

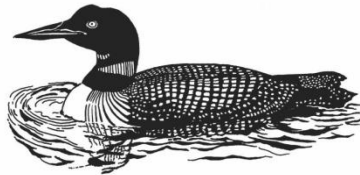


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## ADIRONDACK BIRDING FESTIVAL



**Audubon** NEW YORK

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

June 6 - June 9, 2024

#### 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 18<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 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 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 our evening presentation.

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

## Thursday June 6, 2024

### **Dawn Chorus: Lower Dam Access at Bog River Parking Area – 5:00 AM**

#### **\*\*\*Handicapped Accessible\*\*\***

Enjoy a dawn chorus marked by the sounds of **thrushes, warblers, vireos** and other **songbirds**. Ear birding at its finest! We'll give our attention to connections of awareness between these morning songsters and look for pair bonding and territorial interactions between birds.

#### **GUIDES: Rich Hanlon & Pat Bixler.**

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**EVENT LENGTH:** 1.5 hours.

**LIMIT:** 20 Participants

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

**MEET:** Lower Dam Access at Bog River Parking Area

**GPS WAYPOINT:** 44.11587, -74.626486

**DIRECTIONS:** From the intersection of Route 30 and Rt 421, travel 5.8 miles on Route 421. Then turn left on the side road that leads to Lower Dam Access. Follow the side road for 0.7 miles and you'll arrive at the Lower Dam Access at Bog River parking area.

### **\*\* FULL \*\* DRIVING SAFARI/ WALK: Perkins Clearing, Speculator – 7:00 AM**

**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 Participants

**BRING:** Bug Repellent, (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.

### **PADDLE: Bog River Flow to Hitchins Pond – 7:00 AM**

**\*\*\*Bring your own kayak/canoe\*\*\***

Join Rich Hanlon and Pat Bixler for an enjoyable 5-mile paddle (2 ½ miles out and back). Beginning and ending at Lower Dam Access. We'll follow the Bog River upstream and into Hitchins Pond before turning around. Expect to observe a wide variety of birds which includes, but is not limited to, **Bald Eagle, Great Blue Heron, Palm and Nashville Warblers, Lincoln's and Savannah Sparrows, Yellow-bellied and Olive-sided Flycatcher, and Black-backed Woodpecker.** Birding from our kayak/canoe will provide a unique vantage point to enjoy these birds' connections with the forest and peatland habitats that we'll be passing along the way.

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**EVENT LENGTH:** 5 hours

**LIMIT:** 10 Participants

**BRING:** Bug protection, hat, sunscreen, water, snacks

**MEET:** Lower Dam Access at Bog River Parking Area

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### **\*\*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.

## **Friday June 7, 2024**

### **Dawn Chorus: Northville Placid Trailhead – 5:00 AM**

#### **\*\*\*Handicapped Accessible\*\*\***

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**EVENT LENGTH:** 1.5 hours.

**LIMIT:** 20 Participants

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

**MEET:** Northville-Placid Trailhead

**GPS WAYPOINT:** 43.975979, -74.392849

**DIRECTIONS:** From the intersection of Rt 28 and Rt 30 in the town of Long Lake, travel 1.5 miles east along Rt 28. The Northville-Placid Trailhead Parking will be on your right (across the street from Tarbell Hill Ln.)

## **\*\*FULL\*\*HIKE: Massawepie Mire, Colton - 6:30 AM**

Join **Joan Collins** for a hike into the 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. We stop at a large boardwalk on the drive in – on boy scout property (open to the public through June 15). It has a fantastic view of the huge section of open peatland. We then bird another dirt road briefly (driving and birding) then also bird an area by the South Branch of the Grass River. We then hike the mire trail, we usually hike 5.5 miles round trip hiking to Silver Brook (where we take a rest/food break). It is a perfectly level dirt road (an old rail bed), so no hills. But it is mostly exposed with little shade. We will do a bit of car-birding on the long drive to the trailhead to observe **Common Loons, Mourning Warblers**, and more!

**GUIDE:** Joan Collins

**EVENT LENGTH:** 5-6 hours

**LIMIT:** 15 Participants

**BRING** Food (lunch), water, appropriate attire/hiking shoes, binoculars, hat, sunscreen, and insect spray.

**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:** 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.)

## **HIKE: Roosevelt Truck Trail, Newcomb – 7:00 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. The hike is 2.5 miles out and back for a total of 5 miles.

