Program Booklet Fall 2020:  September 1-November 30, 2020

WELCOME BBC MEMBERS!

Please note the following changes to the Program Booklet, at least for the short term. The booklet has changed format because of the disruption in our lives caused by the pandemic. Trip leaders did not want to project too far into the future, so we will be issuing quarterly (3 months at a time) booklets. See schedule below.

Program Booklet Schedule for 2020-2021
Fall:  Sep 1-Nov 30
Winter:  Dec 1-Feb 28
Spring:  Mar 1-May 30
Summer:  Jun 1-Aug 31

We have planned an extensive program of lectures and field trips, but public health guidelines are changing so rapidly that we do not know whether these events will be held. We know that Cylburn facilities will be closed for the rest of 2020, so Lectures will be held online. More information on this will follow
in eNews. For field trips, contact the leader for the latest information regarding each trip.

Here are the MOS guidelines for field trips as of May 2020: “We want to urge everyone to continue to follow social distancing and carry masks and gloves for use if others are nearby. Trips will be limited to ten people or less and carpooling should only be by family members or those who live together. You must contact trip leaders, in advance, to let them know you are planning to go.”

Birders should carefully consider health risks before attending a field trip. Attendance is at your own risk.

Board and Committee Chairpersons have not yet been named and are therefore not included in the Fall Booklet. They will be available for the Winter Booklet.

BALTIMORE BIRD CLUB (BBC)
a chapter of the
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THE MARYLAND ORNITOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The Maryland Ornithological Society (MOS), organized in 1945, is an independent, non-profit educational bird-watchers organization with many local chapters throughout the state, including our Baltimore Bird Club. Many activities are sponsored at the state level, including teacher scholarships to summer nature camps, research grants, and the annual convention.

The two MOS periodical publications are:

Maryland Yellowthroat, the club bimonthly newsletter.
Maryland Birdlife, a semi-annual report of research and observations.

MOS Annual Conference 2021, date TBA

MOS SANCTUARIES

The MOS has properties set aside to preserve habitat in various locations throughout the state, including two with houses suitable for overnight accommodations.

See the MOS Web Page at http://www.MDBirds.org.

BALTIMORE BIRD CLUB

The purpose of our club is to function as a local chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society, Inc, and to further educational, scientific, and charitable pursuits relating to bird life in Maryland. The BBC sponsors field trips, bird counts, lectures, youth programs, scholarships, the Lights Out Baltimore Campaign, and other conservation efforts.

Chip Notes is our club newsletter, produced quarterly, providing information about birds, birders and club activities in the Baltimore area. Members are alerted via email when Chip Notes is available on-line. Paper copies are available upon request. Members are encouraged to send articles to our editor:

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Baltimore Bird Club E-News
We also send, via e-mail, a monthly e-news bulletin with announcements, updates and reminders of major upcoming events. This service is only available to BBC members and cannot be accessed through the BBC website. Please let the membership secretary know if your email address changes so we can keep your e-bulletin coming.

Baltimore Bird Club on the Internet
Check us out at https://baltimorebirdclub.org for updates and changes to our activities schedule including field trips, bird lists, links to Maryland & DC Birding reports, to the state MOS organization’s web page, links to several other regional rare bird alerts and other organizations and activities, membership application form, and more.
Baltimore Bird Club on Facebook
BBC now has a Facebook page that members can access, whether or not they are members of Facebook. To contribute and/or receive routine updates, you need to join. Check us at: www.facebook.com/groups/382565775136349/members/.

Lights Out Baltimore
Lights Out Baltimore was formed by a group of concerned BBC birdwatchers who had seen firsthand how lights and windows can injure or kill birds. Our goal is to make Charm City safe for migratory birds by turning out decorative lighting in the city during Fall and Spring migration between the hours of 10 pm and 6 am. We also advocate for bird-safe building design that makes glass and windows visible to birds. Learn about LOB on their website and Facebook pages: http://www.lightsoutbaltimore.org https://www.facebook.com/savethebaltimorebirds

BBC Headquarters at Cylburn Arboretum
The BBC and MOS have had a long-standing relationship with Cylburn Arboretum. We continue this association in many ways.

