FIELD TRIP GUIDELINES

- Check BBC program schedule, newsletter, website and e-bulletin for trip details and changes.

- 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.”

- Go Green - Car pool on all trips to save on gas.
MEETINGS AND FIELD TRIPS SCHEDULE

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

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Events may be cancelled for inclement weather. When in doubt, check with the trip leader.

Note – directions are at end of booklet

FEBRUARY 2020

FEB 5 (Wed) 8:00 am First Wednesday Walks at Fort McHenry. Continuing a series of monthly morning surveys of bird activity at the Fort and wetland. Telescope can be useful. Canceled in bad weather. Meet outside the park front gates and park in lot on left hand side. Leader: Mary Chetelat, 410-665-0769, (alternate contact-Wendy Alexander, 443-204-3754).

FEB 8 (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 snow, rain, or slippery conditions. RSVP required in case trip is canceled. Meet at 7:00 AM at Nursery Rd/Hammond Ferry Rd P&R for car-pooling. Leader: Joe Corcoran, corcoran2921@gmail.com, 667-231-6453.

FEB 9 (Sun) 9:00 am Marshy Point Nature Center. Half-day trip for winter waterfowl, raptors, passerines. Half-mile trail leads to point overlooking Dundee Creek. Recommended for young birders and their parents. Boots advisable, telescopes useful. Leaders: Brent and Mary Byers, 410-626-7294 or baypuffin@hotmail.com.

FEB 11 (Tue) 7:00 pm BBC Board meeting. 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. Held at the Cylburn Greenhouse Classroom.

FEB 15 (Sat) 8:00 am Loch Raven Point and Loch Raven Dam. Morning trip to see ducks, grebes, coots, and other water birds. Meet at Loch Raven Point (public area on Loch Raven Drive, just west of Bridge #1). Our second stop will be Loch Raven Dam. Scopes useful. Trip canceled in snow, rain, or slippery conditions. RSVP required in case trip is canceled. Leaders: Debbie Terry, 443-578-8243 or dterry12@verizon.net and Kevin Graff, keyweststyle2001@gmail.com.

FEB 15 (Sat) 8:00 am - 12:00 noon Saturday Monitoring Walk at Fort McHenry. Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Telescope can be useful. Canceled in bad weather. Park outside the main entrance gate in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader: Ben Poscover, 410-882-1309, (alternate contact- Wendy Alexander, 443-204-3754).

FEB 22 (Sat) 7:30am. Winter Waterfowl at North Beach/Herrington Harbour. A 3/4 day trip south along border of Calvert and Anne Arundel Counties to spot waterfowl at North Beach Marsh, North Beach Boardwalk, Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail, and Herrington Harbour. We’ll also look for winter residents such as sparrows, and raptors. Optional lunch at local restaurant. Telescopes useful. Meet at Nursery Rd/Hammond Ferry Rd P&R for car-pooling. Canceled if high winds, snow. Contact leader for more info. Leader: Kevin Graff, keyweststyle2001@gmail.com.

FEB 22 (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. Meet at 3001 East Drive to start the walk. To borrow binoculars, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410-558-2473 or baltimore@audubon.com.

FEB 23 (Sun) 12:00-4:00 pm 75th Anniversary Covered Dish Dinner. We’ll celebrate BBC and MOS’s 75th Anniversary with a brief program and then introduce our main speaker, Hank Kaestner presenting “The Jewels of Ecuador.” Former Baltimore Bird Club president and renowned world birder Hank Kaestner will speak about two of his favorite subjects: birding in South America, and watching hummingbirds. This talk follows Hank as he transects Ecuador, from the tropical "Choco" habitat in the Pacific slope, up over the Andes, and down the eastern slope towards Amazonia. On the trip Hank saw nearly 400 species of birds, including many "jewels" (the hummingbirds). Photography is made easy by the hummingbird feeders that are at each of the eco-lodges
along the way. Not only will you see many beautiful birds, but this talk will give you a real appreciation for what eco-tourism has meant to the locals and the environment.

To reserve a place and tell us what you will bring, please use the website PerfectPotluck.com—detailed instructions will be sent out in December. See directions in the final section of this booklet. For information contact the coordinator Kevin Graff at keyweststyle2001@gmail.com, or call Mark Linardi at 443-834-8413.

FEB 29 (Sat) 8:00 - 9:30 am Patterson Park. Join Audubon to explore this urban oasis in Southeast Baltimore. With more than 210 species on record, the park is full of surprises. Meet at the fountain, near intersection of E. Lombard St. & S. Patterson Park Ave. For directions or to borrow binoculars, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410-558-2473 or baltimore@audubon.org.

