

Valley Forge Audubon Society & John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove



Calendar of Events

*Bird Walks, Hikes, Programs, & Special Events
September – December 2018*

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Legend



Bird Walks



Programs and Special Events



Young Birder
Walks



Hikes

General Information

For information and registration, call or Email the event leader. For information on Thursday morning hikes, call Ann Lane at 443-472-8716 and leave a message. If extreme weather conditions are forecast the day of the event, phone the event leader.

For last minute changes, please check the MeetUp Calendar of Events at www.meetup.com/Valley-Forge-Audubon-Society-Calendar-of-Events/

September



**Bird/Nature Walk: Saturday Morning Bird Walks at the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove, Audubon, PA
September 1, Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

Join us for a free, guided bird walk at Mill Grove. We'll visit the creek, cross the meadows, and hike through the woods on both paved and unpaved trails. Children and beginners are welcome! We have extra binoculars, so don't worry if you forget yours, or don't have them. Walks begin in the main parking lot. Facebook will be updated by 7:00 a.m. the day of each walk if we need to cancel due to inclement weather. No registration needed. Directions at the end of the calendar.

Various Leaders



**Hike: Wissahickon Valley, Indian Statue, Valley Green Inn
(4-5 miles)
September 6, Thursday, 10:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

We will hike the mostly shady upper trails on the northeast side of the valley and return on Forbidden Drive. Bring water. Lunch optional.

Directions: Take Route I 476 north (Blue Route) to exit 18 A. Turn right onto Ridge Pike east and go 3.5 miles to Bells Mills Road. Turn left and continue downhill until parking lot on right before you get to Forbidden Drive. Portapotty available.

Leader: Evamarie Malsch, home: 215-984-8377, cell, only on day of hike: 610-212-7186



**Bird/Nature Walk: Exton Park, Exton, PA
September 6, Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

Formerly known as Church Farm Pond and now a part of Exton Park, this pond and surrounding wetland had been a popular birding spot for years. This walk will join the Friends of Exton Park for their weekly bird walk. Beginners are welcome. Bring binoculars. Directions at the end of the calendar.

Various Leaders



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September 8, Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

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Various Leaders



**Hike: Between Tracks and River, Valley Forge NHP (4-5 miles)
September 13, Thursday, 10:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

We will cross the river, then back across the RR tracks for a loop hike on the south side of the river. This is a 4 mile hike. For those who want a longer hike, we will do another mile starting at our cars. Bring water and lunch. Meet in the Betzwood parking area.

Directions: Betzwood Parking Lot at Valley Forge Park. Take Route 422 west to the Route 363 exit (Trooper Road). Stay in the left lane. Turn left when the turning light turns green and take Trooper Road south towards the river. Turn right at the stop sign. Park near the restrooms.

Leader: Esther Underhill 610-827-7776, cell: 484-716-9036 (morning of hike only), underwalt@aol.com.



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Various Leaders



Bird/Nature Walk: Saturday Morning Bird Walks at the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove, Audubon, PA, September 15, Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Join us for a free, guided bird walk at Mill Grove. We'll visit the creek, cross the meadows, and hike through the woods on both paved and unpaved trails. Children and beginners are welcome! We have extra binoculars, so don't worry if you forget yours, or don't have them. Walks begin in the main parking lot. Facebook will be updated by 7:00 a.m. the day of each walk if we need to cancel due to inclement weather. No registration needed. Directions at the end of the calendar.

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**Hawk Watch – Cape May Point State Park, Cape May NJ
September 15, Saturday 9:00 a.m.**

We are going to be looking for migrant hawks, warblers, and shore birds. At the southern end of the Garden State Parkway. Cross over Cape May Bridge onto Lafayette Street, Cape May. At the intersection, bear right onto County Route 606, then left onto Lighthouse Avenue. From Route 9, take County Route 626, Seashore Road and cross the bridge.