Cylburn Birds and Nature Museum
BBC has an outstanding collection of mounted birds and other resources at Cylburn. The bird museum formerly housed in the Cylburn Carriage House is now closed for renovation. However, some mounted birds as well as paper records and natural history collections are stored in the third floor BBC work room in the Cylburn Mansion. Contact Peter Lev, plev@comcast.net with questions about the BBC collections.

Lectures at Cylburn
Initially lectures for the remainder of the year will be online only. Instructions for access will be provided in eNews. Lectures will be either live or taped, depending on the lecturer.

BALTIMORE BIRD CLUB FALL LECTURES SCHEDULE 2020

Monthly Lectures, generally held in the Cylburn Greenhouse Classroom, will be online only for the rest of this year. Instructions on how to access will appear in the next eNews bulletin.

September 8 (Tue) 7 pm - Joe Corcoran - "South Africa Birding Adventure 10 Years Post - Apartheid"
October 6 (Tue) 7 pm - Gail Mackiernan - “Mongolia: Birding in the Footsteps of Genghis Khan”
November 10 (Tue) 7 pm - Iain Campbell - “The Changes in the Birding Hobby”

FIELD TRIP GUIDELINES

- Check BBC program trip leader, schedule, newsletter, website and e-bulletin for trip details and changes.
- Contact trip leader in advance as participation is limited to 10 people in pandemic.
- During the pandemic, please practice social distancing.
- During the pandemic, the leader may require that participants wear masks.
- Report arrival and departure to leader.
• Do not go ahead of leader while walking or in caravan.
• Speak quietly on a walk or move to the back of the group when talking. “Bird listening” is as important as “Bird watching”.
• DO NOT play bird song or call recordings without leader approval.
• Leave dog at home.
• Children under 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
• “Take nothing but pictures, leave only footprints.”

Visit the BBC home page on the Internet at
https://baltimorebirdclub.org

FALL 2020 MEETINGS AND FIELD TRIPS SCHEDULE

BIRDERS OF ALL SKILL LEVELS AND AGES, INCLUDING BEGINNERS AND YOUTH, ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED!

Note – directions are at end of booklet

SEPTEMBER 2020

SEP 1 (Tue) 8:00 am Cromwell Valley Park. Continuing a series of weekly morning walks to follow the progress of Fall migration. Expect a variety of migrant and resident birds. Beginning birders welcome. Canceled in bad weather. RSVP Leader Required. Trip limited to 10 participants. Be Prepared that Masks and Social Distancing May Be Required. Leader: Gene Ricks, gricks1@verizon.net or 410-592-4382.

SEP 5 (Sat) 8:00 am Milford Mill Park. One-mile level walk on a mostly shaded, paved path. Looking for Fall warblers, thrushes and resident birds. RSVP Leader Required. Trip limited to 10 participants. Be Prepared that Masks and Social Distancing May Be Required. Leader: Leslie Starr, turnstar@aol.com.

SEP 7 (Mon) 8:00 am Holt Park. Little known park, now becoming popular during spring and fall migration. Expect to see a good variety of warblers, vireos, flycatchers close to the edge of a power line cut and beyond. Beginning birders welcome. RSVP Leader Required. Trip limited to 10 participants. Be Prepared that Masks and Social Distancing May Be Required. Leader: Matt Lince. Coordinator: Kevin Graff, keyweststyle2001@gmail.com, 410-967-5896 (text only).

SEP 8 (Tue) 7:00 pm Tuesday Evening (Online Presentation). Continuing a series of monthly feature presentations and slide shows each month except December and January. Tonight: "South Africa Birding Adventure 10 Years Post-Apartheid" by Joe Corcoran. Joe will share details of his exciting work/adventure/birding/safari trip of a lifetime in 2004, 10 years after the end of Apartheid. He spent almost all of the trip in Durban and St. Lucia on the Indian Ocean coast of South Africa. Listen as Joe details encounters with wild animals, beautiful birds, Zulu people and land, St. Lucia National Park, Afrikaners and more.