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MARCH 2020

MAR 1 (Sun) 7:15 am Sandy Point State Park. Joint trip with Anne Arundel County Bird Club. Expect to see large variety of ducks, hawks and migrating passerines. Great Cormorant and Snow Bunting are possible. Be advised that the park fee is $6, unless you have a state park pass. Carpool from Nursery Rd lot at 7:15 am. Leaders: Alan & Sue Young. Coordinator: Kevin Graff, keyweststyle2001@gmail.com, or 410--967-5896 (text only).

MAR 3 (Tue) 7:00 pm Tuesday Evening at Cylburn. Continuing series of monthly feature presentations and slide shows on the first Tuesday of each month except December, January and February. Tonight: Leslie Starr - Basics of eBird. Data collection for the third MD-DC Breeding Bird Atlas will begin this spring and the preferred way to submit records is via eBird, Cornell’s citizen data collection program. This talk is for those who are not yet comfortable with eBird and want to get started, or know the basics and want to explore further. EBird is an amazing source of information and any birder who does not use it doesn’t know what they’re missing!

MAR 4 (Wed) 8:00 am - noon First Wednesday Walks at Fort McHenry. Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort and wetland. Telescopes useful. Cancelled in bad weather. Park outside the main entrance gate, in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader: Mary Chetelat, 410- 665-0769 (alternate contact Wendy Alexander, 443- 204-3754).

MAR 7 (Sat) 7:00 am Hughes Hollow. Half day. Bordered along Potomac River, a managed wildlife area with good variety of habitats, we’ll see waterfowl on the move, migrating passerines. Possible American Bittern, Red-headed Woodpecker, Purple Finches. If time allows, we will visit Blue Marsh Nature Trail. Optional lunch on way home. Leader: Kevin Graff, keyweststyle2001@gmail.com or 410--967-5896 (text only).

MAR 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. Remember this is the first day of daylight savings. All are welcome, including families. Telescopes useful. Leaders: Brent and Mary Byers, 410- 686-7294 or baypuffin@hotmail.com.

MAR 11 (Wed) 8:00 am BBC Anniversary Walk. Baltimore Bird Club held its first ever field trip on March 11, 1945 at Lake Roland. We’ll retrace that route to celebrate BBC’s 75th Anniversary! Meet at the Light Rail parking lot. Optional lunch at Pepe’s afterwards. Leaders: Peter Lev, plev@comcast.net or 410--952-9426, and Kevin Graff keyweststyle2001@gmail.com or (text only) 410--967-5896.

MAR 14 (Sat) 6:30 am Cape May. Expected to see impressive number of birds at variety of locations throughout Cape Island and if time allows to hike down Stone Harbor Point for overwintering shorebirds. Harlequin Ducks, Seabirds close to shore. Rarities possible. **Optional overnight** Contact leader for more info. Leader: Kevin Graff, keyweststyle2001@gmail.com or 410- 967-5896 (text only).

MAR 21 (Sat) 8:00 am Saturday Morning Monitoring Walk at Fort McHenry. Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Telescopes useful. Cancelled in bad weather. Park outside the main entrance gate, in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader: David Sandler, 410-370-0747 (alternate contact Wendy Alexander, 443--204-3754).

MAR 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. Meet at 3001 East Drive to start the walk. To borrow binoculars, contact Patterson Park
MAR 28 (Sat) 8:00 am Patterson Park. Join Audubon to explore this urban oasis in Southeast Baltimore. With more than 205 species on record, the park is full of surprises. Meet at the fountain, near intersection of E. Lombard St. & S. Patterson Park Ave. For directions or to borrow binoculars, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410-558-2473 or baltimore@audubon.com.

MAR 29 (Sun) 2:00 pm Sunday Afternoon at Cylburn. Continuing series of monthly feature presentations and slide shows. Today: Sarah Luttrell on Birdsongs. Acoustic communication is very important for birds. Luckily for us, bird and human hearing ranges largely overlap, allowing us to key in on this communication channel for general enjoyment, and for better birding. Just in time for our spring migrants to be singing their hearts out, Sarah will talk about the natural history of bird sounds and how we can use songs and calls to enhance our birding experience. ALSO VOTE TODAY FOR BBC OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2020-2021.

