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FEBRUARY PROGRAM: BIRDING THE BLUEGRASS

SPEAKER: Brian Wulker
Date: Friday, February 20th, 7:00 pm
Location: Sharon Woods Visitor's Center

February's speaker, Brian Wulker, will be taking us on an exotic journey south of the border... to Kentucky. For some reason, not many Cincinnatians take advantage of their proximity to a state that spans the gap between the Mississippi River and the Appalachian Mountains, with miles of birdy countryside in between. In his talk Brian will highlight some of his favorite birding areas in Kentucky, including a balance of nearby locations and po-

tential weekend trips for the Cincinnati birder. Some spots on the docket are: Red River Gorge, Minor Clark Fish Hatchery, Daniel Boone National Forest and a smattering of western and northern Kentucky sites.

Most of you will know Brian from his involvement with the local birding community, including the Cincinnati Bird Club. If you haven't met him, you've probably seen Brian's bird reports. Brian finds great birds on a weekly basis — my e-bird e-mail alerts have become Brian's personal sightings log. Brian earned his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Biology from Morehead

State University in Morehead, KY. While in school, Brian became involved in the Kentucky birding scene and travelled throughout the state, which he continues to do frequently. Brian is an expert birder and a well-rounded naturalist, so he will include aspects of all natural history in his talk. Please join us @ 7:00 p.m. for snacks, schmoozing, and a sampling of Kentucky's iconic beverage.

~ Jack Stenger, Program Chair

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- *February Meeting*
- *February Field Trip*
- *Field Trip Notes*
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FEBRUARY FIELD TRIP: MUSCATATUCK NWR

Date: February 7, 2015
Time: 8:00am
Where: Muscatatuck NWR.
Leader: Darlena Graham
Meeting Place: Tanners Creek Boat Ramp. The boat ramp is located at the end of Tanner Creek Rd in Lawrenceburg, Indiana. To

get to the Tanners Creek Boat Ramp from I275 take Exit 16 toward Greendale/Lawrenceburg/Aurora. Turn Left on Rt. 50 go 3.6 miles to Tanners Creek Dr. Turn left on Tanners Creek Dr. and go 4 tenths of a mile to the boat ramp parking lot. Here is a google map link to the meeting place. [Tanners Creek](#)

On Saturday February 7 at 8:00am, Darlena Graham will be leading the Cincinnati Bird Club on a trip to Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge near Seymour, Indiana. Darlena is an excellent birder and she knows Muscatatuck very well. She has led the Bird Club on many other trips to

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Hermit Thrush. East Fork SP
Photo taken by Bill Stanley

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this location and it is always worth the trip.

Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge occupies 7,724 acres near Seymour, Indiana and has diverse habitats including wetland, woodland

and grassland to attract many birds. In addition to birds the refuge is home to a variety of animals including a population of river otters. The list of birds that have been logged in ebird for Muscatatuck can be found here: [ebird Muscatatuck](#)

NWR

The trip to Muscatatuck from the meeting place will take about 1 hour and 15 minutes so it would be good to carpool from Tanners Creek. This will be an all day trip so pack a lunch and enjoy a day birding at Mus-

catatuck.

If you have any questions contact Darlena at

(859)653-7223
darlena@fuse.net

MARCH FIELD TRIP: CEDAR BOG

CINCINNATI BIRD CLUB AND GREATER CINCINNATI HERPETOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Date: March 7, 2015

Time: 8:00am

Where: Cedar Bog State Nature Preserve

Leader: Bill Stanley (Cincinnati Bird Club) and Jim Anno (Greater Cincinnati Herpetological Society)

For close to five years the Greater Cincinnati Herpetological Society (GCHS) has helped to maintain habitat for the Eastern Massasauga (rattlesnake) at Cedar Bog. This year we would like the Cincinnati Bird Club to join with GCHS in this effort. Cedar Bog, near Urbana, is a unique habitat and the largest calcareous bog or fen in Ohio. It was created by the retreating glaciers of the Wisconsin glaciation about 12,000-18,000 years ago. Helping to maintain this habitat for the Eastern Massasauga also maintains habitat for birds and other animals that live in this exceptional area. Assisting in doing this work

to maintain this habitat will also give participants a unique view of the habitat at Cedar Bog. The work will begin around 11am and will involve cutting and moving/dragging woody plants and brush that is invading the swampland habitat of the Massasauga. The woody plants being removed may have spikes/spines/thorns so please plan accordingly. There will be volunteers from other organizations working on the habitat restoration project that day as well. If you have a handsaw or hedge clippers and can bring them it would be greatly appreciated. The crew highly recommends wearing sturdy work gloves and waterproof boots as it is possible you will be in 2" - 6" of water. If you are concerned about the snakes, chances are that this time of year we will not be lucky enough to see one. If you do find one, leave it alone and point it out to others. As long as you leave it alone

it will leave you alone.

This field trip is open to current GCHS and Cincinnati Bird Club members age 14 or older. Due to the usage of power tools and the nature of the project, we ask that all participants under age 18 have a parent or legal guardian present. We typically work in the field for a few hours, take a lunch break, and then return to work in the field for about another hour or so. Because work will not begin until 11:00am we should have time to bird the area in the morning.

