; while giving attention to the birds and their behavior, you'll be guided to notice our winged neighbor's relationships with other animals, plants, and the forest community as a whole. You may even discover yourself as part of nature's community in a fresh way.

**GUIDE:** Rich Hanlon

**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.

**GPS WAYPOINT:** 43.9759875° N, 74.3925475° 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.

### **WALK: Powley Road, Piseco – 7:00AM**

Join **Laurie Freeman and Tim Emmerick** for another one of our popular Birding Festival trips! 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:** Laurie Freeman & Tim Emmerick

**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.

### **TRIP FULL Hike: Lilypad Pond Trail, Long Lake – 1 p.m. Road**

Join **Joan Collins** for a hike on the Lilypad Pond Trail along the north side of Little Tupper Lake. This trail is located within the William C. Whitney Wilderness Area, a designated Important Bird Area (IBA). The habitats along the mostly-level trail include deciduous, mixed, and coniferous forests, and wetland areas. We will hike in just under two miles, so less than 4 miles round trip. Likely species will include: **Ruffed Grouse, Broad-winged Hawk, most of our breeding woodpecker species; Olive-sided Flycatcher; Alder Flycatcher; Least Flycatcher; Winter Wren; Hermit Thrush; White-throated Sparrow; Rusty Blackbird; many warbler species including: Ovenbird, Black-and-white Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, American Redstart, Northern Parula, Magnolia Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Pine Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, and Canada Warbler; Scarlet Tanager, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, and Indigo Bunting, and likely more!**

**GUIDE:** Joan Collins

**EVENT LENGTH:** 3-4 hours

**LIMIT:** 15 Participants

**BRING** Bring food, water, appropriate attire/hiking shoes, binoculars, hat, sunscreen, and insect spray. We will pass two different camping areas that have outhouses.

**MEET:** Meet at the Burn Road Trailhead parking lot off Sabattis Road.

**DIRECTIONS:** Take Sabattis Circle Road (~3 miles) to Little Tupper Lake and make the turn (left if coming from the south and right if coming from the north) toward Lake Lila. Proceed ~2.7 miles to the Burn Road Trailhead parking area on the left (there is a sign for this parking area).

### **TRIP FULL 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**.

**GUIDE:** Mike and Wanda Moccio

**EVENT LENGTH:** 4 Hours

**LIMIT:** 10

**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.

### **TRIP FULL STILL BIRDING: John Dillon Park, Long Lake – 2:30PM**

Handicapped accessible. We'll set up our camp chairs in position to observe forest birds like **warblers**, **flycatchers** and other **forest birds** at John Dillon Park. **Rich Hanlon** brings an ecological focus to guided birding; while giving attention to the birds and their behavior, you'll be guided to notice our winged neighbor's relationships with other animals, plants, and the forest community as a whole. You may even discover yourself as part of nature's community in a fresh way.

**GUIDE:** Rich Hanlon

**EVENT LENGTH:** 2 Hours

**LIMIT:** 20

**MEET:** John Dillon Park

**GPS WAYPOINT:** 44.070359 N, -74.519540 W

**DIRECTIONS:** From the town of Long Lake, drive north on Route 30 for 9 miles. Turn right onto Number 5 Moose Pond Rd. and park at the first pull-off you come to for a gathering point.

## Saturday June 10, 2023

### **TRIP FULL 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! Bring food (lunch), water, appropriate attire/hiking shoes, binoculars, hat, sunscreen, and insect spray. Meet at the Massawepie Boy Scout sign on Route 3 at 6:30 a.m. 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 5 a.m. each day! Participants can get coffee/breakfast and lunch to bring for the hike. 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.)

**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 5 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.)

### **TRIP FULL WALK: Fiddlers Pond, Piseco - 7AM**

Join **Laurie Freeman and Tim Emmerick** on this easy hike that follows along the Northville-Placid Trail. You will cross a foot bridge over a stream that leads to Fiddler's Pond, after which you will need to bushwack off the trail. You will follow the stream for .4 miles northeast to the



lake, continuing along the southern and eastern shores of the lake for outstanding birding opportunities. There is potential to see nesting **Great Blue Herons, Common Loons, Woodland Warblers, Golden-crowned Kinglets** and more!

**GUIDES:** Laurie Freeman & Tim Emmerick

**EVENT LENGTH:** 3-4 hours

**LIMIT:** 15 participants

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

**MEET:** Arietta Town Barn

**GPS WAYPOINT:** 43.4591183° N 74.5222633° W

**DIRECTIONS:** Coming east on Route 8 in Piseco, the town barn is located on the right side of the road just past Piseco Common School and across the street from the old Casey's Corner gas station. Coming west on Route 8, the town barn is approximately half a mile past the Oxbow Inn on the left. Look for the Northville- Lake Placid Trailhead Sign. Park to the right of the building.

### **TRIP FULL 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:** 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.

### **FAMILY HIKE: Forked Lake – 9:30AM**

Description: For families with children ages 7-12. Expect a fun and interactive experience exploring birds in forested lakeside habitat. Length of out and back hike is 1 mile out, 2 miles total. **Rich Hanlon** brings an ecological focus to guided birding; while giving attention to the birds and their behavior, you'll be guided to notice our winged neighbor's relationships with other animals, plants, and the forest community as a whole. You may even discover yourself as part of nature's community in a fresh way.

**GUIDES:** Rich Hanlon

**EVENT LENGTH:** 2 hours

**LIMIT:** 20

**BRING:** Bug protection, hat, sunscreen, snacks, and binoculars if you have them. If you don't have binoculars and would like to borrow some, please notify when you register for this experience.

**MEET:** Forked Lake Campground Parking Area

**GPS WAYPOINT:** 43.9050798°N, 74.5261100° W

**DIRECTIONS:** From the intersection of Route 28N & 30 at the town of 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.