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**EVENT LENGTH:** 5-6 hours

**LIMIT:** 15 Participants

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

**Meet:** Gather at Northville-Placid Trailhead

**GPS WAYPOINT:** 43.975979, -74.392849

**DIRECTIONS:** Meet at Northville-Placid Trailhead. From the intersection of Rt 28 and Rt 30 in the town of Long Lake, travel 1.5 miles east along Rt 28. The Northville-Placid Trailhead Parking will be on your right (across the street from Tarbell Hill Ln.). From there we will carpool, driving 21 miles east along Rt. 28 to the trailhead of Roosevelt Truck Trail. The entrance to the trailhead is a narrow dirt road off Route 28. It is easy to miss if you haven't been there before. Therefore, it is highly recommended that you join the group at the Northville-Placid Trailhead gathering point.

### **\*\*FULL\*\* DRIVING SAFARI: Powley Road, Piseco – 7:00 AM**

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 **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.

## **\*\*FULL\*\*WALK: Dillon Road, Raquette Lake – 1:00 PM**

Take a walk down an old railroad bed with NYS licensed guides, Mike & Wanda Moccio. 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, Palm Warblers, and Black-backed Woodpecker**.

**GUIDE:** Mike and Wanda Moccio

**EVENT LENGTH:** 4 Hours

**\*\*When it ends the Durant will be ready for boarding- so plan accordingly\*\***

**LIMIT:** 10 Participants

**BRING:** Bug repellent, sunscreen, water, and snacks.

**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 left onto Dillon Road. The library is on the left.

## **DINNER: W.W. DURANT, RAQUETTE LAKE - 5:30 PM**

After a long day of birding, join us for a dinner cruise on the WW Durant! **Boarding begins at 5!** At 5:30 we set sail for a 2 hour cruise. The WW Durant is set up in tables of 8 so if there are groups of people who would like to sit together, we can make that happen if we know in advance. Please mention when you book. Also, please advise any dietary restrictions. Chef Jim can usually accommodate with advance notice. Cash bar- alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.

**MENU: Buffet options include:**

- Beef Tips in a Wine/Mushroom Sauce
- Chicken Francaise
- Rice Pilaf
- Grilled Marinated Vegetables
- Caesar Salad
- Strawberry Rhubarb Cobbler

**A cash bar- alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.**

**Cost: \$40** per person, includes tax and tip. **Reservations and payment must be made with the venue and must be made by May 30<sup>th</sup>.** Call 315-354-5532 to reserve with credit card or book online [www.raquettelakenavigation.com](http://www.raquettelakenavigation.com)

**Directions:** 224 Main St, Raquette Lake NY, 13436

From Piseco: Head north on NY-8. Turn left onto NY-30. Turn left onto NY-30/ NY-28. Turn left onto NY-28. Turn right onto County Road 2. Keep right to get onto Antlers Rd. Take a sharp right, arrive at destination.

From Newcomb: Head west on NY-28N W toward Arbutus Rd, Continue straight onto NY-28 S. Turn right onto County Rd 2. Turn right toward Church Rd. Continue straight onto Church Rd. Destination will be on your left.



## Saturday June 8, 2024

### Dawn Chorus Still Birding Experience: Forked Lake Campground – 5:00 AM

#### \*\*\*Handicapped Accessible\*\*\*

Enjoy a dawn chorus at the shore of Forked Lake. Ear birding at its finest! We'll give our attention to connections of awareness between these morning songsters and look for pair bonding and territorial interactions between birds.

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**Event Length:** 2 hours.

**Limit:** 20

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

**Meet:** Forked Lake Campground parking lot.

**GPS Waypoint:** 43.905107, -74.526233

**Directions:** From intersection of Rt. 28 and Rt. 30 in the town of Long Lake, travel 3 miles southwest on Route 28. Turn right on to N. Point Rd. Travel another 3 miles on N. Point Rd. Then, turn right onto Forked Lake Rd. Travel 1.8 miles on Forked Lake Rd. and you'll be at the Forked Lake Campground parking lot.

### \*\*FULL\*\*HIKE: Railbed Wetlands and More, Minerva – 6:30 AM

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.