The Cincinnati Bird Club will meet at 8:00am at the Meijer parking lot on Tylersville Rd. and carpool from there. Tylersville Rd. is Exit 22 off of I75. The meeting place can be found on google maps here: [Meeting Place](#)

It takes about an hour and a half from the Meijer parking lot to get to [Cedar Bog](#).

Members of the GCHS will be meeting at 9:30am to travel up from the Meijer parking lot, so if anyone would prefer to leave at 9:30 they can come up with the Herp Society.

Because the staff at Cedar Bog need to know how many people are participating it is necessary to register for the trip.

call or email to ask questions and to register

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(513)207-1290



Brush cut and piled by the road at Cedar Bog. Photo by Jim Anno

BIRDING ON THE LOCAL WATERWAYS

Jason Gantt with Ohio Department of Natural Resources/Division of Watercraft and a Cincinnati Bird Club member has put together a series of kayak and bird excursions on various

local waterways starting off in April at East Fork State Park. These outings are free and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources/Division of Watercraft will provide the kayaks and most

of the equipment, but you must register to participate because the number of participants is limited. Details of up and coming trips are in the newsletter starting on page 8. For more informa-

tion contact Jason Gantt at 513-734-2730 ext. 237. Here is a list of dates and locations:

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FEBRUARY'S BIRD QUIZ



Once again, Jack is tormenting us with a picture of a bird as you would probably see it in the field. Here is February's Quiz Bird. Good Luck

Rules: Anybody is welcome and all are encouraged to participate. However, only paying members (it's only \$12 per year) are eligible for prizes and unadulterated bragging rights. To participate send your answers to me (jackstenger@gmail.com) by January 25.

All responses must be the official common English names used by the American Ornithologists' Union check-list ([Link](#)). This means they must be correctly spelled, capitalized, and hyphenated or else

they are counted as wrong. Mind your plovers and quails. Also include any comments you have about the quiz bird, such as how you arrived at your ID, or how you felt about the picture. Venting is welcome. Any bird that is on the state list for Ohio, Indiana, or Kentucky is fair game. Whoever has the highest number of correct answers by the end of the Bird Club season (May) "wins." Any public discussion of quiz birds will result in a trap door opening up beneath the violator.

Prize: To be determined.

Answers: I will post the answer with a brief analysis in the next Bird Club newsletter. This will include a list of all those who guessed correctly. Don't worry, wrong guesses will not be published, so fire away: it's better to get a CBC quiz wrong than to have never participated. I think Alexander Wilson said that.

~Jack Stenger
Program Chair

THE ANSWER TO JANUARY'S BIRD QUIZ

Peregrine Falcon

"Diabolical." That was one interpretation of January's quiz bird – and yes, there is a bird in the picture.

While I enjoy the challenge of identifying birds from full-frame photos, these scenarios do not capture the full process of bird identification. When we're in the field we rely on general size, behavior and probability, yet these clues are difficult to discern from photos. *What species is most likely? What is the bird doing? What habitat is the bird in?* The purpose of this quiz was to give those aspects of bird ID some love.

January's picture focuses on a large smokestack, with a fleck of a bird perched on the left railing. The caption hinted that the picture was taken on a local Christmas Bird Count. We also know that the bird is large – it's roughly the same length as the space between ladder rungs behind it. So we have a large bird, perched on a power plant smokestack on a wintry, Cincinnati day. That behavior should narrow it down to a handful of local raptors – Peregrine Falcon or a vulture. Other hawks have no need to perch hundreds of feet off the ground. However, this is a quintessential Peregrine Falcon perch, from where it can easily pick a pigeon out of the stratosphere at a moment's notice. To confirm this suspicion, we can zoom in and see the pale underside, dark head, and the tapered appearance of a falcon. I took this picture of a Peregrine Falcon, on December 28th, 2014 during the Cincinnati Christmas Bird Count



at the now defunct Beckjord power plant. Kathi Hutton and Bill Stanley were the correct respondents. I disqualified Jay Stenger's guess because he actually pointed the bird out to me (and identified it) in the field. Life is rough. Other guesses were Northern Goshawk and Black-Shouldered Kite. Given the picture

alone these are difficult to rule out, but the location eliminates them.

~Jack Stenger
Program Chair

FIELD TRIP NOTES: OLD HIGHLAND STONE GRAVEL PITS

On January 17, 2015, twenty one people showed up for the Cincinnati Bird Club trip to the Old Highland Stone Gravel Pits. The sun was shining on a cold and windy day and the ducks and geese were all over the area around the pits. Highlights of the day include Greater White-fronted Geese, Snow Geese and a Bald Eagle sitting by a nest. Here is a list of what we found on the January Bird Club field trip.