APRIL 2020

APR 1 (Wed) 8:00 am - noon First Wednesday Walks at Fort McHenry. Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort and wetland. Telescopes useful. Cancelled in bad weather. Park outside the main entrance gate, in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader: Mary Chetelat, 410-665-0769 (alternate contact Wendy Alexander, 443-204-3754).

APR 4. (Sat) 8:00 am NCR Trail at Ashland and Paper Mill Flats. Trip to two locations for migrating waterfowl, early shorebirds, and spring song birds. Bring spotting telescope if you have one. Meet at NCR Trail parking lot north side of Ashland/Paper Mill Road. Leader: Debbie Terry, 443-578-8243 or dterry12@verizon.net.

APR 5 (Sun) 8:00 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. All are welcome, including families. Telescopes useful. Leaders: Brent and Mary Byers, 410-686-7294 or baypuffin@hotmail.com.

APR 7 (Tues) 8:00 am Lake Roland. First in a series of weekly walks following the progress of spring migration in Lake Roland’s varied habitats. Meet at the Light Rail Parking Lot (Boardwalk entrance to the park). Check with leader if weather is extreme (rain, wind). Leader: Joe Corcoran, corcoran2921@gmail.com or 667-231-6453.

APR 11 (Sat) 8:00 am North Point State Park. Eastern Baltimore County hotspot, good for both water birds and land birds. $4 per car admission fee. Park in first lot after entrance station. Possible Blue-winged Teal, American Bittern, Virginia Rail, Red-headed Woodpecker. Leader: Peter Lev, plev@comcast.net or 410-952-9426.

APR 14 (Tues) 8:00 am Lake Roland. Continuing series of weekly walks following the progress of spring migration in Lake Roland’s varied habitats. Meet at the Light Rail Parking Lot (Boardwalk entrance to the park). Check with leader if weather is extreme (rain, wind). Leader: Mike Bradley, michaelbradley023@gmail.com.

APR 18 (Sat) 8:00 am Saturday Morning Monitoring Walk at Fort McHenry. Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Telescopes useful. Cancelled in bad weather. Park outside the main entrance gate, in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader: David Sandler, 410-370-0747 (alternate contact Wendy Alexander, 443-204-3754).

APR 18 (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. Meet at 3001 East Drive to start the walk. To borrow binoculars, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410-558-2473 or baltimore@audubon.com.

APR 21 (Tues) 8:00 am Lake Roland. Continuing series of weekly walks following the progress of spring migration in Lake Roland’s varied habitats. Meet at the Light Rail Parking Lot (Boardwalk entrance to the park). Check with leader if weather is extreme (rain, wind). Leader: Mary Chetelat, 410-665-0769.

APR 25 (Sat) 8:00 am Soldiers Delight. Expect to see a wide variety of migrating songbirds at Soldiers Delight Natural Environment Area in Owings Mills. Meet at the Overlook on Deer Park Rd. We will cover 1.5-2 miles of level but sometimes rocky terrain. Trails can be muddy if the weather has been wet. Leader: Sarah Luttrell, luttrell.sa@gmail.com or 614-352-7718.
APR 25 (Sat) 8:00 am Patterson Park. Join Audubon to explore this urban oasis in Southeast Baltimore. With more than 205 species on record, the park is full of surprises. Meet at the fountain, near intersection of E. Lombard St. & S. Patterson Park Ave. For directions or to borrow binoculars, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410- 558-2473 or baltimore@audubon.org.

APR 26 (Sun) 8:00 am Holt Park. Little known park, now becoming popular during spring and fall migration. Expect to see good variety of warblers, videos, flycatchers close to edge of power line cut and beyond. Beginner birders welcome. Leader: Matt Lince. Coordinator: Kevin Graff, keyweststyle2001@gmail.com, 410--967-5896 (text only).

APR 26 (Sun) 8:15 am Cylburn Walk. Meet at the main Vollmer Center parking lot for easy birding in Cylburn's gardens and urban forest. Expect to find a variety of migrant and resident birds. Beginning birders welcome. Leader: Mark Linardi, 443- 834-8413 or mlinardi@outlook.com.

APR 26 (Sun) 7:45-8:30 pm Chimney Swifts at Dusk. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN TIME! The swifts have returned again to the Bookbindery Chimney in Hampden, so that is where we will hold the watch again this spring! If cloudy or a drizzle, come a half hour early. Cancelled if raining. Binoculars useful but not necessary. Hope to see you there! Leader: Joan Cwi, 410- 467-5352or jafjsc@verizon.net and Alice Nelson, 410- 499-0546 or alice.display@verizon.net. Website: https://baltimorebirdclub.org Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/382565775136349/members/

APR 28 (Tues) 8:00 am Lake Roland. Continuing series of weekly walks following the progress of spring migration in Lake Roland’s varied habitats. Meet at the Light Rail Parking Lot (Boardwalk entrance to the park). Check with leader if weather is extreme (rain, wind). Leader: John Landers, 410--292-9549 or dado1bw@aol.com.