Leaders: Joe Hudson, (484) 988-1140 Jchudson41@gmail.com and Dan Sullivan

River Days

**Norristown Riverfront Park, Hawes Avenue, Norristown, PA
September 15, Saturday 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

This year we are partnering with the city and other community partners to throw a big festival at Riverfront Park. River Days is a community festival. The intent is to get visitors outside and active; to educate them about the Delaware River watershed, and to make them aware of ways they can experience and steward the watershed on their own. There will be a beer garden, live music, activity tables (Birding with Binoculars, Plants for Birds, iNaturalist Observation Station, Artifact Touch Table, Water Quality Testing), food trucks, and games.



**Hike: Horse-Shoe Trail Maintenance, Reese Road, Charlestown, PA
September 20, Thursday, 10:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

The semi-annual work trip to keep the trail corridor open. Wear old clothes, a long sleeved top and gloves. Bring clipping tools. There are no bathrooms. Bring lunch and water. Directions: If you have E-Z Pass, take the PA Turnpike to slip exit 320. Turn north onto Route 29. Drive under the Turnpike and take the first right onto Whitehorse Road. Drive 0.6 miles to top of hill. The sign says Union Hill Road on your left. Turn right onto Rees Road. After a stop sign, drive a short distance to the HST grass parking lot on the right. OR, from Route 202 take the Route 29 North exit. Take Liberty Blvd. to Route 29. Turn right onto 29. Follow as above. OR, from the intersection of Routes 23 and 252 in Valley Forge NHP, drive west on Route 23 for 2.9 miles to Whitehorse Road on east side of Phoenixville. Turn left onto Whitehorse Road and drive 3.0 miles to Rees Road. Turn left and follow as above.

Leader: Ingrid Cantarella-Fox cell: 484-432-2150



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2018 American Birding Expo**Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, Oaks, PA****September 21, Friday 7:30 a.m. – 8 p.m.****September 22, Saturday 7:30 a.m. – 8 p.m.****September 23 Sunday 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

The 2018 American Birding Expo is going to be biggest one yet! This is a great event for novice and experienced birders. There will be morning bird walks at a variety of locations in the area (Mill Grove, Valley Forge Park, John Heinz NWR [Tinicum], and Fort Washington State Park), late morning and afternoon seminars, and evening keynote speakers. Sunday is Family Day and Carrie Barron from Mill Grove will be having a “Birds of Prey” presentation with an Eastern screech owl and a great horned owl from 1 to 3 pm.

In addition, the exhibit hall will be open from 10 am to 6 pm on Friday/Saturday and 10 am to 3 pm on Sunday. Exhibitors will be representing tour companies, optics and photography products, clothing and gear, bird feeding/housing products, books, apps and media, gift items and art, plus numerous bird conservation/birding membership organizations, birding festivals, and causes.

Admission is only \$10 and tickets are good for the duration of the event (3 days). They admit you for all bird walks, workshops, talks, and keynote presentations on a first-come, first served basis. You can purchase tickets and view the complete 3-day schedule on their website: www.Americanbirdingexpo.com



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September 22, Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

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**Young Birders Walk:****John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove, Audubon, PA
September 23, Sunday, 9:00 a.m. – 11 a.m.**

We invite young people to discover the birds of Mill Grove during the spring migration. Neotropical migrants arrive at Mill Grove on their way to breeding ground further north. Bring binoculars and water to drink. Extra binoculars will be available. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Adult birders welcome, too. Directions at the end of the calendar.

Leaders Joe Hudson (484) 988-1140 Jchudson41@gmail.com and Dan Sullivan

**Hike: Pennypack Park (5.5 miles)****8500 Pine Road, Philadelphia, PA
September 27, Thursday, 10:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

Entrance to the Park is opposite Fox Chase Farm on Pine Road.

We will hike East of Pine Road, a few fairly easy hills, through woods that make it hard to believe you're in one of the largest cities in the country. Bring lunch or order from food cart outside park entrance. Directions: Best to use GPS locator for directions or call leader for help.