Indian Creek Wildlife Area

Sharp-shinned Hawk 1, Cooper's Hawk 1, Blue Jay 4, European Starling 35, American Tree Sparrow 3, Swamp Sparrow 1, Northern Cardinal 1, House Finch 1

Old Highland Stone Gravel Pits

Greater White-fronted Goose 4, Snow Goose 26, Canada Goose 3000, Gad-

wall 3, American Wigeon 6, American Black Duck 8, Mallard 350, Blue-winged Teal 1, Northern Shoveler 4, Northern Pintail 6, Redhead 35, Ring-necked Duck 25, Greater/Lesser Scaup 3, Bufflehead 1, Hooded Merganser 8, Ruddy Duck 3, Northern Harrier 1, Bald Eagle 2, Red-tailed Hawk 3, American Coot 3, Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon) 15, Mourning Dove 10, Red-headed Woodpecker 1, American Kestrel 1, Blue Jay 15, American Crow 8, Carolina Chickadee 3, Tufted Titmouse 1, Carolina Wren 1, American Robin 6, European Starling 35, Song Sparrow 3, Northern Cardinal 2, Eastern Meadowlark 4, House Sparrow 1

Hillsboro Wendy's

Black Vulture 3, Red-bellied Woodpecker 1, American Crow 2 Northern

Mockingbird 1, European Starling 2, Northern Cardinal 1, House Finch 1, House Sparrow 1

Rocky Fork State Park Camping Area

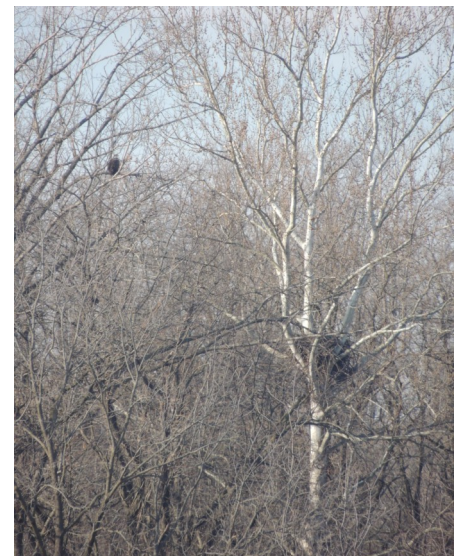
Black Vulture 20, Northern Harrier 1, Ring-billed Gull 1, Red-bellied Woodpecker 1, Downy Woodpecker 1, Hairy Woodpecker 1, Blue Jay 3, American Crow 1, Carolina Chickadee 1, Tufted Titmouse 2, White-breasted Nuthatch (Eastern) 1, Brown Creeper 1, American Goldfinch 1

Other Birds found in various locations on the way home through Brown County.

Turkey Vulture, Red-shouldered Hawk, Great Blue Heron, Horned Lark



Photos from Highland Stone Gravel Pits field trip.
Bird Club field trip participants looking at flocks of geese.
Bald Eagle by nest.
Flocks of geese in a field by the Highland Stone Gravel Pits.
All photos taken by Bill Stanley



Community Calendar

- 7...Cincinnati Bird Club
Muscatatuck National Wildlife
Refuge
- 14...Cincinnati Nature Center
Saturday Bird Walk
- 20...Cincinnati Bird Club Meeting
- 21...Audubon Society of Ohio
Lower Great Miami River Valley
- 28...Audubon Society of Ohio
Nocturnal Birds Fernald Preserve
- 28...Cincinnati Nature Center
Saturday Morning Bird Walk
- March 7...Cincinnati Bird Club
goes to Cedar Bog

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OTHER BIRDING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CINCINNATI AREA

- February 14, 2015, 8:00am
Cincinnati Nature Center Saturday Bird Walk.
Leader: Bill Stanley
(513)831-1711
- February 15, 2015, 8:00am
Oxbow Inc. Field Trip. Early Spring Waterfowl Migration
Meet: In the upper Oxbow parking lot at the main entrance to the Oxbow
Leader: Gary Stegner
(812) 667-6433
garyandsally@hotmail.com
- February 21, 2015, 8:00am
Audubon Society of Ohio Field Trip. The Lower Great Miami River Valley. Meet at Fernald Preserve, at the Lodge Pond Parking Lot
Leader: Ned Keller,
(513) 349-3369
nedkeller49@gmail.com
- February 28, 2015, 8:00am
Cincinnati Nature Center Saturday Bird Walk
Leader: Bill McGill
(513)831-1711
- February 28, 2015, 5:00pm
Audubon Society of Ohio Field Trip. Nocturnal Birds

Meet at the Fernald Preserve
Visitor Center Parking Lot
Leader: Jeff Hays
(513) 821-9822
JLHAYS@fuse.net



KAYAK BIRDING TRIP:

SEE BIRDS FROM THE WATER AT EAST FORK STATE PARK. CAMPGROUND BEACH

Date: Saturday April 11, 2015

Time: 8:00 a.m. to noon (longer if we want)

Sponsored by: Ohio Department of Natural Resources/Division of Watercraft

Event Type: Field Trip

Cost: Free

Details: If you have ever wanted to go birding from a kayak this is your chance. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources-Division of Watercraft will be hosting several kayak birding trips this year. This trip is the first. East Fork State Park is a great place to bird. The lake and its surroundings offer great habitat much of which is best seen from the water. Trip leaders Cory Cover and Jason Gantt will guide everyone to those areas. Both Cory and Jason are relatively new birders so we will all help each other find the birds.

We will launch from the Campground Beach at East Fork State Park and head up the East Fork of the Little Miami River. At this time of year we should have a mixed bag of birds. Various shorebirds, waterfowl, loons, herons and early migrants are possible.