MAY 2020

MAY 2 (Sat) 7:30 am-12:00 pm Susquehanna State Park, Rock Run Gristmill. Meet at the lot at the end of Rock Run Rd., next to the old mill building. Trip to the river in Harford County for resident Cerulean and Prothonotary Warblers and a collection of spring migrants. This is one of the best spring warbler watching sites in Maryland; 18 to 24 warbler species possible in a single day. Contact the leaders in advance for possible carpooling. Leaders: Brent and Mary Byers, 410--686-7294 or baypuffin@hotmail.com.

MAY 3 (Sun) 8:00 am Oregon Ridge and Agricultural Center. Oregon Ridge is a good spot for warblers, thrushes, and other passerines. The Center for Maryland Agriculture, just across Shawan Road, has a variety of open habitats; we'll look here for sparrows, meadowlark, Killdeer, etc. Meet at the Oregon Ridge Nature Center. Leader: Simon Best, simonrabest@gmail.com.

MAY 3 (Sun) 8:15 am Cylburn Walk and Quarry Lake. Meet at the main Vollmer Center parking lot for easy birding in Cylburn's gardens and urban forest. Expect to find a variety of migrant and resident birds. Then we'll move to nearby Quarry Lake for a different set of habitats. Beginning birders welcome. Leader: Peter Lev, 410--952-9426 or plev@comcast.net.

MAY 5 (Tues) 8:00 am Lake Roland. Continuing series of weekly walks following the progress of spring migration in Lake Roland’s varied habitats. Meet at the Light Rail Parking Lot (Boardwalk entrance to the park). Check with leader if weather is extreme (rain, wind). Leader: Peter Lev, plev@comcast.net or 410--952-9426.

MAY 5 (Tue) 7:00 pm Tuesday Evening at Cylburn. Continuing series of monthly feature presentations and slide shows. Tonight: Daisy Sudano will present "The Cohabitation of Shorebirds and Horseshoe Crabs". Daisy will do a presentation on Maryland’s oldest living fossil, the Limulus Polyphemus or better known as the Horseshoe crab and their part in making sure many migrating shorebirds, especially the Red Knot, continue to thrive in existence.

MAY 6 (Wed) 8:00 am - noon First Wednesday Walks at Fort McHenry. Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort and wetland. Telescopes useful. Cancelled in bad weather. Park outside the main entrance gate, in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader: Mary Chetelat, 410- 665-0769 (alternate contact Wendy Alexander, 443- 204-3754).

MAY 9 (Sat) May Count. Here’s your opportunity to count birds in a Baltimore City or Baltimore County territory of your choice on one of the best migration dates of the year. Feeder bird watchers also welcome. Contact the coordinators ahead of time to avoid duplication. Coordinator: Kevin Graff, keyweststyle2001@gmail.com or 410--967-5896 (text only).
**MAY 10** (Sun) 8:00 am – 5:00 pm **DuPont Nature Center**  
We will be visiting the DNREC’s DuPont Nature Center in Milford, DE and make some stops along the shoreline on our drive along Bay Avenue and Slaughter Beach. The DuPont Nature Center is a science-based educational and interpretive facility with interactive exhibits designed to connect people with the Delaware Bay's natural history and ecology. More than 130 species of birds, fish, shellfish, and other animals can be found in the surrounding estuary habitat. Minimal walking. Please bring a bagged lunch. **RSVP- 14 participants only** Leader: Daisy Sudano-Pellegrini, dsudanotrainings@yahoo.com, 443-416-9867. Meet at Coppermine Fieldhouse parking lot.

**MAY 10** (Sun) 7:30 am sharp. **Hemlock Gorge Trail**. Fairly easy, almost level, slightly downhill half-mile walk from bridge to gorge. Rapids at end with hemlock trees both sides of the Gunpowder. Cerulean Warbler possible (sang in previous years), warblers, vireos, flycatchers and tanagers on territory. Optional side trip to see nesting Cliff Swallows and Red-headed Woodpeckers. Meet at Mt. Carmel Rd. Park & Ride. Leaders: Matt Lince, mdlince@comcast.net and Kevin Graff, keyweststyle2001@gmail.com or 410-967-5896 (text only).

