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Fire Island National Seashore Offers International Migratory Bird Day Program at William Floyd Estate on May 12

Patchogue, NY—In honor of International Migratory Bird Day, Fire Island National Seashore is offering a special ranger- conducted tour on May 12, 2007. “Bird Watching in the Fields and Woods of the William Floyd Estate” provides an opportunity to observe spring migration at one of the park’s best birding spots. Peak migratory times in the month of May bring thousands of birds through the Floyd Estate. The varied habitats of fields, woods, creeks and salt marsh provide ample feeding and resting areas for these birds on their way northward.

Bring binoculars to find a variety of birds, particularly the neotropical migrants such as grosbeaks, warblers and vireos. Gate opens at 8:30 a.m. for the free program which starts at 9:00 a.m. Meet in the Floyd Estate parking lot, 245 Park Drive, Mastic Beach, New York 11951. Roundtrip walk will be approximately 2.5 miles. Call 631- 395- 9693 for information.

The William Floyd Estate opens for the summer season on Memorial Day weekend. Beginning May 25, 2007, the 280- year- old “Old Mastic House” will be open for free guided tours on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Monday Holidays from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A host of special interpretive programs will be offered this year.

For more information about Fire Island National Seashore, visit the park’s web site at www.nps.gov/fiis. You can learn more about the William Floyd Estate, bird watching and other activities, and the park’s natural and cultural resources.

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