Things to Consider/Know: The Division of Watercraft will provide most of the necessary equipment. This includes sit on top kayaks, paddles and life jackets (must be worn). We recommend that **you** bring water, sunblock, snacks, something to keep personal items like phones dry, a hat and most importantly proper clothing. Shoes must be worn. Dress for the

water temperature, not the air temperature. It could end up being a fairly warm day, but in early April the water will be cold.

Speaking of water, be prepared to get at least a little wet. Our kayaks are extremely stable, and in all the kayak trips I have led; only a few folks have gone in the water. Just be advised that it could happen. Even if you do not go in, water does find its way into the kayak. Also, you will most likely have some sort of optics with you. We recommend that they are waterproof as the Division of Watercraft does not accept responsibility for personal property.

Please understand that kayaking is exercise and at times can be taxing. Obviously we will stay together and move at a comfortable pace, but if you are new to or not used to kayaking you may find yourself a bit tired. If we want and time permits, we beach the kayaks at a good location and hike a paved trail along the river to spice things up a bit.

Be advised that for safety purposes and group cohesion participants must be at least twelve years of age and weigh no more than 350 pounds. Because the Division of Watercraft is a state agency all participants will be asked to sign a waiver. Trips are weather permitting. High winds, thunderstorms, strong currents or other dangerous weather conditions will be cause to cancel the trip. Participants will be notified if the trip is cancelled.

Finally, space is limited. The Division of Watercraft has spots for eight people. Slots will be filled on a first come,

first serve basis. See below to register.

To Register: Call or visit East Fork State Park main office (Division of Watercraft section). Speak with Lu or Elizabeth and they will add you to the list if slots are open.

Office Number-513-734-2730 Address: 3292 Ellick Road Bethel, OH 45106

Office Hours-8am to 4:30pm Monday thru Friday.

Contact Information: Jason Gantt, 513-734-2730 ext. 237

Directions: From North Take 275 South to State Route 32. Go East on 32 towards Batavia. Take the Half Acre Road exit and go south to Old St. Rt. 32. Go left on Old St. Rt. 32. East Fork State Park entrance will be on your right. Follow signs to the campground beach and look for the trailer with kayaks on the beach.

From South take 275 North to State Route 32. Go East on 32 towards Batavia. Take the Half Acre Road exit and go south to Old St. Rt. 32. Go left on Old St. Rt. 32. East Fork State Park entrance will be on your right. Follow signs to the campground beach and look for the trailer with kayaks on the beach.

Address: 2837 Old State Route 32 Batavia, OH 45103 (Camp Office)

KAYAK BIRDING TRIP:

SEE BIRDS FROM THE WATER AT STONELICK STATE PARK.

Date: Saturday May 9, 2015

Time: 8:00 a.m. to noon (longer if we want)

Sponsored by: Ohio Department of Natural Resources/Division of Watercraft

Event Type: Field Trip

Cost: Free

Details: If you have ever wanted to go birding from a kayak this is your chance. Stonelick State Park should be a great place to bird! This lake will be new experience to both trip leaders Cory Cover and Jason Gantt. Both Cory and Jason are relatively new birders so we will all help each other find the birds. At this time of year we may have a bit of a mixed bag of birds. Waterfowl, loons, shorebirds, migrants and a host of other species are possible.

We will launch to the right of the beach as you look out onto the lake. Look for the trailer with the kayaks.

Things to Consider/Know: The Division of Watercraft will provide most of the necessary equipment. This includes sit on top kayaks, paddles and life jackets (must be worn). We recommend that **you** bring water, sun-block, snacks, something to keep personal items like phones dry, a hat and most importantly proper clothing. Shoes must be worn. Dress for the water temperature, not the air temperature. It could end up being a fairly warm day, but in early May the water will be cold.

Speaking of water, be prepared to get wet. Our kayaks are extremely stable, and in all the kayak trips I have led; only a few folks have gone in the water. Just be advised that it could happen. Even if you do not go in, water does find its

way into the kayak. Also, you will most likely have some sort of optics with you. We recommend that they are waterproof as the Division of Watercraft does not accept responsibility for personal property.

Please understand that kayaking is exercise and at times can be taxing. Obviously we will stay together and move at a comfortable pace, but if you are new to or not used to kayaking you may find yourself a bit tired. If we need a break from paddling, we could beach the kayaks and bird on foot for a bit.

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Office Hours-8am to 4:30pm Monday thru Friday.

Contact Information: Jason Gantt, 513-734-2730 ext. 237

Directions: From north/south take

275 to State Route 28 and go east to Mt. Repose. Once in Mt. Repose look for Woodville Pike and go right. Take Woodville Pike to where Woodville becomes Newtonville Road and T's into 727/Newtonsville Rd. and go right. Continue on 727/Newtonsville Rd. to Lake Drive and go left. Continue on Lake Drive and follow signs to beach and look for the trailer with kayaks.