**MAY 10** (Sun) 8:00 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. All are welcome, including families. Telescopes useful. Leaders: Brent and Mary Byers, 410-686-7294 or baypuffin@hotmail.com.

**MAY 12** (Tues) 8:00 am **Lake Roland**. Continuing series of weekly walks following the progress of spring migration in Lake Roland’s varied habitats. Meet at the Light Rail Parking Lot (Boardwalk entrance to the park). Check with leader if weather is extreme (rain, wind). Leader: Ron Davis, ronldavis1963@gmail.com, 410-821-1297.

**MAY 15-17** **MOS 73RD ANNUAL CONVENTION**. Celebrate the 75th year of MOS! Cumberland, MD  
Save the date and mark your calendar!! Check the MOS website over the next few months for updates, conference website and registration form.

**MAY 16** (Sat) 8:00 am **Patuxent Research Refuge and National Wildlife Visitor's Center -South Tract**. We will explore the South Tract which includes Cash Lake and several ponds, marshy habitats, meadows and wooded areas. Will also see the native plant and pollinator gardens with bird feeding stations. Quite birdy with spring migrants (thrushes and warblers). Notable are breeding populations of Wild Turkey, Bald Eagle, Osprey, Wood Duck, Hooded Merganser, Green Heron, Pileated Woodpecker, Warbling Vireo, Spotted Sandpipers, Willow Flycatcher, and several swallow species. After the walk, you may visit (on your own) the wonderful FREE visitor's center which includes photos, art work and displays. Bring bug spray, sunscreen and water bottle. Bathrooms in Visitor's center and at far end of Lake. Meeting at far-left end of lot, facing building. No need to RSVP. Contact info: Deb and Lou Taylor, 410-852-9807.

**MAY 16** (Sat) 8:00 am **Saturday Morning Monitoring Walk at Fort McHenry**. Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Telescopes useful. Cancelled in bad weather. Park outside the main entrance gate, in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader: Wendy Alexander, 443-204-3754.

**MAY 17** (Sun) 8:00 am **Habitat Walk: Lower Stony Run Stream Restoration**. To mitigate the erosion occurring along Lower Stony Run, Baltimore City and contractors from Biohabitats widened the stream bank and created a terraced stormwater wetland. Only some of the planned native plantings and tree replacements have been implemented. The heavy rains of 2018 undermined some of the restoration efforts. What has been the effect on bird life and the waterway? Expect to see warblers, flycatchers, and herons. Baltimore Oriole and Scarlet Tanager are likely. We'll meet at the Remington Ave. bridge above Wyman Park Dr. The one-mile dirt path can be muddy. Leaders: James Wolf, Friends of Stony Run representative and Lynne Parks v.lynneparks@gmail.com or 443-416-6180.

**MAY 19** (Tues) 8:00 am **Lake Roland**. Continuing series of weekly walks following the progress of spring migration in Lake Roland’s varied habitats. Meet at the Light Rail Parking Lot (Boardwalk entrance to the park). Check with leaders if weather is extreme (rain, wind). Leaders: Debbie & Lou Taylor, 410-852-9807, debrataylor11@gmail.com.

**MAY 23** (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. Meet at 3001 East Drive to start the walk. To borrow binoculars, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410-558-2473 or baltimore@audubon.com.

**MAY 24** (Sun) 6:45 am sharp. **Bombay Hook & DuPont Nature Center**. Joint trip with Anne Arundel Bird Club. Meet at Nursery Road Park-n-Ride 6:45 am for a drive down to meet with leader before crossing Bay Bridge. For a wide variety of migrating

MAY 30 (Sat) 8:00 am Patterson Park. Join Audubon to explore this urban oasis in Southeast Baltimore. With more than 205 species on record, the park is full of surprises. Meet at the fountain, near intersection of E. Lombard St. & S. Patterson Park Ave. For directions or to borrow binoculars, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410- 558-2473 or baltimore@audubon.org.

JUNE 2020

JUNE 2 (TUE) 7:30 am Prettyboy Reservoir—CCC Trail. We'll look for breeding warblers, vireos and flycatchers. Prettyboy is a quiet oasis, less traffic, and fewer hikers than other sites which makes birding easier. Optional side trip to Red-headed Woodpecker site. Meet at Mt. Carmel Rd. Park & Ride. Cancelled if raining. Leader: Kevin Graff, keyweststyle2001@gmail.com or 410--967-5896 (text only).

