

**BECKHAM BIRD CLUB**  
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**ACTIVITIES CALENDAR: APRIL THROUGH JUNE 2026**

DATE, TIME, RATING	ACTIVITY	LEADER
Thursday, April 9 8:30 a.m. – noon easy	<b>BECKLEY CREEK PARK – GRAND ALLEE SECTION</b> – For lingering winter birds, migrants 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. <b>GPS: 38.209077, -85.474110</b> ( <a href="https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L2876955">https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L2876955</a> )	Andrew Melnykovich 502-608-4655
Sunday, April 12 8 a.m. – 11a.m. easy	<b>SPECIAL FIELD TRIP</b> – Breakfast with the birds at the home of BBC members Cicely and Jesse Myers in Oldham County (in Pendleton next to Morgan Conservation Park). Waffle bar and Wild Turkeys (the birds) <b>RESERVATIONS REQUIRED</b>	RSVP (text or call) to Cicely at 502-655-8227 to reserve and for exact location
Sunday, April 12 8 a.m. CDT - ?? moderate/strenuous	<b>SLOUGHS WMA, HENDERSON CO. KY</b> — Meet at the observation platform on Highway 268. For directions check DeLorme Atlas page 44 quadrant A 2&3. Bring lunch, shoes for wading, & extra clothes. <b>GPS: 37.850231, -87.742674</b> ( <a href="https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L479616">https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L479616</a> )	Brainard Palmer-Ball 502-330-3998
Tuesday, April 14	<b>MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING - 7:00 p.m. – St. Mark’s Episcopal Church - 2822 Frankfort Ave – corner of Frankfort and Kennedy</b>	
Wednesday, April 15 9 a.m. – noon easy	<b>CHEROKEE PARK/NETTLEROTH SANCTUARY</b> – For residents, lingering winter birds, early migrants. Meet at the base of Maple Road near the entrance to Nettleloth. <b>GPS: 38.241906, -85.695007</b> ( <a href="https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L597108">https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L597108</a> )	Karen Bonsell 502-794-3526
Saturday, April 18 8:30 a.m.– noon easy	<b>BERNHEIM FOREST</b> –For migrants, lingering winter birds, and residents. Meet at the Bernheim Forest Arboretum Way parking lot, next to Lake Nevin and the old education center rotunda. Directions: I-65 south from Louisville to exit 112. Bernheim entrance is about one mile east on KY 245. About 30 minutes from Louisville. <b>GPS: 37.918889, -85.669087</b> ( <a href="https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L286341">https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L286341</a> )	Meg and Steve Brown 502-435-3967
Sunday, April 19	<b>Rain date for April 12 filed trip to Myers property.</b>	
April 24-26	<b>KENTUCKY ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY SPRING MEETING BERA</b> <b>See KOS website or Kentucky Warbler for details</b>	
Saturday, April 25 8 a.m. – noon easy	<b>BECKLEY CREEK PARK – GRAND ALLEE SECTION</b> – For residents, lingering winter birds, and migrants. Meet at the parking lot by the fountain. <b>GPS: 38.21482, -85.47455</b> ( <a href="https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L2876955">https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L2876955</a> )	Kirk Huffstater 303-345-5020
Wednesday, April 29 9 a.m. – noon easy	<b>CHEROKEE PARK/NETTLEROTH SANCTUARY</b> – For residents, lingering winter birds, and migrants. Meet at the base of Maple Road near the entrance to Nettleloth. <b>GPS: 38.241906, -85.695007</b> ( <a href="https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L597108">https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L597108</a> )	Karen Bonsell 502-794-3526
Saturday, May 2 7:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. easy	<b>LOUISVILLE WATER COMPANY PONDS</b> – For waterfowl and shorebirds. You must sign up in advance to enter the secured part of the site. Contact David Bailey at <a href="mailto:david.bailey2473@gmail.com">david.bailey2473@gmail.com</a> to register and for information on access. Line up outside the security gate to await entry. <b>THIS TRIP WILL NOT START AT MAYFAIR AVENUE GPS: 38.341753, -85.626089</b>	David Bailey 720-648-1493
Sunday, May 3 8 a.m. – ?? CDT easy	<b>MAMMOTH CAVE NATIONAL PARK</b> – For spring migrants and residents. Meet at Little Hope Cemetery inside the park. PLEASE DO NOT BIRD THE CEMETERY BEFORE THE TRIP BEGINS. Bring lunch. <b>GPS: 37.154126, -86.053762</b> ( <a href="https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L1337848">https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L1337848</a> )	Meg and Steve Brown 502-435-3967
Tuesday, May 5 8 a.m. – noon easy	<b>POPE LICK PARK</b> – For residents, migrants, summer birds. 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 main parking lot. <b>GPS: 38.184655, -85.488095</b> ( <a href="https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L596209">https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L596209</a> )	Andrew Melnykovich 502-608-4655
Saturday, May 9	<b>GLOBAL BIG DAY - See May newsletter for details.</b>	
Sunday, May 10 8 a.m.- noon easy	<b>BECKLEY CREEK PARK – GRAND ALLEE SECTION</b> – For residents, summer birds and migrants. Meet at the parking lot by the fountain. <b>GPS: 38.21482, -85.47455</b> ( <a href="https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L2876955">https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L2876955</a> )	Kirk Huffstater 303-345-5020
Tuesday, May 12	<b>MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING/OFFICER &amp; BOARD ELECTION - 7:00 p.m. — St. Mark’s Episcopal Church - 2822 Frankfort Ave – corner</b>	