CANCELLED: SEP 12 (Sat) 8:00 am Hashawha Environmental Center. This trip has been cancelled.
SEP 13 (Sun) 8:00 am Oregon Ridge & Farm Park. Oregon Ridge is a nice spot for Fall migrants. The Center for Maryland Agriculture and Farm Park, just across the street, is great for field birds. Grasshopper Sparrow, Eastern Meadowlark, Bobolink and Savannah Sparrow are all possible. Meet at the Oregon Ridge Nature Center, 13555 Beaver Dam Rd. RSVP Leader Required. Trip limited to 10 participants. Be Prepared that Masks and Social Distancing May Be Required. Leader: Simon Best, simonrabest@gmail.com.

SEP 13 (Sun) 9:00 am Marshy Point Nature Center. Easy half-day walk through varied habitats for feeder birds and other songbirds, raptors, and waterfowl. Half-mile trail leads to point overlooking Dundee Creek. Recommended for young birders and their parents. Boots advisable, telescopes useful. RSVP Leader Required. Trip limited to 10 participants. Be Prepared that Masks and Social Distancing May Be Required. Leaders: Brent and Mary Byers, baypuffin@hotmail.com or 410-686-7294.

SEP 13 (Sun) 7:00-7:45 pm Chimney Swifts at Dusk. The swifts have been returning regularly to the Bookbindery Chimney in Hampden, so that is where we will hold the watch again this fall 2020! We will observe the chimney the week before, and should it not be productive, we will post a change of venue on the BBC website, so be sure to double check. If cloudy or a drizzle, come a half hour early.Canceled if raining. Binoculars useful but not necessary. Hope to see you there! RSVP Leader Required. Trip limited to 10 participants. Be Prepared that Masks and Social Distancing May Be Required. Leaders: Joan Cwi, jafjsc@verizon.net or 410-467-5352 & Alice Nelson, alice.display@verizon.net or 410-449-0546.

SEP 15 (Tue) 8:00 am Cromwell Valley Park. Continuing a series of weekly morning walks to follow the progress of Fall migration. Expect a variety of migrant and resident birds. Canceled in bad weather. RSVP Leader Required. Trip limited to 10 participants. Be Prepared that Masks and Social Distancing May Be Required. Leader: Ron Davis, ronldavis1963@gmail.com, 410-821-1297.

SEP 15 (Tue) 7:00 pm BBC Board meeting. (Online) While only authorized board members have a vote, any club member is welcome to attend and participate in discussions. Call any club officer or board member for details.

SEP 19 (Sat) 8:00 am Hawk Watch at Mount Vista Park. One hour bird walk, followed by a hawk watch at the park. Bring a folding chair, food, water and sunblock for the morning’s hawk watch. Good chance to see broad-winged hawks and several other raptor species. Recommended for young birders and their parents. RSVP Leader Required. Trip limited to 10 participants Be Prepared that Masks and Social Distancing May Be Required. Leader: Jim Meyers, jamesleomeyers@mac.com.

SEP 19 (Sat) 8:00-9:30 am Druid Hill Park. Join Audubon and the Maryland Zoo to explore this leafy city park. From forest to lake, a variety of bird species await. For information, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center. Participants must adhere to our COVID code of conduct and register in advance at our website, patterson.audubon.org.

SEP 20 (Sun) 8:00 am Wyman Park. Once a lightly birded park, now popular during Spring & Fall migration. We’ll meet at the Remington Ave. bridge above Wyman Park Drive. The one-mile dirt path can be muddy. Recommended for young birders and their parents. Canceled in bad weather. RSVP Leader Required. Trip limited to 10 participants. Be Prepared that Masks and Social Distancing May Be Required. Leader: Alina Martin, alinacmartin@gmail.com.

SEP 22 (Tue) 8:00 am Cromwell Valley Park. Continuing a series of weekly morning walks to follow the progress of Fall migration. Expect a variety of migrant and resident birds. Canceled in bad weather. RSVP Leader Required. Trip limited to 10 participants. Be Prepared that Masks and Social Distancing May Be Required. Leaders: Debbie and Lou Taylor, debrataylor11@gmail.com, 410-852-9807.
SEP 26 (Sat) 8:00 am **Habitat Walk: Wyman Park- Lower Stony Run Stream Restoration.** To mitigate the erosion occurring along Lower Stony Run, Baltimore City and contractors from Biohabitats widened the stream bank to create a terraced stormwater wetland. Only some of the planned native plantings and tree replacements have been implemented. The heavy rains of 2018 undermined restoration efforts. What has been the effect on bird life and the waterway? Fall warblers including Black-and-white, Magnolia, Black-throated Blue, Black-throated Green, American Redstart and Common Yellowthroat are possible. Also Blue-headed Vireo. We'll meet at the Remington Ave. bridge above Wyman Park Drive. The one-mile dirt path can be muddy. **RSVP Leader Required. Trip limited to 10 participants. Be Prepared that Masks and Social Distancing May Be Required.** Leaders: James Wolf, Friends of Stony Run representative, and Lynne Parks, v.lynneparks@gmail.com or 443-416-6180.