JUNE 3 (Wed) 8:00 am - noon First Wednesday Walks at Fort McHenry. Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort and wetland. Telescopes useful. Cancelled in bad weather. Park outside the main entrance gate, in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader: Mary Chetelat, 410- 665-0769 (alternate contact Wendy Alexander, 443- 204-3754).

JUNE 5 (Fri) 8:00 am. Habitat Walk: Quarry Lake -- Bluestone Park. This was a limestone quarry until 1999. Became a mixed-use development -- with housing, office, retail, and a 40-acre lake. Now an eBird Hotspot with 170+ species of birds. From the contracted Environmental Specialist learn about ecolonal variation and how wetland creation, stream restoration and reforestation using native plants stimulate species diversity. Expect to see a variety of nesting birds, including Willow Flycatcher, Warbling Vireo, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, and Baltimore and Orchard Orioles. Easy walking. Meet at the Gazebo just inside the Bluestone Park entrance, just south of the light at Quarry Lake Drive. Leaders: Eric Hadaway, DMW Inc. in Towson, and John Dennehy at 410- 653-5214 or jedennehy@verizon.net.

JUNE 7 (Sun) 12:30 to 3:30 pm BBC Picnic. The location for the BBC Picnic is not yet confirmed. It will probably be Oregon Ridge Park in Hunt Valley. Coordinator: Kevin Graff, keyweststyle2001@gmail.com 410- 967-5896 (text only) or call Peter Lev at 410–823-2962.

JUNE 9 (TUE) 7:30 am Prettyboy Reservoir—Georges Creek Trail. We'll look for breeding warblers, vireos and flycatchers. Prettyboy is a quiet oasis, less traffic, and fewer hikers than other sites which makes birding easier. Optional side trip to Red-headed Woodpecker site. Meet at Mt. Carmel Rd. Park & Ride. Cancelled if raining. Coordinator: Kevin Graff, keyweststyle2001@gmail.com or 410--967-5896 (text only).

JUNE 14 (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. All are welcome, including families. Telescopes useful. Leaders: Brent and Mary Byers, 410- 686-7294 or baypuffin@hotmail.com.

JUNE 16 (TUE) 7:30 am Prettyboy Reservoir—Shamberger Peninsula Trail. We'll look for breeding warblers, vireos and flycatchers. Prettyboy is a quiet oasis, less traffic, and fewer hikers than other sites which makes birding easier. Optional side trip to Red-headed Woodpecker site. Meet at Mt. Carmel Rd. Park & Ride. Cancelled if raining. Coordinator: Kevin Graff, keyweststyle2001@gmail.com or 410--967-5896 (text only).

JUNE 20 (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. Meet at 3001 East Drive to start the walk. To borrow binoculars, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410- 558-2473 or baltimore@audubon.com.

JUNE 27 (Sat) 8:00 am Patterson Park. Join Audubon to explore this urban oasis in Southeast Baltimore. With more than 205 species on record, the park is full of surprises. Meet at the fountain, near intersection of E. Lombard St. & S. Patterson Park Ave. For directions or to borrow binoculars, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410- 558-2473 or baltimore@audubon.org.

JULY 2020
**JULY 12 (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. All are welcome, including families. Telescopes useful. Leaders: Brent and Mary Byers, 410-686-7294 or baypuffin@hotmail.com.

**JULY 18 (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. Meet at 3001 East Drive to start the walk. To borrow binoculars, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410-558-2473 or baltimore@audubon.com.

**JULY 25 (Sat) 8:00 am Patterson Park.** Join Audubon to explore this urban oasis in Southeast Baltimore. With more than 205 species on record, the park is full of surprises. Meet at the fountain, near intersection of E. Lombard St. & S. Patterson Park Ave. For directions or to borrow binoculars, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410-558-2473 or baltimore@audubon.org.

**AUGUST 2020**

**AUG 9 (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. All are welcome, including families. Telescopes useful. Leaders: Brent and Mary Byers, 410-686-7294 or baypuffin@hotmail.com.

**AUG 22 (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. Meet at 3001 East Drive to start the walk. To borrow binoculars, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410-558-2473 or baltimore@audubon.com.

**AUG 25 (Tues) 8:00 am Cromwell Valley Park.** First in a series of weekly morning walks to follow the progress of Fall migration. Expect a variety of migrant and resident birds. Leader: TBA.

**AUG 29 (Sat) 8:00 am Patterson Park.** Join Audubon to explore this urban oasis in Southeast Baltimore. With more than 205 species on record, the park is full of surprises. Meet at the fountain, near intersection of E. Lombard St. & S. Patterson Park Ave. For directions or to borrow binoculars, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410-558-2473 or baltimore@audubon.org.