Leader: Gary Rigg 610-716-7654

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Various Leaders



**Bird/Nature Walk: Warwick County Park
382 County Park Road, Pottstown, PA,
September 29, Saturday 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

The 535-acre Warwick County Park in northern Chester County includes dense hardwood forest, wetlands, meadows, and riparian areas along a section of French Creek, an "exceptional value" stream. This diversity provides excellent habitat for birds. This walk on mainly flat (and possibly muddy) terrain on unpaved trails will cover approximately 2 miles. A modern restroom is on site. This is a joint walk with West Chester Bird Club. Directions at the end of the calendar.

<http://www.chesco.org/1747/Warwick-Park>

Leaders: Patty and John Werth, 484-985-8164 (home) or 215-859-1148 (cell), or pattyww@comcast.net

October



**Hike: Delaware River Canal trails (6 miles)
October 4, Thursday, 10:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

We will hike on both sides of the river, passing through New Hope, Lambertville, and Stockton. This is dead level all the way, with nice views of the river and some homes along it. Plenty of ways to shorten walk for those not wanting to go the distance. Eat in New Hope or Lambertville, group will decide.

Directions: (Much easier to actually drive it than it might seem)

- Take the PA Turnpike to Willow Grove/Route 611 (Exit 343)
- Take 611 north less than a mile to Blair Mill Road; Turn right onto Blair Mill Road and drive to dead end.
- Turn right onto W. County Line Road. Drive a very short distance and turn left onto Route 263 north.
- Drive a long distance (don't have mileage) until 263 intersects with Route 202 north. Turn right and drive north on 202 until you see sign for Route 179 north saying "New Hope" on your right.
- Drive on 179 through New Hope. Cross the bridge over the Delaware River. Drive through Lambertville, NJ.
- Turn left on Route 29 north, just past downtown Lambertville. Drive about a mile and you will see the Route 202 bridge overhead that crosses the Delaware.
- Just before the bridge is a railroad crossing with lights. Turn left. The road is on the northwest side of the Farm Museum.
- Drive about 200 yards to large unpaved parking lot.

Leader: Gary Rigg, cell: 610-716-7654.



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October 6, Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

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Various Leaders

Program

**Hawk Identification for Beginners
John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove, Audubon, PA
October 7, Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Fall is raptor migration season and PA offers many great hawk watching spots. Join us for an introduction into some of the tips bird watchers use to identify hawks. Dress for the weather. Please register before the program. Directions at the end of the calendar.

Leader: Vincent Smith 484-410-1157 or nyctea34@aol.com



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**Birding and Bagels; Riverbend Environmental Education
Center, Gladwyne, PA
October 13, Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

As the cold weather settles in, the birds head out! Journey with Riverbend and the Valley Forge Audubon Society to some of Riverbend's best birding spots in search of resident birds as well as the birds stopping through as they travel south to their wintering grounds. FREE Walks are open to all ages. To reserve your spot, RSVP to Lisa - lhancock@riverbendec.org. The Riverbend Environmental Education Center is located at 1950 Spring Mill Rd, Gladwyne, PA

Important note: For all walks, dress for the weather and bring binoculars. A limited number of binoculars will be available for shared use.

Leader: Dan Sullivan, 484-919-0126

**Fall is For Planting Native Plant Sale
Roosevelt Memorial High School, 1161 Markley St, Norristown, PA
October 13, Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
October 21, Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Valley Forge Audubon Society is partnering with the John James Audubon Center and Roosevelt Memorial High School to host 2 native plant sales this fall. Students will be involved with the planning and implementation of the sales and this collaboration supports ongoing habitat restoration efforts on the Roosevelt Memorial High School property. The sale will take place by the greenhouse at the high school.

Program **Native vs. Non-Native Plants: The Good, The Bad, and The Invasive**
John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove, Audubon, PA
October 14, Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

A native plant is one that occurs naturally in a particular region, ecosystem, or habitat without direct or indirect human intervention. Because native plants are adapted to the growing conditions where you live, they are often easier to grow, and less susceptible to challenging conditions, such as drought, than non-native plants. Many non-native plants are also invasive and threaten our native plant species. If you are interested in learning more about using native plants in your garden, join us for a plant walk that will teach friends from foes, alien invasive plants versus native plants, and why natives are better. Dress for the weather. Park in the Cottage Parking Lot. Entrance is the first road on the right after main entrance if heading towards Phoenixville.