Address: 2895 Lake Drive Pleasant Plain, OH 45162

KAYAK BIRDING TRIP:

SEE BIRDS FROM THE WATER AT EAST FORK STATE PARK. SOUTH BEACH

Date: Friday May 22, 2015

Time: 8:00 a.m. to noon (longer if we want)

Sponsored by: Ohio Department of Natural Resources/Division of Watercraft

Event Type: Field Trip

Cost: Free

Details: If you have ever wanted to go birding from a kayak this is your chance. East Fork State Park is a great place to bird. There are numerous coves and water edge environments that are most easily accessible by water. Trip leaders Cory Cover and Jason Gantt will guide everyone to those areas. Both Cory and Jason are relatively new birders so we will all help each other find the birds.

We will launch from the South Beach at East Fork State Park and kayak the shorelines and into some of the many coves at the park. At this time of year our local breeding birds should be back as well as many spring migrants.

Things to Consider/Know: The Division of Watercraft will provide most of the necessary equipment. This includes sit on top kayaks, paddles and life jackets (must be worn). We recommend that **you** bring water, sunblock, snacks, something to keep personal items like phones dry, a hat and most importantly proper clothing. Shoes must be worn. Dress for the water temperature, not the air tem-

perature. It could end up being a fairly warm day, but in May the water will be cold.

Speaking of water, be prepared to get wet. Our kayaks are extremely stable, and in all the kayak trips I have led; only a few folks have gone in the water. Just be advised that it could happen. Even if you do not go in, water does find its way into the kayak. Also, you will most likely have some sort of optics with you. We recommend that they are waterproof as the Division of Watercraft does not accept responsibility for personal property.

Please understand that kayaking is exercise and at times can be taxing. Obviously we will stay together and move at a comfortable pace, but if you are new to or not used to kayaking you may find yourself a bit tired. If we want and if there is a good spot we can beach the kayaks and hike some of the park.

Be advised that for safety purposes and group cohesion participants must be at least twelve years of age and weigh no more than 350 pounds. Because the Division of Watercraft is a state agency all participants will be asked to sign a waiver. Trips are weather permitting. High winds, thunderstorms, strong currents or other dangerous weather conditions will be cause to cancel the trip. Participants will be notified if the trip is cancelled.

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Directions: From North Take 275 South to State Route 125 (Beechmont Ave). Go East on Beechmont Ave towards Bethel. At Old St. Rt. 125 go left. A quarter mile up you will see the park entrance on your left. Follow the signs to the beach and look for the trailer with the kayaks.

From South take 275 North to State Route 125 (Beechmont Ave). Go East on Beechmont Ave towards Bethel. At Old St. Rt. 125 go left. A quarter mile up you will see the park entrance on your left. Follow the signs to the beach and look for the trailer with the kayaks.

KAYAK BIRDING TRIP:

SEE BIRDS ON THE LITTLE MIAMI RIVER FROM A KAYAK.

CARL H. RAHE PARK

Date: Saturday May 23, 2015

Time: 8:00 a.m. to noon (longer if we want)

Sponsored by: Ohio Department of Natural Resources/Division of Watercraft

Event Type: Field Trip

Cost: Free

Details: If you have ever wanted to go birding from a kayak this is your chance. The Little Miami River (Warren and Clermont Counties) should offer a great chance at seeing many birds. Late in May local breeding birds are back. We should also see many migrating songbirds as well as the local resident birds. The trip will be led by Division of Watercraft employees Cory Cover and Jason Gantt. Both Cory and Jason are relatively new birders so we will all help each other find the birds.

We will launch from the Carl H. Rahe Park on Little Miami River in Warren County (Foster, OH). We will then drift/paddle downriver. The end location will be Lake Isabella in Hamilton County. The trip length is roughly 7.5 miles. Birding at Lake Isabella is normally not bad for spring migrants so if time permits we could bird on foot if we feel like it.

Things to Consider/Know: The Division of Watercraft will provide most of the necessary equipment. This includes sit on top kayaks, paddles and life jackets (must be worn). We recommend that **you** bring water, sunblock, snacks, something to keep personal items like phones dry, a hat and

most importantly proper clothing. Shoes must be worn. Dress for the water temperature, not the air temperature. It should end up being a fairly warm day, but even in late May the water could still be cold.

Speaking of water, be prepared to get wet. Our kayaks are extremely stable, and in all the kayak trips I have led; only a few folks have gone in the water. Just be advised that it could happen. Even if you do not go in, water does find its way into the kayak. Also, you will most likely have some sort of optics with you. We recommend that they are waterproof as the Division of Watercraft does not accept responsibility for personal property.

Please understand that kayaking is exercise and at times can be taxing. Obviously we will stay together and move at a comfortable pace, but if you are new to or not used to kayaking you may find yourself a bit tired.

Be advised that for safety purposes and group cohesion participants must be at least twelve years of age and weigh no more than 350 pounds. Because the Division of Watercraft is a state agency all participants will be asked to sign a waiver. Trips are weather permitting. High winds, thunderstorms, strong currents or other dangerous weather conditions will be cause to cancel the trip. Participants will be notified if the trip is cancelled.

We will be offering transportation back to the launch site after the trip. All you will have to do is drive to the launch site.

Finally, space is limited. The Division

of Watercraft has spots for eight people. Slots will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. If slots are not filled we will still be on site and will cast off on time. See below to register.