**DIRECTIONS TO MEETING PLACES**
in Alphabetical Order

**Bombay Hook-see Nursery Rd/Hammonds Ferry Rd Park and Ride (P&R).**

**Cape May- See Cromwell Bridge Park & Ride**

**Coppermine Fieldhouse parking lot, 1400 Coppermine Terrace, Baltimore, Maryland 21209.** Coming from south of Old Pimlico Road on Falls Road make a left on the first street after Old Pimlico Road. Follow Coppermine Terrace to the parking lot. Coming from north of Old Pimlico Road on Falls Road make a right onto Coppermine Terrace and follow to the parking lot. GPS coordinates 39.385988, -76.661170

**Cromwell Bridge Park & Ride.** From Baltimore Beltway I-695 inner loop (eastbound) take Exit 29A-29B Cromwell Bridge Road. At end of entrance ramp turn left. Parking lot will be on your left in 0.1 mile. From beltway outer loop (westbound) take Exit 29A-29B ramp down to Cromwell Bridge Road. Turn right on Cromwell Bridge Rd. Parking lot will be on your right in 0.1 mile. GPS coordinates 39.402008, -76.570203

**Cromwell Valley Park.** From Baltimore Beltway I-695 inner loop (eastbound) take Exit 29A Cromwell Bridge Road. At end of entrance ramp turn left to head northeast on Cromwell Bridge Rd. From beltway outer loop (westbound) take Exit 29 ramp down to Cromwell Bridge Road. Turn left to head northeast on Cromwell Bridge Rd. Once on Cromwell, continue 1.4 miles...
beyond the light, turn left at the second CVP entrance, "Willow Grove Farm." Follow entrance road, cross a small bridge, and park in lot on left. For a safer turn (better visibility) you can turn left at the first CVP entrance, “Sherwood Farm,” go up the long, windy entrance drive and park behind the Sherwood House. Then walk the paved park road—pedestrians only—east to the Willow Grove parking lot. Allow 5-10 minutes for the walk. GPS coordinates 39.416886, -76.547278

**Cylburn.** From Baltimore Beltway I-695, go south on I-83 Jones Falls Expressway. Take Northern Parkway Exit west (right). Go about ½ mile up hill to traffic light, turn left on Greenspring Avenue. Go about ¼ mile, just past first road intersection, and turn left through stone gate entrance into Cylburn Arboretum grounds. Follow the drive to circle in front of the Vollmer Center building. Go most of the way around the circle to enter the parking area. Follow directions below to specific meeting place.

- For **Cylburn Self-guided walks**, meet in the parking lot.
- For **Covered Dish Dinner**, drop off passengers, food or other items in front of the Vollmer Center building, then continue around circle to park in the lot.
- For **lectures at the Greenhouse classroom**, follow signs at 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 building beside the lot has a side entrance door. Go in and left, walk through a short hallway, and through a door at the end into the lecture room.

GPS Coordinates 39.351721, -76.655407

**Druid Hill Park.** From I-83 take Exit 7 toward Druid Park/Lake Drive. Keep left at the fork and merge onto W. 28th St. Turn left on Sisson St., then left onto Wyman Park Drive. Wyman Park turns slightly right and becomes East Drive. Turn right into parking lot for Baltimore City Recreation and Parks building, 3001 East Drive.

GPS coordinates 39.321008, -76.634658

**Dupont Nature Center.** See Coppermine Field House.

**Fort McHenry.** From I-95, take Hanover Street Exit 55 (McComas Street) east (last exit before tunnel eastbound, first after tunnel westbound), north (left) on Key Highway which turns west, first left Lawrence Street, left (east) on Fort Avenue and continue east to the entrance gate into Fort McHenry. Take the JFX, I-83 south to St Paul Street exit. Go south on St Paul until it becomes Light Street. Turn left (east) onto Fort Avenue, and continue to end and entrance gate as above. GPS coordinates 39.265341, -76.583458

**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. If using GPS, search for 3100 Elm Avenue. GPS coordinates 39.325402, -76.631604

**Hemlock Gorge Trail - See Mount Carmel Road Park & Ride directions.**

**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 on Fullerton Ave. Turn right on 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

**Hughes Hollow.** See I-70 at Security Blvd Park & Ride directions.

**I-70 at Security Blvd Park & Ride.** From the Beltway west of the city, take exit 16 I-70 east, "local", (not exit 17 Security Blvd), to end of I-70 inside Baltimore Beltway. Follow the U-turn at the end and go into the parking lot. GPS coordinates 39.301496, -76.710447

