

Spring Bird Walk Series 2026

The *Series of Spring Bird Walks* is one of the oldest community science partnerships between Northeast Ohio park systems, Audubon chapters, and other organizations now in its 93rd year. It is also a celebration of migratory birds. Walks are led by experienced birders and will be held on **Sundays, April 12, 19, and 26, and May 3, 10, and 17 at 7:30 AM unless otherwise noted.** The following locations are participating in the Series:



Aurora Sanctuary - Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland Sanctuary, parking lot east of Page Rd. on E. Pioneer Trail, east of routes 306 and 43, Aurora. 216-337-2202. Terrain: 2.5 miles, packed soil with some hills and MUD! Boots highly suggested.

Bedford Reservation - Hemlock Creek Picnic Area, off Button Rd., Bedford. 330-715-6300 Terrain: natural surface, may be muddy and uneven footing. 2 miles with an additional (optional) 3 mile spur.

Big Creek Reservation - Lake Isaac, southern terminus of the Lake-to-Lake Trail, Cleveland Metroparks Big Creek Parkway, Middleburg Heights. Contact: info@wcaudubon.org Terrain: natural surface, some off trail, short boardwalks, footing can be rough, muddy, and slippery. 2 miles.

Brecksville Reservation - Parking area at Station Rd. Bridge Trailhead, off Riverview Rd. south of Route 82, Brecksville. 330-467-3664. Terrain: varies, 3 or more routes.

Gates Mills - Various locations. Takes place rain or shine, footwear and clothing for the weather. Children with adults are welcome. **May 3, May 10 and May 17 are TBA (contact Buster 216.316.1621 for details)**

April 12 - Hach-Otis State Nature Preserve - the End of Skyline Drive (Off of River Rd.), Willoughby Hills, OH and continue at Hach-Otis John & Carol Lillich Meadows, 2685 Dodd Road, Willoughby Hills, OH

April 19 - Orchard Hills Park -11340 Caves Road, Chester Township, (north of Mulberry)

April 26 - Frohring Meadows - 16780 Savage Road, Bainbridge Township

Geauga Park District - Various locations in Geauga County, see list below. 7:30am to 9:30am at all locations. Contact info@geaugaparkdistrict.org or 440-286-9516 for details.

April 12 - Burton Wetlands – 15681 Old Rider Rd, Burton OH 44021

April 19 - Frohring Meadows – 16780 Savage Rd, Chagrin Falls OH 44023

April 26 - The Rookery – 10110 Cedar Rd, Chesterland OH 44026

May 3 - Eldon Russell Park – 16315 Rapids Rd, Troy Township, OH 44021

May 10 - Big Creek Park – 9160 Robinson Rd, Chardon, OH 44024

May 17 - Swine Creek Reservation – 16004 Hayes Rd, Middlefield OH 44062

Hiram - James H. Barrow Field Station (Hiram College), 11305 Wheeler Road, Hiram use the south driveway not the employee/delivery driveway please. 330-569-5787. Terrain: natural surface, may be muddy. 2.5 miles.

Lake Metroparks - Lake Erie Bluffs, 3301 Lane Rd., Perry Township. **Meeting time is 8:00 AM.** For information contact 440-256-1404, ext. 2118. Terrain: 2 miles. Sunday Morning Bird Walks sign-up page: [WebTrac Activity Search – Lake Metroparks](#)

Lorain County Metro Parks

Vermilion River Reservation - Bacon Woods <https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L274600>

Note: Walks begin at 8:30 AM! Drive to the back of the park to meet at the trailhead at the far northern lot. Walk includes the beginning sections of the parking lot and the red and blue trails. Terrain: crushed gravel, short boardwalks, and sometimes mud on the grass trail. Approx 2 miles. Contact: 440-787-7736

Mentor Marsh - parking at Shipman Pond parking lot, 9600 Headlands Rd., Mentor. 440-257-0777. Terrain: Approx. 3 miles. Details at [Calendar | Cleveland Museum of Natural History](#)

North Chagrin Reservation – North Chagrin Nature Center parking lot, 401 Buttermilk Falls Parkway, Mayfield Village. 440-473-3370. Terrain varies: all purpose and natural surface trails and boardwalk 2.5 miles. **Walks are from 7:30 -10:30am.**

Novak Sanctuary - Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland Sanctuary, parking lot at 382 Townline Rd, Aurora, 44202 (north of Rt. 82). Text or call 216-374-6292 or email caslonsvcs@gmail.com. Terrain: 1.5 miles with modest hills and wet and muddy areas. Please wear/have mudproof footwear.

Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation - CanalWay Center, 4524 E. 49th Street, Cuyahoga Hts. 216-206-1000. Terrain: 2.3 miles primarily on all purpose trail.

Rocky River Reservation - Rocky River Nature Center parking lot, 24000 Valley Parkway, North Olmsted. Contact: info@wcaudubon.org. Easy to moderate terrain; some paved, crushed gravel, boardwalks, and potential mud: Approximately 2 miles.

Shaker Lakes - The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes parking lot, 2600 South Park Blvd., Shaker Heights. 216-321-5935. Terrain: Mix of all purpose trail, asphalt and dirt, 2 miles. **Registration is appreciated but not required** www.shakerlakes.org - Events/Programs, Programs, Birding Programs

River Styx Park - Medina County Park District, 8200 River Styx Rd., Guilford Twp., Wadsworth. Will have walks on **Saturdays**, April 11 through May 16 at 7:30 AM. 330-722-9364 **Terrain: about 1.5 miles and can be muddy**



Don't miss the migration!

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