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Directions: From north take I71 south to Kings Mills Road exit and go east. Head east to Kings Island Drive and go left. Take Kings Island Drive to Western Row and go left. Take Western Row to Socialville-Foster Road and left. Take Socialville-Foster Road to Old 3C Highway and go right. The entrance to Carl H. Rahe Park will be just up the road on your left.

From south take I71 North to the Fields Ertel Road Exit. Upon exiting go left (north) on Mason Road. Mason Road will turn into Mason-Montgomery Road as you cross over Fields Ertel Road. Continue north on Mason-Montgomery Road. When you get to Socialville-Foster Road go right. Take Socialville-Foster Road to Old 3C Highway and go right. The entrance to Carl H. Rahe Park will be just up the road on your left.

KAYAK BIRDING TRIP:

SEE BIRDS ON THE LITTLE MIAMI RIVER FROM A KAYAK. NISBET PARK

Date: Sunday May 24, 2015

Time: 8:00 a.m. to noon (longer if we want)

Sponsored by: Ohio Department of Natural Resources/Division of Watercraft

Event Type: Field Trip

Cost: Free

Details: If you have ever wanted to go birding from a kayak this is your chance. The Little Miami River (Clermont Counties) should offer a great chance at seeing many birds. Late in May local breeding birds are back. We can hope to see many migrating songbirds as well as the local residents. The trip will be led by Division of Watercraft employees Cory Cover and Jason Gantt. Both Cory and Jason are relatively new birders so we will all help each other find the birds.

We will launch from the Nisbet Park in Loveland, OH. We will then drift/paddle downriver. The end location will be Kelley Island Nature Preserve (Clermont County). The trip length is roughly 6.4 miles. The birding is normally very good on the trails found at Kelley Island Nature Preserve. So if time permits we will beach the kayaks and bird on foot.

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most importantly proper clothing. Shoes must be worn. Dress for the water temperature, not the air temperature. It should end up being a fairly warm day, but even in late May the water could still be cold.

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Please understand that kayaking is exercise and at times can be taxing. Obviously we will stay together and move at a comfortable pace, but if you are new to or not used to kayaking you may find yourself a bit tired.

Be advised that for safety purposes and group cohesion participants must be at least twelve years of age and weigh no more than 350 pounds. Because the Division of Watercraft is a state agency all participants will be asked to sign a waiver. Trips are weather permitting. High winds, thunderstorms, strong currents or other dangerous weather conditions will be cause to cancel the trip. Participants will be notified if the trip is cancelled.

We will be offering transportation back to the launch site after the trip. All you will have to do is drive to the launch site.

Finally, space is limited. The Division of Watercraft has spots for eight people. Slots will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. If slots are not filled we will still be on site and will cast off on time. See below to register.

To Register: Call or visit East Fork State Park main office (Division of Watercraft section). Speak with Lu or Elizabeth and they will add you to the list if slots are open.

Office Number: 513-734-2730 Address: 3292 Ellick Road Bethel, OH 45106

Office Hours-8am to 4:30pm Monday thru Friday.

Contact Information: Jason Gantt, 513-734-2730 ext. 237

Directions: From north take I275 south to the Loveland/Indian Hill exit. Upon exiting take Loveland-Maderia Road left. Take Loveland-Maderia Road to West Loveland Ave. and go right. Take West Loveland Ave. into downtown Loveland and go left on Railroad Ave. Nisbet Park is on the left. Look for parking anywhere in this area. We will meet at the amphitheater.

From south take I275 north to the Loveland/Indian Hill exit. Upon exiting take Loveland-Maderia Road left. Take Loveland-Maderia Road to West Loveland Ave. and go right. Take West Loveland Ave. into downtown Loveland and go left on Railroad Ave. Nisbet Park is on the left. Look for parking anywhere in this area. We will meet at the amphitheater.

KAYAK BIRDING TRIP:

SEE BIRDS FROM THE WATER AT EAST FORK STATE PARK. CAMPGROUND BEACH

Date: Monday May 25, 2015

Time: 8:00 a.m. to noon (longer if we want)

Sponsored by: Ohio Department of Natural Resources/Division of Watercraft

Event Type: Field Trip

Cost: Free

Details: If you have ever wanted to go birding from a kayak this is your chance. East Fork State Park is a great place to bird. There are numerous coves and riverine environments that are most easily accessible by water. Trip leaders Cory Cover and Jason Gantt will guide everyone to those areas. Both Cory and Jason are relatively new birders so we will all help each other find the birds.

We will launch from the Campground Beach at East Fork State Park and head up the East Fork of the Little Miami River. Late in May local breeding birds are back. We can hope to see many migrating songbirds as well as the local residents.

Things to Consider/Know: The Division of Watercraft will provide most of the necessary equipment. This includes sit on top kayaks, paddles and life jackets (must be worn). We recommend that **you** bring water, sunblock, snacks, something to keep personal items like phones dry, a hat and most importantly proper clothing. Shoes must be worn. Dress for the water temperature, not the air tem-

perature. It should end up being a fairly warm day, but even in late May the water could still be cold.