**Lake Roland.** From I-83 take the Northern Parkway East exit. Move over quickly to the left lane and turn left on Falls Rd. Just after Lake Avenue and Pepe’s Restaurant, take the right turn marked “Light Rail” and “Lake Roland.” Continue straight to park in the Light Rail parking lot. GPS coordinates 39.376262, -76.649477

**Lower Stony Run.** See instructions to Stony Run-Remington Avenue Bridge.

**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 1/2 mile, turn left into Nature Center parking lot. GPS coordinates 39.348692, -76.370541
**Mt. Carmel Rd. Park & Ride** - Take I-83 N to exit 27 MD-137 W/Mt. Carmel Rd. Make a left on Mt. Carmel Rd. Parking lot will be on your right in about 1/5 mile.
GPS Coordinates 39.592560, -76.674562

**NCR trail at Ashland.** From the Baltimore Beltway I-695, take I-83 North. Get off at Exit 20 Shawan Road and go east. At end, turn right onto York Road, then left onto Ashland Road (first light). Go 1.2 miles, bearing left to stay on Ashland Road. Ashland Road becomes Paper Mill Road where the well-marked NCR trail crosses the road. Park in the lot on your left.
GPS coordinates 39.501732, -76.633657

**North Point State Park.** From Baltimore Beltway I-695 take Exit 42, North Point Boulevard toward Sparrows Point. Make an immediate left onto Bethlehem Road, and keep right onto North Point Road. Go through the town of Edgemere and keep going, past Millers Island Road, until you see the signs for North Point State Park on the left. Go in the entrance, parking will be on left after toll kiosk ($4 per car-free with Senior Pass).
GPS coordinates 39.220991, -76.430216

**Nursery Rd/Hammonds Ferry Rd Park and Ride**

**Papermill Flats and Ashland Trail.** See NCR Trail at Ashland (above).

**Patterson Park.** From downtown Baltimore, drive east on Pratt Street until you dead end at South Patterson Park Avenue. Go left onto South Patterson Park Avenue and park on this street in the first or second block. Meet at the fountain, just inside the west edge of park at intersection of South Patterson Park Avenue and Lombard Street.
GPS coordinates 39.290774, -76.584533

**Pretty Boy.** See Mount Carmel Road Park & Ride directions.

**Patuxent Research Refuge-South Tract and National Wildlife Visitor’s Center,** 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708. Take Baltimore/Washington Parkway (Route 295) south to Powder Mill Road-Beltsville Exit. Turn left onto Powder Mill Road (East). Go 2.0 miles and turn right into Visitor Center entrance (Scarlet Tanager Loop). Go 1.4 miles to Visitor Center Parking area. Meeting at far-left end of lot, facing building. GPS coordinates 39.026418, -76.799031

**Quarry Lake-Bluestone Park.** Bluestone Park is located off Greenspring Avenue about half way between Smith Ave and Old Court Rd. If coming from Baltimore Beltway I-695, get off at Exit 22, Greenspring Avenue. At the light, turn left (south) onto Greenspring Ave and proceed ½ mile. Pass the light at Quarry Lake Drive, continue .1 mile and take the first right into Bluestone Park, named on a pillar by the road. Meet at the Gazebo.
GPS coordinates 39.383362, -76.686761

**Sandy Point State Park.** See Nursery Rd/Hammonds Ferry Rd Park and Ride (P&R).

**Soldiers Delight Overlook -Deer Park Road.** From I-695 Beltway take Exit 18 Liberty Rd. west 4 miles. Bear right onto Deer Park Rd. just before traffic light and water tower. Go approximately 2 miles and past the entrance to the Visitor Center to Overlook parking on your left.
GPS coordinates 39.414365, -76.835797

**Stony Run-Remington Avenue Bridge.** The Remington Ave. bridge is next to the Homewood Early Learning Center at 200 Wyman Park Dr., 21211. GPS coordinates 39.326496, -76.625594
Susquehanna State Park, Rock Run Gristmill. From I-695 Baltimore Beltway, take exit 33 for I-95 north toward New York. Take exit 89 and turn left onto MD-155 east toward Havre de Grace. Turn left on Lapidum Rd. For 2.5 miles. Turn left onto Stafford Rd. After 1-mile destination will be on your left. Park at lot on right at the Gristmill. GPS coordinates 39.607832, -76.142046

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