SEP 26 (Sat) 8:00-9:30 am **Patterson Park.** Join Audubon to explore this urban oasis in southeast Baltimore. With more than 200 species on record, the park is full of surprises. For directions, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center. Participants must adhere to our COVID code of conduct and register in advance at our website, patterson.audubon.org.

SEP 27 (Sun) 8:00 am **Gwynns Falls Trail South.** Short, level path next to the Horseshoe Casino's parking garage. Optional side trip to Middle Branch Park. Early waterfowl, waders, flycatchers, warblers. We'll meet at 1400 Warner St, Baltimore, MD 21230. Recommended for young birders and their parents. Canceled in bad weather. **RSVP Leader Required. Trip limited to 10 participants. Be Prepared that Masks and Social Distancing May Be Required.** Leader: Kevin Graff, keyweststyle2001@gmail.com, or 410-967-5896 (text only).

SEP 27 (Sun) 8:15 am **Cylburn Walk.** Meet at the main Vollmer Center parking lot for easy birthing in Cylburn’s gardens and urban forest. Expect to find a variety of migrant and resident birds. Beginning birders welcome. **RSVP Leader Required. Trip limited to 10 participants. Be Prepared that Masks and Social Distancing May Be Required.** Leader: Peter Lev, plev@comcast.net or 410-952-9426.

SEP 29 (Tue) 8:00 am **Cromwell Valley Park.** Continuing a series of weekly morning walks to follow the progress of Fall migration. Expect a variety of migrant and resident birds. Canceled in bad weather. **RSVP Leader Required. Trip limited to 10 participants. Be Prepared that Masks and Social Distancing May Be Required.** Leader: Mary Chetelat, 410-665-0769.

**OCTOBER 2020**

OCT 3 (Sat) 8:00 am **Quarry Place.** Newest scenic birding location with a 1.9 mile level paved pathway loop around the lake. We should see neotropic passerines, migrating raptors and even a few shorebirds. Meet at the parking lot on Franklin Blvd. in Reisterstown, MD. Limited to 15 participants. **RSVP Leader Required. Trip limited to 10 participants. Be Prepared that Masks and Social Distancing May Be Required.** Coordinator: Kevin Graff, keyweststyle2001@gmail.com or 410-967-5896 (text only). Leaders: Bremen and Debbie Trail.

OCT 4 (Sun) 8:00 am **Irvine Nature Center.** In search for neotropical migrants, raptors and possible early sparrows. Recommended for young birders and their parents. Canceled if rain or wind. A fee of $5 per person required. **RSVP Leader Required. Trip limited to 10 participants. Be Prepared that Masks and Social Distancing May Be Required.** Leader: Libby Errickson, elizabeth.errickson@gmail.com, 717-968-3535.

OCT 6 (Tue) 8:30 am **Cromwell Valley Park.** Continuing a series of weekly morning walks to follow the progress of Fall migration. Expect a variety of migrant and resident birds. Canceled in bad weather. **RSVP Leader Required. Trip limited to 10 participants. Be Prepared that Masks and Social Distancing May Be Required.** Leader: Joe Corcoran, corcoran2921@gmail.com, 667-231-6453.
OCT 6 (Tue) 7:00 pm Tuesday Evening (Online Presentation). Continuing a series of monthly feature presentations and slide shows each month except December and January. Tonight: “Mongolia: Birding in the Footsteps of Genghis Khan,” presented by Gail Mackiernan. Gail will share her June 2018 birding trip to Mongolia, one of the most interesting countries to the naturalist. Immense grasslands, vast Gobi Desert, wild mountains and surprisingly varied wetlands (plus the lowest population density of any nation) host some of the planet’s most wanted birds. The group, ably supported by Mongolian outfitters, traveled to the dense taiga forest of the north, south through the steppe grasslands and into the Great Gobi Desert Protected Area near Mongolia’s southern border with China. Most travel was off-road, on faint tracks or even over trackless desert. It was wonderful. The group recorded about 175 species of birds, with many rarities like Pallas’s Sand-grouse and Henderson’s Ground-jay. They also scored with mammals, including Przewalski’s Horse (the only true wild horse).