	<b>of Frankfort and Kennedy</b>	
Wednesday, May 14 9 a.m. – noon easy	<b>CHEROKEE PARK/NETTLEROTH SANCTUARY</b> – For residents, migrants. Meet at the base of Maple Road near the entrance to Nettleloth. <b>GPS: 38.241906, -85.695007</b> ( <a href="https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L597108">https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L597108</a> )	Karen Bonsell 502-794-3526
Saturday, May 16 8 a.m.- noon easy	<b>HAYS-KENNEDY PARK/GARVIN BROWN PRESERVE</b> – Residents and migrants. Meet in the parking lot of Hays Kennedy Park off Upper River Road. <b>GPS: 38.352711, -85.630354</b> ( <a href="https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L673935">https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L673935</a> ) ( <a href="https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L607668">https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L607668</a> )	Kirk Huffstater 303-345-5020
Saturday, May 23 8 a.m. – noon easy	<b>POPE LICK PARK</b> – For residents, migrants, summer birds. 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. <b>GPS: 38.184655, -85.488095</b> ( <a href="https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L596209">https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L596209</a> )	Kirk Huffstater 303-345-5020
Saturday, May 24 8:30 a.m. – noon. easy	<b>BROAD RUN PARK</b> – Residents, summer birds, migrants. Meet at Big Vista parking lot to bird on top of the ridge and then drive down to the main pavilion to bird along Floyds Fork creek. On paved or level dirt trails. <b>GPS: 38.097435, -85.546963.</b> ( <a href="https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L30203188">https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L30203188</a> ) ( <a href="https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L13991867">https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L13991867</a> )	Kevin Flowers 502-648-6826
Sunday, May 31 8 a.m. – noon easy	<b>BECKLEY CREEK PARK – GRAND ALLEE SECTION</b> – For lingering winter birds, migrants 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. <b>GPS: 38.209077, -85.474110</b> ( <a href="https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L2876955">https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L2876955</a> )	Meg and Steve Brown 502-435-3967
Tuesday, June 4 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. easy to moderate	<b>CAMP NELSON NATIONAL MONUMENT</b> , – For residents and summer birds, especially grassland species. On US 27 about 7 miles south of Nicholasville. Allow at least 1 hour 45 minutes driving time from the Louisville area. <b>GPS: 37.79728, -84.60069</b> ( <a href="https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L2157121">https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L2157121</a> )	Andrew Melnykovich 502-608-4655
Sunday, June 7 4 p.m.	<b>BECKHAM BIRD CLUB PICNIC – CREASEY-MAHAN NATURE PRESERVE</b> –Directions: turn left from US 42 onto KY 1793 at North Oldham High School. Preserve is about 1.5 miles on Old Harmony Landing Road. <b>GPS: 38.400504, -85.590233</b> ( <a href="https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L1124187">https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L1124187</a> ) Further details in newsletter.	
Wednesday, June 10 9 a.m. – noon easy	<b>DRAUT PARK</b> – For late migrants and residents. Meet in parking lot on Bowling Boulevard. <b>GPS: 38.242791, -85.629445</b> ( <a href="https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L1161147">https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L1161147</a> )	Karen Bonsell 502-794-3526

## **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. Let the leader know if you leave before the field trip concludes.
6. Smoking or vaping is not permitted during field trips.
7. Dogs and other pets are not allowed on field trips.
8. If you need to use your cell phone or have a long conversation be considerate of the other members on the trip and step away from the group.