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ACTIVITIES CALENDAR: JANUARY THROUGH MARCH 2025

| DATE, TIME, RATING | ACTIVITY | LEADER |
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| DATES TBD All day both days | OVERNIGHT TRIP TO GOOSE POND WMA IN INDIANA Options: Jan. 18-19; Jan. 25-26; Feb. 1-2 CONTACT MEG OR STEVE BROWN IF INTERESTED – For waterfowl, raptors, etc (https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L319816) | Meg and Steve Brown 502-435-3967 |
| Tuesday, January 14 | MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING - 7:00 p.m. – St. Mark’s Episcopal Church - 2822 Frankfort Ave – corner of Frankfort and Kennedy – see details in newsletter or on website | |
| Wednesday, January 15 9 a.m. – noon. easy | DRAUT PARK – For winter birds and residents. Meet in parking lot on Bowling Boulevard. GPS: 38.242791, -85.629445 (https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L1161147) | Karen Bonsell 502-794-3526 |
| Saturday, January 18 8:30 a.m. – noon easy | SAM PEDED PARK-3037 Grant Line Rd, New Albany, IN- For winter waterfowl and resident song birds, etc. Meet at the picnic pavilion GPS: 38.319470, -85.826000 (https://ebird.org/hotspot/L1584767) | Kevin Flowers 502-648-6826 |
| Sunday, February 2 8:30 a.m – 11:30 a.m. easy | BECKLEY CREEK PARK – GRAND ALLEE SECTION - For winter visitors, 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 (https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L2876955) | Andrew Melnykovich 502-608-4655 |
| Tuesday, February 11 | MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING - 7:00 p.m. – St. Mark’s Episcopal Church - 2822 Frankfort Ave – corner of Frankfort and Kennedy - see details in newsletter or on website | |
| Wednesday, February 12 9 a.m. – noon easy | DRAUT PARK – For winter birds and residents. Meet in parking lot on Bowling Boulevard. GPS: 38.242791, -85.629445 (https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L1161147) | Karen Bonsell 502-794-3526 |
| | FEBRUARY 14-17 – GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT - PARKLANDS | |
| Friday, February 14 8:30 a.m. – noon easy | BECKLEY CREEK PARK – GRAND ALLEE SECTION - For winter visitors and permanent 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 (https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L2876955) | Parklands staff Curtis Carman 502-592-7618 |
| Friday, February 14 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. moderate | MILES LAKES SECTION – BECKLEY CREEK PARK – Residents, winter visitors, maybe waterfowl. Meet at the paddling put-in parking lot about a half mile from the park entrance on Shelbyville Road. We will walk up the hill and loop back down via the fishing lakes trail. GPS: 38.230555, -85.467853 (https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L1462737) | Andrew Melnykovich 502-608-4655 |
| Saturday, February 15 8:30 a.m. – noon easy | POPE LICK PARK – For residents, winter 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. NOTE: Construction detours may be in place. Meet in the parking lot. (formerly called Floyds Fork Park) GPS: 38.184655, -85.488095 (https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L596209) | Meg and Steve Brown 502-435-3967 |
| Saturday, February 15 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. easy | BECKLEY CREEK PARK – DISTILLERY BEND SECTION – For residents and winter birds. Because parking is limited at Distillery Bend, we will 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 and walk over to Distillery Bend. GPS: 38.209077, -85.474110 (https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L3330035) | Andrew Melnykovich 502-608-4655 |

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| Sunday, February 16 8:30 a.m. – noon moderate | TURKEY RUN PARK – SEATON VALLEY Residents, winter visitors, especially sparrows. Meet at the Seaton Valley parking lot and walk the Louisville Loop toward the Sky Meadows area. Directions: From I-265 exit (19) Billtown Road, go south and turn left at the T; go 1.5 miles and turn right into Turkey Run Park entrance; parking lot is on the right. GPS: 38.131035, -85.518651 (https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L4018634) | Andrew Melnykovich 502-608-4655 |
| Monday, February 17 8:30 a.m. – noon easy | BECKLEY CREEK PARK – Creekside area – For winter visitors and residents. Meet at PNC Achievement Center. GPS: 38.21735, -85.47685 (https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L2108847) | Parklands staff Curtis Carman 502-592-7618 |
| Monday, February 17 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. easy | TURKEY RUN PARK – SKY DOME – For winter visitors and residents. Meet at the hilltop parking lot near the fishing pond. Directions: From I-265 exit (19) Billtown Road, go south and turn left at the T; go 1.5 miles and turn right into Turkey Run Park entrance; parking lot is about a mile into the park on the left. GPS: 38.126418, -85.530846 (https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L3970586) | Andrew Melnykovich 502-608-4655 |
| | RESUME NORMAL PROGRAMMING | |
| Saturday, February 22 6:30 p.m. until dark easy | BECKLEY CREEK PARK – GRAND ALLEE SECTION – For woodcocks. Meet at the entrance end of the soccer field/“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 (https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L2876955) | Meg and Steve Brown 502-435-3967 |
| Sunday, March 2 8:30 a.m. – ?? easy | MUSCATATUCK NWR/HARDY LAKE – For waterfowl, cranes and others. 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. Bring a two-way radio if you have one. GPS: 38.959304, -85.798258 (https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L1307600) (https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L2034604) (https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L768475) | Pat Bell 502-419-5262 |
| Saturday, March 8 8:30 a.m. – noon easy | JEFFERSON MEMORIAL FOREST – For winter visitors, residents and waterfowl. Meet at the welcome center, 11311 Mitchell Hill Road. From Gene Snyder Freeway, take Manslick Road exit south to Fairdale. At the traffic circle in Fairdale, take Mitchell Hill Road 1.6 miles to visitor center. GPS: 38.08588, -85.76758 (https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L662168) | Meg and Steve Brown 502-435-3967 |
| Tuesday, March 11 | ANNUAL MARCH DINNER MEETING—Details in the February and March Observer | |
| Saturday, March 15 8:30 a.m. - noon | 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 left at fork and then first right to boat launch ramp parking area. GPS: 38.266796, -85.419667 (https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L2706091) | Kevin Flowers 502-648-6826 |
| Wednesday, March 19 9 a.m. – noon easy | DRAUT PARK – For winter birds and residents. Meet in parking lot on Bowling Boulevard. GPS: 38.242791, -85.629445 (https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L1161147) | Karen Bonsell 502-794-3526 |
| Saturday, March 22 8:30 am-noon | BERNHEIM FOREST – For early migrants, wintering 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. GPS: 37.918889, -85.669087 (https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L286341) | Meg and Steve Brown 502-435-3967 |
| Sunday, March 30 8 a.m. – noon easy | HAYS-KENNEDY PARK/GARVIN BROWN PRESERVE – Residents, lingering winter birds, early migrants, waterfowl. Meet in the parking lot of Hays Kennedy Park off Upper River Road. GPS: 38.352711, -85.630354 (https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L673935) (https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L607668) | Michael Autin 502-298-2456 |

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 BBC website 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 or have a long conversation be considerate of the other members on the trip and step away from the group. Smoking and vaping are not permitted on BBC field trips.