OCT 7 (Wed) 8:00 am Fort McHenry. Continuing a series of surveys at the fort and wetland. Binoculars required. Telescope can be useful for distance viewing. *Due to Covid-19 all walks are currently pending, please look for announcements via BBC email or social media or contact walk leader for updates. Canceled in bad weather. Please park outside the main entrance gate in lot on left, and meet at the gate. RSVP Leader Required. Trip limited to 10 participants. Be Prepared: Masks and Social Distancing May Be Required. Leader: Mary Chetelat, 410-665-0769 (alternate contact Wendy Alexander, 443-204-3754)

OCT 11 (Sun) 9:00 am Marshy Point Nature Center. Easy half-day walk through varied habitats for feeder birds and other songbirds, raptors, and waterfowl. Half-mile trail leads to point overlooking Dundee Creek. Recommended for young birders and their parents. Boots advisable, telescopes useful. RSVP Leader Required. Trip limited to 10 participants. Be Prepared that Masks and Social Distancing May Be Required. Leaders: Brent and Mary Byers, baypuffin@hotmail.com or 410-686-7294.

OCT 13 (Tue) 8:30 am Cromwell Valley Park. Continuing a series of weekly morning walks to follow the progress of Fall migration. Expect a variety of migrant and resident birds. Canceled in bad weather. RSVP Leader Required. Trip limited to 10 participants. Be Prepared that Masks and Social Distancing May Be Required. Leader: Michael Bradley, michaelbradley023@gmail.com, or 410-977-4695.

OCT 13 (Tue) 7:00 pm BBC Board meeting. (Online). While only authorized board members have a vote, any club member is welcome to attend and participate in discussions. Call any club officer or board member for details.

OCT 17 (Sat) 8:00 am Fort McHenry. Continuing a series of surveys of bird activity at the Fort and wetland. Binoculars required. Telescope can be useful for distance viewing. *Due to Covid-19 all walks are currently pending, please look for announcements via BBC email or social media or contact walk leader for updates. Canceled in bad weather. Park outside the main entrance gate in lot on left, and meet at the gate. RSVP Leader Required. Trip limited to 10 participants. Be Prepared: Masks and Social Distancing May Be Required. Leader: Wendy Alexander, 443-204-3754.

OCT 18 (Sun) 8:30 am Old Picnic Area Trail – Loch Raven. Expect to see late fall migrants and early winter residents. One-mile level trail. Telescopes can be useful. Recommended for young birders and their parents. Canceled in bad weather. RSVP Leader Required. Trip limited to 10 participants. Be Prepared that Masks and Social Distancing May Be Required. Leader: Joe Corcoran, corcoran2921@gmail.com, or 667-231-6453.

OCT 24 (Sat) 8:30 am Northampton Furnace Trail – Loch Raven. One-mile level trail through woods to water overlooks. Expect to see waterfowl, woodpeckers, sparrows and perhaps Purple Finches. Possible muddy spots, boots recommended. Telescopes can be useful for viewing distant waterfowl. RSVP Leader Required. Trip limited to 10 participants. Be Prepared that Masks and Social Distancing May Be Required. Leader: John Dennehy, jedennehay@verizon.net, or 410-375-9802.
**OCT 24** (Sat) 8:00-9:30 am **Druid Hill Park.** Join Audubon and the Maryland Zoo to explore this leafy city park. From forest to lake, a variety of bird species await. For information, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center. Participants must adhere to our COVID code of conduct and register in advance at our website, patterson.audubon.org.

**OCT 31** (Sat) 8:00-9:30 am **Patterson Park.** Join Audubon to explore this urban oasis in southeast Baltimore. With more than 200 species on record, the park is full of surprises. For directions, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center. Participants must adhere to our COVID code of conduct and register in advance at our website, patterson.audubon.org.