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Directions: From North Take 275 South to State Route 32. Go East on 32 towards Batavia. Take the Half Acre Road exit and go south to Old St. Rt. 32. Go left on Old St. Rt. 32. East Fork State Park entrance will be on your right. Follow signs to the campground beach and look for the trailer with kayaks on the beach.

From South take 275 North to State Route 32. Go East on 32 towards Batavia. Take the Half Acre Road exit and go south to Old St. Rt. 32. Go left on Old St. Rt. 32. East Fork State Park entrance will be on your right. Follow signs to the campground beach and look for the trailer with kayaks on the beach.

KAYAK BIRDING TRIP:

SEE BIRDS FROM THE WATER AT GRANT LAKE WILDLIFE AREA.

Date: Saturday June 6, 2015

Time: 8:00 a.m. to noon (longer if we want)

Sponsored by: Ohio Department of Natural Resources/Division of Watercraft

Event Type: Field Trip

Cost: Free

Details: If you have ever wanted to go birding from a kayak this is your chance. This trip will occur on Grant Lake near Mt. Orab, OH. Grant Lake is a wildlife area and should offer a great chance to see our local resident and breeding birds. We have never hosted a kayak trip here so it will be an adventure for all involved. Both Cory and Jason are relatively new birders so we will all help each other find the birds.

We will launch from the boat ramp off of Lake Grant Road on the west side of the lake. Look for the trailer with the kayaks.

Things to Consider/Know: The Division of Watercraft will provide most of the necessary equipment. This includes sit on top kayaks, paddles and life jackets (must be worn). We recommend that **you** bring water, sunblock, snacks, something to keep personal items like phones dry, a hat and most importantly proper clothing. Shoes must be worn. Dress appropriately as it could be sunny and we will be in the open.

Speaking of water, be prepared to get wet. Our kayaks are extremely stable, and in all the kayak trips I have led; only a few folks have gone in the water. Just be advised that it could happen. Even if you do not go in, water does find its way into the kayak. Also, you will most likely have some sort of optics with

you. We recommend that they are waterproof as the Division of Watercraft does not accept responsibility for personal property.

Please understand that kayaking is exercise and at times can be taxing. Obviously we will stay together and move at a comfortable pace, but if you are new to or not used to kayaking you may find yourself a bit tired. If we want we can beach the kayaks at a good location and hike around the lake a bit.

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Directions: Take 275 to State Route 125 (Beechmont Ave.) and go east. Take 125 east to Route 68 and go left

(north). Take 68 north to Oakland Road/774 and go left. Take Oakland Rd. to Oakland-Locust Ridge Road and go right. Take your next right on Lake Grant Road and go down about a half mile to the boat ramp and parking lot on your right.

KAYAK BIRDING TRIP:

SEE BIRDS ON THE LITTLE MIAMI RIVER FROM A KAYAK. LAKE ISABELLA

Date: Friday June 19, 2015

Time: 8:00 a.m. to noon (longer if we want)

Sponsored by: Ohio Department of Natural Resources/Division of Watercraft

Event Type: Field Trip

Cost: Free

Details: If you have ever wanted to go birding from a kayak this is your chance. The Little Miami River (Clermont County) should offer a great chance at seeing many birds. Local breeding and resident birds should be present. The trip will be led by Division of Watercraft employees Cory Cover and Jason Gantt. Both Cory and Jason are relatively new birders so we will all help each other find the birds.

We will launch from Hamilton County Great Parks Lake Isabella. We will then drift/paddle downriver. The end location will be Jim Terrell Park in Milford, OH (Clermont County). The trip length is roughly 7.8 miles. Kelley Island Nature Preserve lies along our path and if time permits we may be able to beach the kayaks and bird on foot for a bit.

Things to Consider/Know: The Division of Watercraft will provide most of the necessary equipment. This includes sit on top kayaks, paddles and life jackets (must be worn). We recommend that you bring water, sunblock, snacks, something to keep personal items like phones dry, a hat and most importantly proper clothing. Shoes must be worn. Dress for the

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Participants will need a way back to the launch site. This means you will need a car or a ride from the end location back to the start location. We will not have a vehicle capable of carrying participants back at the end of this

trip.

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Contact Information: Jason Gantt, 513-734-2730 ext. 237

Directions: From north take I275 south to the Loveland/Indian Hill exit. From the exit go right on Loveland-Madeira Road. Go down about a tenth of a mile to the Lake Isabella entrance on your left. Follow the park road down to the canoe/kayak river access sign on your left.

From south take I275 north to the Loveland/Indian Hill exit. From the exit go right on Loveland-Madeira Road. Go down about a tenth of a mile to the Lake Isabella entrance on your left. Follow the park road down to the canoe/kayak river access sign on your left.

KAYAK BIRDING TRIP:

SEE BIRDS FROM THE WATER AT HUESTON WOODS STATE PARK.

Date: Saturday July 11, 2015

Time: 8:00 a.m. to noon (longer if we want)

Sponsored by: Ohio Department of Natural Resources/Division of Watercraft

Event Type: Field Trip

Cost: Free

Details: If you have ever wanted to go birding from a kayak this is your chance. Hueston Woods State Park is a great place to bird. Trip leaders Cory Cover and Jason Gantt will guide the paddle. Local breeding and resident birds should be present. Both Cory and Jason are relatively new birders so we will all help each other find the birds. We will launch from the boat ramp at the marina.