## **PRESENTATION: Julie Hart: What's Hatching in NY? NYBBA– 4:00 PM**

The **New York Breeding Bird Atlas** is conducted every 20 years and aims to document the distribution of all breeding birds statewide. This is the third time an Atlas has been undertaken in NY, which will help document changes over the past 40 years. This monumental effort is achieved with the help of a massive team of community scientists. Over 3,000 birders have already contributed to the current Atlas by submitting observation of breeding birds to the project! We've completed three years of the five year survey. Come find out what's been recorded so far, what remains to be done, and how you can help. Every observation helps conserve the birds of New York State.

**GUEST SPEAKER Julie Hart** started birding while working as a bird conservation intern in Ithaca. She traveled for several years doing field work around the globe, and then spent several years chasing high elevation birds around the Northeast and Hispaniola as the coordinator for Mountain Birdwatch, before she went on to earn her Master's degree studying the impacts of climate change on Cassia Crossbill in southern Idaho. After spending several years abroad, she is now the Project Coordinator for the third Breeding Bird Atlas in NY. Atlasing is her favorite type of birding.



*Each presentation attendee will receive a complimentary pass from the Adirondack Experience to return on another day visit the museum!*

This presentation is made possible by the Northern New York Audubon Society.

**MEET:** Adirondack Experience Museum Auditorium

**EVENT LENGTH:** 1 – 1 ½ 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.

### **DINNER: The Adirondack Hotel, Long Lake- 6 pm**

After the presentation at the Adirondack Experience Museum in Blue Mountain Lake, join us in the dining room at the historic Adirondack Hotel in Long Lake. This hotel, originally built in the 1850's, is the only one of its kind still operating in the Adirondacks. The Adirondack Hotel overlooks Long Lake and is just a short distance from the shops in town.

**MENU:**

- Broiled Lemon Herb Cod/Rice Pilaf/Seasonal Vegetable.
- Chicken Parmesan over Pasta (gluten free available).
- Grilled Pork Rib Eye Steak/Roasted Herb Red Potatoes/Seasonal Vegetable.

**Each entrée includes salad, rolls & butter, coffee/ tea, and an “Audubon Cream Puffin” garnished with fresh blueberries for dessert. A cash bar will also be available.**

**COST:** \$33 per person, includes tax and tip. **Reservations and food choice must be made when registering for the festival, and must be made by June 30th.** Payment is due at restaurant.

**DIRECTIONS:** Follow Route 30 North through Long Lake. The Adirondack Hotel is located directly across the road from the public beach, at 1245 Main St, Route 30 N Long Lake, NY 12847

## **Sunday June 11, 2023**

### **TRIP FULL HIKE: Railbed Wetlands and More, Minerva – 6:30 a.m.**

Join **Joan Collins** for a walk on a railbed through wonderful wetlands and forests! The old railbed travels along Vanderwhacker Brook at the beginning of the walk with fascinating marshes and ponds. There are also boreal forest sections. We will hike at the pace of the group and our birding, but it will be no more than 5 miles round trip (likely 3 to 4 miles). Some of the species we may find include: **Wood Duck; American Black Duck; Hooded and Common Mergansers; Black-billed Cuckoo; Ruby-throated Hummingbird; Virginia Rail; American Bittern; Great Blue Heron; Broad-winged Hawk; Belted Kingfisher; Black-backed Woodpecker; Eastern Kingbird; Olive-sided Flycatcher; Eastern Wood-Pewee; Yellow-bellied Flycatcher; Alder Flycatcher; Least Flycatcher; Eastern Phoebe; Boreal Chickadee; Winter Wren; Swainson's Thrush; Hermit Thrush; White-throated Sparrow; Swamp Sparrow; Rusty Blackbird; and many warblers including Ovenbird, Northern Waterthrush, Black-and-white**

**Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Northern Parula, Magnolia Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, and Canada Warbler.**

**GUIDE:** Joan Collins

**EVENT LENGTH:** 5-6 hours

**LIMIT:** 15 Participants

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

**MEET:** At Overlook Park in Newcomb off Santanoni Drive. There are restrooms at this location. There are also fantastic views of the High Peaks! We will carpool the 5 miles east to the railbed in Minerva from this location.

**DIRECTIONS:** Overlook Park is across the street from the Newcomb Medical Center located at 4 Santanoni Drive. You can see Overlook Park and the Newcomb Medical Center from Route 28N.

### **TRIP FULL DRIVING SAFARI/WALK: Elm Lake Road, Speculator – 7AM**

Join **Laurie Freeman and Tim Emmerick** on this 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. The trip will 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:** Laurie Freeman & Tim Emmerick

**LIMIT:** 15 participants

**EVENT LENGTH:** 2-3 Hours

**BRING:** Bug Repellent, (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. Please line up along the side of the road.

### **WALK: Lake Durant Marsh - 7AM**

Join **Mike and Wanda** for a beautiful walk between Lake Durant proper and a large marsh. We will look and listen for **American Bittern** and **Virginia Rail** in the marsh, **Common Loons** in the lake, other **warblers, vireos, flycatchers and thrushes** will be found. Also a round beaver dam is an oddity. If time permits a walk into a nearby woodland can top off the morning.

**GUIDES:** Michael and Wanda Moccio

**LIMIT:** 15 Participants

**EVENT LENGTH:** 3 Hours

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

**MEET:** Lake Durant parking area on Route 28 west of Indian Lake (NOT the campground)

**GPS WAYPOINT:** 43.85°, -74.41°.

**DIRECTIONS:** Traveling east from Blue Mountain Lake, the picnic and parking area is on the left side of the road, 2 miles from the intersection of Route 28N and Route 30. Approximately 9 miles west of Indian Lake.