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**NOVEMBER 2020**

**NOV 4** (Wed) 8:00 am **Fort McHenry.** Continuing a series of surveys at the fort and wetland. Binoculars required. Telescope can be useful for distance viewing. *Due to Covid-19 all walks are currently pending, please look for announcements via BBC email or social media or contact walk leader for updates. Cancelled in bad weather. Please park outside the main entrance gate in lot on left, and meet at the gate. RSVP Leader Required. Trip limited to 10 participants. Be Prepared: Masks and Social Distancing May Be Required.* Leader: Mary Chetelat, 410-665-0769 (alternate contact Wendy Alexander, 443-204-3754)

**NOV 8** (Sun) 8:30 am **Irvine Nature Center.** A great spot for sparrows (vesper sparrow possible), raptors, and other birds of this transitional season. Recommended for young birders and their parents. Canceled if rain or winds. A fee of $5 per person required. Be Prepared: Masks and Social Distancing May Be Required. Trip limited to 10 participants. RSVP Leader required. Leader: Brian Rollfinke, brollfinke@gmail.com.

**NOV 8** (Sun) 9:00 am **Marshy Point Nature Center.** Easy half-day walk through varied habitats for feeder birds and other songbirds, raptors, and waterfowl. Half-mile trail leads to point overlooking Dundee Creek. Recommended for young birders and their parents. Boots advisable, telescopes useful. RSVP Leader Required. Trip limited to 10 participants. Be Prepared that Masks and Social Distancing May Be Required. Leaders: Brent and Mary Byers, baypuffin@hotmail.com or 410-686-7294.

**NOV 10** (Tue) 7:00 pm **Tuesday Evening (Online Presentation).** Continuing a series of monthly feature presentations and slide shows each month except December and January. Tonight: “The Changes in the Birding Hobby,” presented by Iain Campbell. The very nature of birding has been changing over the last ten years, and at Tropical Birding we have been monitoring the changes and challenges to our lifestyle. Let’s have a conversation about the movement from listing birding to birding photography, the move towards patch birding, and a fascinating movement to habitat birding. We can talk about flight shame and the balance between the desire to reduce carbon emissions and the need to protect world biodiversity through conservation projects funded through birding. Don’t be afraid to speak up!

**NOV 17** (Tue) 7:00 pm **BBC Board Meeting.** (Online). While only authorized board members have a vote, any club member is welcome to attend and participate in discussions. Call any club officer or board member for details.

**NOV 21** (Sat) 7:00 am **Blackwater NWR.** All day trip to see ducks, thousands of geese, bald eagles, and brown-headed nuthatches. White pelicans possible. Rough-legged hawk and short-eared owl possible in the late afternoon. Possible other stops along the way. Bring lunch, water, and snacks. Trip canceled in bad weather. RSVP required in case trip is canceled. **Meet at Nursery Rd-Hammonds Ferry Rd Park and Ride** for car-pooling. RSVP Leader Required. Trip limited to 10 participants. Be Prepared that Masks and Social Distancing May Be Required. Leader: Joe Corcoran, corcoran2921@gmail.com, or 667-231-6453.
**NOV 21 (Sat) 8:00 am Fort McHenry.** Continuing a series of surveys of bird activity at the Fort and wetland. Binoculars required. Telescope can be useful for distance viewing. *Due to Covid-19 all walks are currently pending, please look for announcements via BBC email or social media or contact walk leader for updates.* Cancelled in bad weather. Park outside the main entrance gate in lot on left, and meet at the gate. RSVP Leader Required. Trip limited to 10 participants. Be Prepared: Masks and Social Distancing May Be Required. Leader: Wendy Alexander, 443-204-3754.

**NOV 21 (Sat) 8:00-9:30 am Druid Hill Park.** Join Audubon and the Maryland Zoo to explore this leafy city park. From forest to lake, a variety of bird species await. For information, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center. Participants must adhere to our COVID code of conduct and register in advance at our website, patterson.audubon.org.

**NOV 28 (Sat) 8:00-9:30 am Patterson Park.** Join Audubon to explore this urban oasis in southeast Baltimore. With more than 200 species on record, the park is full of surprises. For directions, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center. Participants must adhere to our COVID code of conduct and register in advance at our website, patterson.audubon.org.

