

Let's Go Birding!



2020 Late Summer/Early Fall Birding Events

It's time to go Birding!! While Covid-19 has caused many places to close or open at reduced capacity, birding has seen a surge in activity. More birding, new birders, and the opportunity for certain areas to flourish with wildlife.

With fall migration well underway and the opportunity to gather in small groups, we are excited to once again interact, learn, and discuss with all of you again. Our outings are open to everyone and you will always find a friendly group that shares your enjoyment of birds and the outdoors. We will continue to practice social distancing while birding and limit our group size to 10 until further notice.

Please register in advance: **Call Love Creek County Park (269-471-2617) or message us on Facebook (Berrien Birding Club or Love Creek pages) to RESERVE YOUR SPOT. We hope to see you in the field!!**

Tuesday, August 11th @ 8:30 a.m. St. Joe Beach Birding.

After watching for lakeshore migrants from Tiscornia Beach and the north pier, we'll walk the beach at least a part of the way north to Jean Klock Beach. This will give us a chance to watch for birds in flight and check the beaches between the two parks for shorebirds. Meet at Tiscornia Park. *Vehicle parking fee required.*
https://www.sjcity.com/images/Fee_Schedule_2020_Approved.pdf

Saturday, August 15th @ 8:30 a.m. New Buffalo Lakefront and Three Oaks Ponds.

We'll start by checking the New Buffalo Public Beach for migrant shorebirds and waterbirds. Then, we'll head over to the Three Oaks water treatment ponds that often play host to waterfowl and migrant shorebirds. Just North of Hwy 12 on Schwark rd. Meet at New Buffalo Beach (Vehicle parking fee required).

Tuesday, August 18th @ 8:30 a.m. Galien River County Park and Grand Beach Marsh Preserve

We'll start by checking Galien River County Park's woodland trails, boardwalks and canopy walkway for lingering summer residents. We will then take a quick drive to Chikaming open lands' Grand Beach Marsh Preserve. Meet at Galien River County Park.

Saturday, August 22nd @ 8:30 a.m. St. Joe Beach Birding

See August 11 for outing description.

Saturday, August 29th @ 8:30 a.m. New Buffalo Lakefront Birding

See August 15th for outing description.

Tuesday, September 8th @ 8:30 a.m. Fall Migration at Love Creek Nature Center and Surrounding Berrien Springs.

Warblers and other songbird migrants should be moving through southwest Michigan now, many en route to the tropics. Today we'll search for them on some of the wider trails at Love Creek. Meet at the nature center building.

Sunday, September 13th @ 8:30 a.m. Fall Warblers at Warren Dunes State Park.

Today we'll search for fall warblers and other migrant landbirds along the forest edges of Floral Lane and the youth camping area at the north end of Warren Dunes State Park. Meet at the Youth Camp/Trailhead parking lot on Floral Lane. (Off Red Arrow Highway, 1.5 miles north of Main Park entrance.)

Saturday, September 19th @ 8:30 a.m. Chikaming Township Park.

We'll start today at the Chikaming Twp. Park & Preserve on Warren Woods Road. The forest edges and old fields here are good location for fall landbird migrants. Later we'll make the short trip to the Three Oaks wastewater ponds to see what shorebirds or waders are present. Meet at the entrance parking lot (by community garden) at Chikaming Township Park on Warren Woods Road.

Sunday, September 20th @ 8:30 a.m. Topinabee Lake Preserve and Mud Lake Bog.

Our first stop today in South Berrien County will be Topinabee Lake Preserve in Bertrand Township where we will scan the shallow pond for shorebirds and early dabblers, warblers can also be seen exploring the brushy edges for insects. Next we'll take a short drive to Mud Lake Bog in Buchanan. Several woodland residents and migrants can be found in the trees and shrubs in the parking area, from there we will venture onto the floating boardwalk and into the bog.

Tuesday, September 22, 8:30 a.m. Paw Paw River County Park & Beyond.

Join us and explore the birding potential Paw Paw River County Park in Watervliet. A pedestrian bridge across the Paw Paw River provides access to an island with a loop trail and river overlooks. This site has good potential for warblers and other land bird migrants in spring and fall. Afterwards we can we can decide as a group where to head next. (Meet in the parking lot. The park is located on the east side of N Main St. (M-140) in Watervliet, on the south side of the Paw Paw River).

Saturday, September 26, 8:30 a.m. Galien River County Park and New Buffalo Beach

We are going to switch things around by starting at Galien River County Park. We'll explore for migrants along the boardwalk trails and the Marsh Overlook Tower. Then we'll head for the New Buffalo Public Beach to see what shorebirds, gulls or terns have settled on the beach or inner harbor. Meet at Galien River County Park. (Parking fees for 20209 are \$5 for the first three hours; \$12 for all day).



Berrien Birding Club Membership/Renewal Form

Regular Membership (\$10) Supporting Membership (\$25)

Name(s): _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

If you'd prefer the electronic newsletter option, please check here

Please make checks to "Berrien Birding Club" and mail to Love Creek Nature Center, 9292 Huckleberry Road, Berrien Center, MI 49102. Note: Memberships are per address, not per person. Memberships are current through April of the following year. (If you joined or renewed since last November, please disregard this notice....) Memberships, both new and renewal are always accepted.

Download form at www.berriencounty.org/434/Birding. **Thanks to all for your continued support!**