Things to Consider/Know: The Division of Watercraft will provide most of the necessary equipment. This includes sit on top kayaks, paddles and life jackets (must be worn). We recommend that **you** bring water, sunblock, snacks, something to keep personal items like phones dry, a hat and most importantly proper clothing. Shoes must be worn.

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Office Hours-8am to 4:30pm Monday thru Friday.

Contact Information: Jason Gantt, 513-734-2730 ext. 237

Directions: Head north out of Oxford, OH on North College Ave. which will turn into Brown Road. Take Brown Road north to Main Loop Road. Go left on Main Loop Road and it will T into another Main Loop Rd. Go right at this intersection. Follow the road and signs to the boat ramp and look for

the trailer with the kayaks.

Address: 6301 Park Office Road College Corner, OH 45003

KAYAK BIRDING TRIP:

SEE BIRDS FROM THE WATER AT EAST FORK STATE PARK. CAMPGROUND BEACH

Date: Saturday August 22, 2015

Time: 8:00 a.m. to noon (longer if we want)

Sponsored by: Ohio Department of Natural Resources/Division of Watercraft

Event Type: Field Trip

Cost: Free

Details: If you have ever wanted to go birding from a kayak this is your chance. East Fork State Park is a great place to bird. There are numerous coves, water edge and riverine environments that are most easily accessible by water. Trip leaders Cory Cover and Jason Gantt will guide everyone to those areas. Both Cory and Jason are relatively new birders so we will all help each other find the birds.

We will launch from the Campground Beach at East Fork State Park and head up the East Fork of the Little Miami River.

Things to Consider/Know: The Division of Watercraft will provide most of the necessary equipment. This includes sit on top kayaks, paddles and life jackets (must be worn). We recommend that **you** bring water, sunblock, snacks, something to keep personal items like phones dry, a hat and most importantly proper clothing. Shoes must be worn.

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Contact Information: Jason Gantt, 513-734-2730 ext. 237

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From South take 275 North to State Route 32. Go East on 32 towards Batavia. Take the Half Acre Road exit and go south to Old St. Rt. 32. Go left on Old St. Rt. 32. East Fork State Park entrance will be on your right. Follow signs to the campground beach and look for the trailer with kayaks on the beach.

KAYAK BIRDING TRIP:

SEE BIRDS FROM THE WATER AT EAST FORK STATE PARK. CAMPGROUND BEACH

Date: Saturday September 19, 2015

Time: 8:00 a.m. to noon (longer if we want)

Sponsored by: Ohio Department of Natural Resources/Division of Watercraft

Event Type: Field Trip

Cost: Free

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We will launch from the Campground Beach at East Fork State Park and head up the East Fork of the Little Miami River.

Things to Consider/Know: The Division of Watercraft will provide most of the necessary equipment. This includes sit on top kayaks, paddles and life jackets (must be worn). We recommend that **you** bring water, sunblock, snacks, something to keep personal items like phones dry, a hat and most importantly proper clothing. Shoes must be worn. Dress for the water temperature, not the air tem-

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From South take 275 North to State Route 32. Go East on 32 towards Batavia. Take the Half Acre Road exit and go south to Old St. Rt. 32. Go left on Old St. Rt. 32. East Fork State Park entrance will be on your right. Follow signs to the campground beach and look for the trailer with kayaks on the beach.

KAYAK BIRDING TRIP:

SEE BIRDS FROM THE WATER AT EAST FORK STATE PARK. SOUTH BEACH

Date: Saturday October 10, 2015

Time: 8:00 a.m. to noon (longer if we want)

Sponsored by: Ohio Department of Natural Resources/Division of Watercraft

Event Type: Field Trip

Cost: Free

Details: If you have ever wanted to go birding from a kayak this is your chance. East Fork State Park is a great place to bird. There are numerous coves and water edge environments that are most easily accessible by water. Trip leaders Cory Cover and Jason Gantt will guide everyone to those areas. Both Cory and Jason are relatively new birders so we will all help each other find the birds.

We will launch from the South Beach at East Fork State Park and kayak the shorelines and into some of the many coves at the park. In Early October there will be a mixed bag of birds. So we will see what we can find.

Things to Consider/Know: The Division of Watercraft will provide most of the necessary equipment. This includes sit on top kayaks, paddles and life jackets (must be worn). We recommend that **you** bring water, sunblock, snacks, something to keep personal items like phones dry, a hat and most importantly proper clothing. Shoes must be worn. In October the weather is anybody's guess, so plan

accordingly.

Be prepared to get at least a little wet. Our kayaks are extremely stable, and in all the kayak trips I have led; only a few folks have gone in the water. Just be advised that it could happen. Even if you do not go in, water does find its way into the kayak. Also, you will most likely have some sort of optics with you. We recommend that they are waterproof as the Division of Watercraft does not accept responsibility for personal property.

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From South take 275 North to State Route 125 (Beechmont Ave). Go East on Beechmont Ave towards Bethel. At Old St. Rt. 125 go left. A quarter mile up you will see the park entrance on your left. Follow the signs to the beach and look for the trailer with the kayaks.



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