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**DIRECTIONS TO MEETING PLACES**

*in Alphabetical Order*

**Cromwell Valley Park.** From Baltimore Beltway I-695 inner loop (eastbound) take Exit 29A Cromwell Bridge Road. At end of entrance ramp, turn left (north) onto Cromwell Bridge Road. From Beltway outer loop (westbound) take Exit 29 ramp down to Cromwell Bridge Road, then turn left (north). Once on Cromwell Bridge Road, continue 1.4 miles beyond the light, turn left at “Willow Grove Farm” entrance. Follow entrance road, cross a small bridge, and park in lot on left. GPS Coordinates 39.417000, -76.547000

**Cylburn Arboretum.** From Baltimore Beltway I-695, go south on I-83 Jones Falls Expressway. Take Northern Parkway Exit 10 West (right). Go about ½ mile up hill to the traffic light. Turn left onto Greenspring Avenue. Go about ¼ mile, just past first intersection, and turn left through stone gate entrance into Cylburn Arboretum grounds. Follow the drive to the circle in front of the Vollmer Center building. Go most of the way around the circle to enter the parking area. Follow signs at the back end of parking lot (i.e. from that point, turn right, then immediately turn right again, go up short hill to small parking lot on top of the hill). The Greenhouse Classroom is the building beside the lot has a side entrance door. Go in and turn left, walk through a short hallway, and through a door at the end into the lecture room. For Cylburn Mansion, park in same lot as Greenhouse Classroom and walk the short path going east. GPS coordinates 39.351721, -76.655407

**Fort McHenry.** From I-95, take Hanover Street Exit 55, McComas Street (last exit before tunnel eastbound, first exit after tunnel westbound), north (left) onto Key Highway which turns west, first left onto Lawrence Street, left (east) onto Fort Avenue and continue east to the entrance gate into Fort McHenry. Park outside the main entrance gate at the lot on left hand side (Wallace Street) and meet at the gate. Alternate route: Take the Jones Falls Expressway I-83, south to St Paul Street exit. Go south on St Paul which becomes Light Street. Turn left (east) onto Fort Avenue, and continue to end and entrance gate as above. GPS coordinates 39.265341, -76.583458
**Gwynns Falls Trail South.** From the North: From Baltimore Beltway (I-695) take Exit 23A, Jones Falls Expressway (I-83 South). After about 8 miles, take Exit 4, MD-2 South/St. Paul St, and turn right onto St. Paul St. After nearly a mile, cross Centre Street and bear right onto St. Paul Place. Then turn right onto Franklin St/US-40 W. Turn left onto N Greene St. which becomes Russell St. After about 1.5 miles, turn left onto Worcester St (before the casino), then left onto Warner St and carefully make a U-turn to park at 1450 Warner St. From the South: From Baltimore Beltway South (I-695), take exit 11A, I-95 North toward Baltimore, then take Exit 52, Russell St North. Turn right at Worcester St (pass the casino), then left onto Warner St and carefully make a U-turn to park at 1450 Warner St. GPS coordinates [39.274517,-76.625100]

**Hampden Bookbindery (Chimney Swifts).** From I-83, take the Cold Spring exit headed east to Keswick Road (about 5 lights). Turn right and take Keswick 1.3 miles to 33rd Street. Turn right on 33rd Street, then left on Elm Street. Follow Elm Street to the end where it curves to the left and park in the Mill Center parking lot. Then walk back up to the Bookbindery—across from the chain link fence.

GPS: If using GPS, search for 3100 Elm Avenue. [39.325296,-76.631595]

**Hashawha Environmental Center.** From I-695 Baltimore Beltway, take I-795 Northwest Expressway toward Reisterstown/Owings Mills. Continue onto MD-140 N and go 12 miles. Exit onto MD-97 N Littlestown Pike toward Union Mills. After 3 miles, turn right onto John Owings Rd. In 1.5 miles, turn left onto Hashawha Rd. In ¼ mile, Bear Branch Nature Center parking lot will be on right. GPS coordinates [39.650352,-76.991987]

**Holt Park.** From Baltimore Beltway (I-695), take exit 32A to merge onto US-1 S/Belair Rd toward Overlea. Continue on US-1 S/Belair Rd for 1 ½ miles. Turn left onto Fullerton Ave. Turn right onto Kenwood Ave. Turn left onto Elmont Ave. Parking lot will be on your left before you reach end of the road at the circle. GPS coordinates [39.353060,-76.517209].