### **\*\* FULL \*\* WALK: Fiddlers Pond, Piseco – 7:00 AM**

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 Repellent, (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.

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## **WALK: Forked Lake Campground – 9:00 AM**

**\*\*\*Handicapped Accessible\*\*\***

Expect a slow and easy walk along the road into Forked Lake Campground. It's home to a variety of **warblers, thrushes**, and other **songbirds**. Humans and birds share some of the same basic needs; needs which include food, shelter, and places where we feel free to express ourselves. During this outing we'll look to see the forest for the birds while asking the following questions: What's for dinner? Where's the best place to take a nap? Where are the places in which our feathered neighbors feel most free to express themselves?

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## **PRESENTATION: "Conservation Through the Lives of Adirondack Loons" 4:00 PM**

The **Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation** will be giving this year's presentation, providing an overview of loon natural history and behavior, threats affecting loon populations, and the work of the Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation, the work recorded so far, what remains to be done, and how you can help. Every observation helps conserve the birds of New York State.

**Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation:** The Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation and its partners have conducted studies on the Adirondack loon population since 1998. Their research has targeted environmental pollutants, factors affecting reproductive success, migration, health, and more. The Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation uses the results of its loon research to promote environmental education and stewardship in the communities and classrooms of the Adirondack Park and beyond. Through exhibits at the Adirondack Loon Center, our interactive curricula, and engaging field experiences, we use the Common Loon to inspire passion for the natural world.



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

**MEET:** Adirondack Experience Museum Auditorium

**EVENT LENGTH:** 1 Hour

**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. The 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: Long View Lodge, Long Lake - 5:30 PM**

After the presentation at the Adirondack Experience Museum in Blue Mountain Lake, join us at the Long View Lodge in Long Lake, just 10 minutes down the road. This hotel was re-built in the summer of 1929 after the original caught fire earlier that year. The Long View Lodge Restaurant overlooks Long Lake. Here you will find a restaurant serving American cuisine and who will be happy to accommodate any dietary restrictions. Activities such as hiking and fishing can be enjoyed in the surrounding area, and guests can relax along the beachfront.

**MENU:** See attached



**Starter**

**Potato Skin Nachos**

Bacon, Cheddar, Scallion, Sour Cream

**Salad**

**Dinner Salad**

Mixed Greens, Tomato, Pickled Red Onion, Citrus Vinaigrette

**Mains**

**Choice of**

(served with garlic bread)

**Pan Seared Shrimp & Scallop Cakes**

Zucchini Noodles & Roasted Tomato  
Roasted Garlic Cream Sauce

**Vegetarian Lentil Sheppard's Pie**

Red French Lentils, Mushroom Duxelle  
Carrots, Onions, Celery, Whipped Potato Crust  
Green Beans & Roasted Mushrooms

**Bacon Wrapped Meatloaf**

Whipped Potato & Garlic Butter  
Creamed Spinach & Roasted Mushrooms  
Crispy Onions

**LVL's Utica Chicken Riggies**

Chicken Breast, Spicy Sausage, Sweet & Spicy Peppers  
Rigatoni Pasta Parmesan Creamy Red Sauce

**Dessert**

Mini Brownie Sundaes  
Chocolate Sauce & Chips  
Vanilla Ice Cream

**COST:** \$64 per person, includes tax and tip. Does not include drinks. **Reservations and payment must be made with the venue and must be made by May 30th.** For reservations call: 518-624-2862. Please make any dietary restrictions known upon reservation.

**DIRECTIONS:** Leave the ADX Museum. Head northeast on NY-30 / NY-28N / State Route 30 toward Miles Ln, Arrive at NY-30 / NY-28N / Deerland Rd. Long View Lodge, [681 Deerland Rd, Long Lake, NY 12847](#)

## Sunday June 9, 2024

### **\*\*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.

## **DRIVING SAFARI/WALK: Elm Lake Road, Speculator – 7:00 AM**

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 – 7:00 AM**

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:** Mike and Wanda Moccio

**LIMIT:** 15 Participants

**EVENT LENGTH:** 3 Hours

**BRING:** Bug Repellent, (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.

## **\*\*FULL\*\*Hike: Lilypad Pond Trail, Long Lake – 1:00 PM**

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

**GPS WAYPOINT:** N44 03.266, - W74 36.906

**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).

**Hope to see you back next year!**