Leader: Vincent Smith 484-410-1157 or nyctea34@aol.com

Program **Citizen Science: Learn About Project FeederWatch**
Lower Providence Community Library, Eagleville, PA
October 16, Tuesday 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Project FeederWatch is a 30-year joint collaboration between the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and Bird Studies Canada. It is a winter survey of birds that visit feeders at backyards, nature centers, community areas, and other locales in North America. All you need to participate is a bird feeder, birdbath, or plantings that attract birds. People of all skill levels and backgrounds, including children, families, individuals, classrooms, retired persons, youth groups, nature centers, and bird clubs participate in the program.

From early November to early April, participants can count birds as often as every week (for as little as 15 minutes each day for 2 consecutive days), but you are not required to count every week. FeederWatchers then enter their bird count data on the Project FeederWatch website.

FeederWatch scientists analyze all submitted data to assess winter bird abundance and distribution, to track broad scale movements of winter bird populations, and long-term trends. Two books and 26 scientific papers have been published with the reported data.

Long-time program participants Vince Smith nyctea34@aol.com and Pat Nastase patnastase@comcast.net will provide an overview of the program. Please RSVP to the Lower Providence Community Library via an email to Barbara Loewengart (bloewengart@mclinc.org) or call the library at 610-666-6640 to register.



**Hike: Worcester Park – Zacharias Trail (5-6 miles or 2-3 miles)
October 18, Thursday, 10:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

Join us at Heebner Park for this hike on the Zacharias Trail. Directions: Take Route 422 to the Trooper Road exit. Right on Trooper Road 2.7 miles to left on Route 363, Ridge Pike. Take Route 363 (Ridge Pike .4 miles to right on Park Ave). Continue on Route 363 (Park Ave) 4.0 to Heebner Park on left. Bring snack, water. Restrooms at Park.

Leaders: Ingrid Cantarella-Fox cell: 484-432-2150 & Shethra Rigg: cell: 610-212-3245



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Various Leaders



**Bird/Nature Walk: Coventry Woods
1954 St. Peters Road, Pottstown, PA
October 21, Sunday 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

Join us for a bird walk in this beautiful and unspoiled 688-acre park in the dense woodland forests of northern Chester County. Coventry Woods is part of the Hopewell Big Woods, and 153 species of birds have been recorded at this site to date. Bring your binoculars and dress for the weather. This walk of about 2 miles will be on trails that are unpaved and some of which are moderately steep, so sturdy boots are recommended. Children and beginners are welcome. A portable restroom is on site. This is a joint walk with West Chester Bird Club. Directions at the end of the calendar.

Leaders: Patty and John Werth, 484-985-8164 (home) or 215-859-1148 (cell), or pattyww@comcast.net



Hike: Ridley Creek State Park
October 25, Thursday, 10:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.

We'll hike a variety of trails in this extensive state park. Bring lunch and water or eat at a nearby deli.

Directions: From the intersection of Routes 252 and 3 in Newtown Square, drive west to the next light. Turn left onto Bishop Hollow Road and drive to the four-way stop at Gradyville Road. Turn right onto Gradyville Road, drive to the park. Follow signs to Park Office. OR, from the intersection of Route 352 and Gradyville Road, drive east on Gradyville Rd. Follow signs for Park Office. Turn right onto Sandy Flash Road and follow as above. OR, from the intersection of Routes 252 and 3, drive west on Route 3 for 3.2 miles to the entrance to Ridley Park on the left (There is a large sign that says Colonial Plantation before the entrance). Once inside the park, follow the signs for Park Office/Stables for 3.1 miles. Meet at Parking Lot #7 near mansion. Restrooms near the parking lot.

Leader: Fran DeMillion, 610-444-3644, cell: 610-316-2937 (day of hike)



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Various Leaders

November

Program **I Get Around: How New Plants Find Their Way to Your Garden**
John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove, Audubon, PA
November 3, Saturday 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Have you looked at a plant in your garden that you did not plant yourself and wondered how it got there? Plants have some amazing strategies to multiply. Join us for a plant walk that will explore some dispersal techniques plants use to “get around”. Dress for the weather. Children welcome. Directions at the end of the calendar.