**Irving Nature Center.** 11201 Garrison Forest Rd, Owings Mills. From Baltimore Beltway (I-695) take exit 20 for Reisterstown Rd, MD-140 north toward Garrison. Turn right onto Greenspring Valley Road. Turn left onto Garrison Forest Road and go 2.1 miles. Irvine entrance is on the right. GPS coordinates [39.433244,-76.763145]

**Marshy Point Nature Center.** From Baltimore Beltway I-695, take Exit 36, Route 702. Take 2nd exit, Chase/Eastern Boulevard, Route 150 east. Go 6 miles. Turn right at Marshy Point sign. Go ½ mile, turn left into Nature Center parking lot. GPS coordinates [39.348692,-76.370541]

**Milford Mill Park (aka Villa Nova Park).** From the Baltimore Beltway I-695, take Exit 18 and go west on MD Route 26/Liberty Road. Make a right at the first traffic light to go north on Washington Avenue. Washington Avenue ends at Milford Mill Road; at that point, turn right (east) onto Milford Mill Road. The small parking area for the Park is on the right immediately after the overpass.

GPS coordinates [39.348692,-76.742683]

**Mount Vista Park.** 11101 Raphael Road, Upper Falls, MD 21156. From I-695 in Towson: Head east on I-695. Take left exit 31C, White Marsh Bld. Turn left onto US-1 North Belair Rd. and continue for 5.1 miles. Turn right onto Mt. Vista Rd. Park entrance is at Mt. Vista and Raphael Rds. GPS coordinates [39.427280,-76.407885]

**Northampton Furnace Trail – Loch Raven.** From Baltimore Beltway I-695 take exit 27, Dulaney Valley Road north. Go 2.2 miles and park across from Chapelwood Lane, where we will meet. If full, park on Chapelwood Lane. GPS coordinates [39.441210,-76.596949]
**Nursery Road-Hammonds Ferry Road Park-in-Ride.** From Baltimore Beltway I-695 outer loop (southbound), take Exit 8B (NOT 8A), ramp leads to parking lot across Hammonds Ferry Road. From Beltway inner loop (northbound), take Exit 8 ramp, right onto Fairview, turn right onto Nursery Road, right onto Hammonds Ferry Road, then left at next light into Park-n-Ride lot.
GPS coordinates 39.227299, -76.665519

**Old Picnic Area Trail – Loch Raven.** From Baltimore Beltway I-695 take exit 27, Dulaney Valley Road north. In 3.8 miles, cross over the bridge at the reservoir, and immediately bear right following Dulaney Valley Road. In about 1/2 mile, the entrance will be on the right at blue "Hunter Parking" sign. GPS coordinates 39.466542, -76.562628

**Oregon Ridge and Farm Park.** From Baltimore Beltway I-695, take I-83 North to Exit 20B (Shawan Road West). Follow Shawan Road to the first light, Beaver Dam Road, and turn left. Immediately after making the left onto Beaver Dam Road, there will be a fork in the road. Take the right fork. Follow the driveway up to the parking lot, and meet at the Oregon Ridge Nature Center, located a short walk up the rest of the driveway, at the top of the hill.,GPS coordinates 39.493823, -76.690410

**Patterson Park.** Contact Patterson Park Audubon Center- https://www.patterson.audubon.org

**Quarry Place.** From Baltimore Beltway I-695, take exit 19 Northwest Expressway (I-795) north for approximately 6 miles. Then take Exit 7B Franklin Blvd West, pass traffic signal, then first right into parking lot in Reisterstown, MD. GPS coordinates 39.437666, -76.826254

**Wyman Park.** From I-83 take 28th St. exit east. From 28th St., turn left on Remington Ave. Go 4 blocks and park along Remington Ave. Meet on the bridge. The Remington Ave. bridge is next to the Homewood Early Learning Center at 200 Wyman Park Dr., Baltimore, MD 21211. GPS coordinates 39.326496, -76.625594