

BECKHAM BIRD CLUB
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ACTIVITIES CALENDAR: JANUARY THROUGH MARCH 2019

DATE, TIME, RATING	ACTIVITY	LEADER
Tuesday, January 8	MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING - 7:00 p.m. – St. Mark's Episcopal Church - 2822 Frankfort Ave – corner of Frankfort and Kennedy	
Saturday, January 19 2pm-7pm ET (1pm-6pm CT) easy	BLUE GRASS FWA, INDIANA - For winter birds, waterfowl, raptors and owls (Short-eared and Long-eared. 105 species have been reported here during the month of February over the last 10 years. 1 hour and 45 minute drive from Downtown Louisville. Take I-64W to Exit 29A for I-69/IN 57 South toward Evansville. Then take Exit 15 for Boonville - New Harmony Road. Turn left (east) onto New Harmony Road and in a half mile look for a gravel parking area labelled "Parking Lot 16" on the left just before you get to the lakes. There is a sizable area to cover, so we will be birding some by car and relocating frequently. Bring scopes, snacks, and birding friends. Dress for the weather. GPS: 38.0895, -87.4651	Mike Callan 502-592-7008 (CALL LEADER IN ADVANCE IF YOU PLAN TO GO)
Sunday, January 20 12:30pm – 4:30pm easy	CAVE HILL CEMETERY – For winter visitors and residents. Meet inside the front gate on Baxter Avenue. GPS: 38.243809, -85.726042	Mike Callan 502-592-7008
Saturday, January 26 9 a.m. – noon easy	TURKEY RUN PARK – For sparrows and other winter birds and residents. Meet at north entrance parking lot to bird entrance area and then carpool to SkyDome area (parking at SkyDome is limited). GPS: 38.131090, -85.518349	Andrew Melnykovych 502-608-4655
Saturday, February 2 8:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. easy	WENDELL MOORE PARK/REFORMATORY LAKE – Walk loop trail and scan lake. Meet in gravel lot by Senior center (Tri-County Community Action Center) on Dispatchers Way, behind Oldham County Police Dept. GPS: 38.396537, -85.440345	Barbara Woerner 502-485-9017
Sunday, February 3 1pm - 5:30pm Easy	JEFFERSON MEMORIAL FOREST – Residents and winter visitors. Meet at the Welcome Center parking lot (Take a left at the intersection of Tom Wallace Park Road and Mitchell Hill Road). GPS: 38.085261, -85.767342	Mike Callan 502-592-7008
Saturday, February 9 8:30 a.m. - noon easy	LONG RUN PARK – For winter visitors, residents and waterfowl. From intersection of Shelbyville Road and Flat Rock Road, about 2 miles north on Flat Rock Road to park entrance, then ¼ mile to first fork and right to parking lot near lake. GPS: 38.264517, -85.418571	Karen Bonsell 502-794-3526
Tuesday, February 12	MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING - 7:00 p.m. – St. Mark's Episcopal Church - 2822 Frankfort Ave – corner of Frankfort and Kennedy	
Saturday, February 16 9 a.m. – noon easy	BECKLEY CREEK PARK – GRAND ALLEE SECTION - For winter visitors and residents. Meet at the "Port-a-Potty" parking lot at the south end of the Humana Grand Allee just before the large bridge over the creek. GPS: 38.209077, -85.474110	Andrew Melnykovych 502-608-4655
Sunday, February 24 9 a.m. – noon easy	OHIO RIVER – KENTUCKY SIDE – Waterfowl, gulls, etc. Meet at Ramada Inn at Zorn Avenue and River Road. Bring your scope. GPS: 38.277081, -85.697900	Karen Bonsell 502-794-3526
Sunday, March 3 8:30 a.m. – ?? easy	MUSCATATUCK NWR/HARDY LAKE - Meet at the Muscatatuck visitor center at 8:30 a.m. Bring lunch. Directions: I-65 north from Louisville to Exit 50 (Seymour). Take US Highway 50 east about 3 miles to refuge entrance. About 1 hour north of Louisville. GPS: 38.959304, -85.798258	Pat & Jane Bell 502-326-9610
Saturday, March 9 8:30 a.m.-noon easy	POPE LICK PARK – For residents and migrants. From Gene Snyder get off at Taylorsville Rd toward Fisherville, go about a mile, & take a right on South Pope Lick Rd. Follow signs to Pope Lick Park, part of the Parklands. Meet in the parking lot. (formerly called Floyds Fork Park) GPS: 38.184655, -85.488095	Andrew Melnykovych 502-608-4655
Tuesday, March 13	ANNUAL MARCH DINNER MEETING —Details in the February and March <i>Observer</i>	
Saturday, March 16 8:30am CT - ??? strenuous	SLOUGHS WMA, HENDERSON – For waterfowl & migrants. Bring lunch, shoes for wading and extra clothes. Meet at the observation platform on Hwy 268. For directions, use GPS/Google or call trip leader. GPS: 37.850231, -87.742674	Mike Callan 502-592-7008

Sunday, March 24 8:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. easy	CHEROKEE PARK / NETTELROTH – Residents, winter visitors, early migrants. Meet at the foot of Maple Road at the bridge. GPS: 38.239490, -85.694147	Jamie Baker 502-403-9845
Saturday, March 30 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. moderate	HARRISON-CRAWFORD STATE FOREST – For early warblers and other migrants. Isaacs Bottom trailhead and go along Blue River, then we will drive a short distance (1/8th of a mile) and continue with a hike up on the bluff overlooking Blue River. Directions: Head west on I-64 and get off at the Corydon exit. Make a right onto highway 135. Go through 4 stoplights, making a right at the 5th stoplight onto Indiana State Route 62. Go about 8 miles until you see the entrance sign for Harrison Crawford State Forest. Make a left over the bridge over Blue River. This is State Route 462. Go about 1/8th of a mile up the hill. Isaac's Bottom trailhead parking lot will be on your right. GPS: 38.225774, -86.249733	Anne Cabaniss 812-725-5690 or annecabaniss@att.net
Sunday, March 31 9 a.m. – noon moderate	BERNHEIM FOREST AND ARBORETUM. Hike Rock Bridge trail for early migrants. Meet at the first parking lot on the right near Lake Nevin and the Garden Pavilion (octagonal building). Directions: About 14 miles south on I-65 from the Gene Snyder Freeway. At exit 112, take KY 245 East towards Bardstown. Bernheim main entrance is about a mile on the right. Tell gatehouse attendant you are there for BBC field trip. GPS 37.918670, -85.668740	Carol Besse 502-387-5971

GUIDELINES FOR FIELD TRIPS

TO MAKE OUR TRIPS MORE ENJOYABLE

1. Arrive a few minutes before the scheduled field trip. The time stated is the STARTING time, not the arrival time. This will give you time to sign the release form and be ready to go.
2. Check the monthly Observer for changes or corrections to the field trip schedule.
3. PLEASE NOTE: Field trips are subject to cancellation, rescheduling or relocation due to weather, habitat conditions or other circumstances. If there is constant rain, extreme hot or cold temperatures, ice or snow, you should contact trip leaders for the latest update on the trip. Also, trip leaders will post information about any changes on the birdky listserv. To look for updates, go to <http://birding.aba.org/maillistdigest/KY>. To subscribe, go to <https://www.freelists.org/list/birdky>.
4. Keep talking to a minimum and speak in hushed tones. Birds react to motion so minimize your movements.
5. Please stay with the leader. Do not go ahead of the leader(s) or lag behind.
6. If you need to use your cell phone, smoke, or have a long conversation be considerate of the other members on the trip and step away from the group.