Leader: Vincent Smith 484-410-1157 or nyctea34@aol.com



Bird/Nature Walk:
Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site, Elverson, PA
November 10, Saturday 9:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Established in 1938, this 848-acre park is a beautiful mix of dense woodlands, open pastures, and edge habitat surrounding the historic Hopewell Village. Our walk will begin at the Visitor's Center and will consist of two loops; the first loop will be approximately 1 mile in length, traveling toward Hopewell Lake in adjacent French Creek State Park, and the second loop will cover about 2 miles into the Baptism Creek watershed of the Hopewell Big Woods. Join us for one or both loops.

<https://www.nps.gov/hofu>

Bring binoculars and dress for the weather. Trails are unpaved but well-maintained. The terrain is mostly gently sloping, although there are a couple of short steep sections. A modern restroom is on site. Children and beginners are welcome. Directions at the end of the calendar. This is a joint walk with West Chester Bird Club.

Note that the gates to the parking lot do not open until 9:15 am.

Leaders: Patty and John Werth, 484-985-8164 (home) or 215-859-1148 (cell), or pattyww@comcast.net.

December



118th Christmas Bird Count
December 22, Saturday 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Various locations near the John James Audubon Center at
Mill Grove

Join us for the 118th Christmas Bird Count. The count is the longest continuous census in the new world. The count stretches from the high Arctic to South America. By volunteering for this event you are helping scientists determine the long-term population trends for birds in our area.

The annual event includes teams of birders surveying eleven sections within a prescribed 15-mile diameter circle, the center of which is the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove. Beginning and experienced birders are welcome. Section leaders will notify past participants. New volunteers, please register by December 15 to be assigned to a team. *Contact: Vincent Smith nyctea34@aol.com or 484-410-1157*

Directions

John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove, 1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon PA

The entrance is at the junction of Audubon and Pawlings Roads. From Route 422 West: Follow Route 422 West to third exit, Rte 363 North – Audubon/Trooper. Bear right at the end of the ramp, and move into the left traffic lane. Turn left at the first light, onto Audubon Road. Follow to the end, to the Mill Grove entrance at Pawlings Road (approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile). From Route 30: Follow Route 202 North to exit for 422 West (Pottstown). Follow directions for “Route 422 West” above. Phone 610-666-5593 x101. (more parking on first right after main entrance heading towards Phoenixville)

Exton Park, Exton PA

Exton Park is located on former Church Farm School property on Swedesford Road in West Whiteland Township. From the intersection of Routes 30 and 202, drive west along Route 30 and turn right on Valley Creek Blvd. At the end of the road, make a left on Swedesford Road. Park in the gravel parking lot on your left where the perimeter trail starts.

Coventry Woods, Pottstown PA

Directions from Audubon: Take Route 422 W toward Pottstown
Get off the PA 100 S exit in Pottstown Turn Right onto W. Cedarville Road
Slight Right onto Laurelwood Road Take a left onto W. Cedarville Road
Left onto Sheep Hill Road 1st Right onto Temple Road
Take 2nd left onto St. Peters Road. Parking lot is across from Fernbrook Road.

Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site, Elverson PA

Take Route 422 West to the intersection of PA Route 82. Take Route 82 South through the town of Birdsboro where it is joined by PA Route 345. Take Route 345 South until you reach the park entrance.

An alternative way is to take PA Route 23 West from Valley Forge Park through the towns of Valley Forge and Phoenixville. Continue on Route 23 West (it forks from the main roadway just west of Phoenixville) until you reach the intersection of PA Route 345. Turn onto Route 345 North and continue on it until you reach the park entrance.

Warwick County Park, Pottstown PA

From the intersection of Routes 100 and 23, proceed west on Route 23 for 3.4 miles. Turn left onto County Park Road (entrance is somewhat hidden) and continue 0.3 miles to the entrance to Warwick County Park, on the left. Follow the drive to the last parking lot on the left.