

Sunday, April 24

Eagle Slough Natural Area Birding Hike

7:00 A.M. --Meet at the Eagle Slough entrance on Waterworks Rd., just north of Ellis Park; Approx. 2 hrs.

This local urban wetland was recently returned to its natural state. Join us for an early morning birding walk through this 127-acre property. Expect to see a variety of warblers, migratory songbirds, and late shorebirds, including Wood Ducks, Winter Wrens, vireos, thrushes, tanagers, etc. Bring binoculars, if you have them.

The John James Audubon Museum houses one of the world's largest collections of original artwork and artifacts of America's first great artist--**John James Audubon**—who was both a naturalist and an ornithologist.

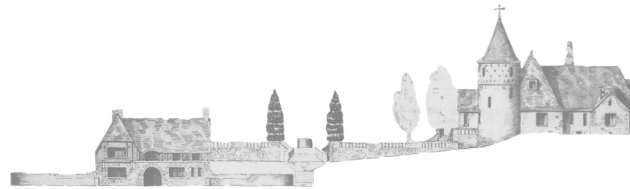


2022 Schedule of Events

Information can be found at:

OhioValleyBirdingFestival.org & Parks.ky.gov.

Activities are FREE!



For future event information, check out the **Evansville Audubon Society** website:

<https://www.evvaudubon.org/field-trips>

For **State Park** program information, please visit: <https://www.parks.ky.gov>

Audubon Museum Hours:

7 Days a Week--10 A.M. to 5 P.M.

*Admission: \$6/adults; \$4/children 6-17 and college students with an ID; Ages 5 and under are free; Discounts apply for Seniors, Families, and Military. FOA members are free. Group tours available when scheduled in advance.

*Admission waived during the Ohio Valley Birding Festival

Friday, April 22

Patoka River NWR Birding Hike

7 A.M. --Meet at Boyd Woods, Oakland City, IN

Approx. 2-3 hrs.; Sturdy shoes are recommended.



Join us for a birding walk through Boyd Woods in search of warblers and other migratory songbirds, continuing the hike past Snakey Point Marsh for possible views of waterfowl and marsh birds, and ending at a little-visited portion of Columbia Mine Preserve to look for grassland sparrows.

Directions: East on SR 64 out of Oakland City 1 mile from SR 357 (Main) to CR 1275E (look for Refuge sign). Turn left and follow signs to

John James Audubon State Park

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Snakey Point Marsh and continue on to parking lot on left at Boyd Woods (Maxey Marsh on the right).

Howell Wetlands Birding Hike
5 P.M.--Meet at Howell Wetlands parking lot at 1400 Tekoppel Ave, Evansville, IN; Approx. 2 hrs.



Accompany us on a search for early spring migrants, during a walk through this restored wetland park on Evansville's west side. Bring binoculars, if you have them.

Saturday, April 23

Birding at Audubon Wetlands*

7 A.M. --Meet at Audubon Wetlands, across from 790 Wolf Hills Road, Henderson, KY. Approx. 2 hrs.; Wear shoes for marshy conditions.

A wetland property acquisition essentially doubles the size of Audubon State Park. Help us identify this bottomland forest's bird guests. This property has a heron rookery and an active bald eagle nest.

Audubon's Bird Migration Walk*

8:30 A.M. --Audubon Museum, John James Audubon State Park; Approx. 1.5 hrs.

The park's Beech-Maple forest is an urban oasis for woodland songbirds and shorebirds. In addition to the seven woodpecker species, several neo-tropical migrants make their home here. Join us as we hope to spot Eastern Bluebirds, Baltimore Orioles, Yellow-Throated and Prothonotary Warblers, Scarlet and Summer Tanagers, Belted Kingfishers, Indigo Buntings, Ruby-Throated Hummingbirds, White-Eyed and Red-Eyed Vireos. New birders are welcome!

**Portions of these hikes may be ADA accessible. Please ask your hike guide for information.*

Family Birding Fun!

9:30 A.M. --Noon; Stop by anytime!
Audubon Museum, J.J. Audubon SP

Make-N-Take Rock-a-Birds--These fun little paper creations will keep young hands busy for a while. A scissors and glue will help design your very own bird species.

Aiming to Save--Can you gather all the habitat components needed to survive? Play this bean-bag toss game to experience the difficulties a bird faces in finding just the right place to live. Will your bird stay alive?

Junior Birders Hike*

10:00 A.M. --Audubon Museum, John James Audubon State Park; Approx. 1 hr. to 1.5 hrs.

Accompany the Junior Birders as they assist Evansville Audubon Society members on a hike through John James Audubon State Park. Appropriate for ages 8-18 with an adult. Binoculars will be provided.

Hands-on Bird Banding Workshop, with Master Bird Bander, Scott Kramer

10:30 A.M. --Noon; Stop by anytime!
Audubon Museum, J. J. Audubon SP

Come help with an ongoing conservation project as we catch, identify, band, and release birds from John James Audubon State Park. Bird banding helps us understand bird migration, behavior, social structure, lifespan and survival rates, and population trends. A great opportunity for spotting early migratory birds and for connecting with nature, so bring a camera!

"How Birds Behave: What They Do and Why They Do It" presented by Sharon Sorenson

Noon—Audubon Museum Theater, John James Audubon State Park, Approx. 1 hr.

We've all watched birds doing strange things--hanging upside down, going bald, singing at midnight, chasing one another, standing on one leg, wallowing in the dirt. What's going on with all that? We'll explore some of the more interesting behaviors and learn what the experts have to say about what those behaviors tell us about their lives as Sharon shares stories from her latest book, *How Birds Behave: Discover the Mysteries of What Backyard Birds Do 365 Days of the Year*. A few laughs, a few sighs, a few "oh-no's!"

Sharon Sorenson is a newspaper columnist and author, who along with her husband-photographer Charles, present delightful insights into the avian world. Her books will be available for sale.

"Raptors Wild!" presented by The Talon Trust

1:30 P.M. --Friends of Audubon Meeting Room, J. J. Audubon SP; Donations accepted for The Talon Trust; Approx. 1 hr.

Enjoy an interactive personal experience with live raptors! Volunteers from The Talon Trust, Inc. will share stories of birds that have been injured and can't survive in the wild, and now serve as ambassadors for their species.

The Talon Trust, Inc. is a local volunteer-based organization dedicated to the conservation of native raptors through rescue, rehabilitation, and education. All donations received by The Talon Trust go to help feed and care for injured raptors.

Owl Puke--Yuck! Or Not?

2:45 P.M. --Audubon Museum Nature Center; J. J. Audubon SP; Approx. 1 hr.

The thought of owl puke may seem disgusting, but wait until you see what's inside that lump! These nocturnal hunters seek out all sorts of prey. Discover what critters the owls consider a tasty dinner when you dissect a sterilized owl pellet. You just may be amazed at what you find!

