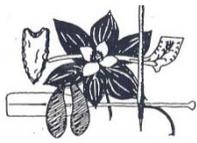


St. Croix Valley Interpreters Association



Presents: Birding Day In The St. Croix Valley! May 4, 2013



Join the St. Croix Valley Interpreter's as they present or host special birding activities throughout the Valley. This is the Valley kick-off for International Migratory Bird Day! Activities will be going on Valley-wide, so take a day, explore the valley, and learn some new things about birds, migration and some of the opportunities that the Valley has to offer!

2013 St. Croix Valley Hosts

National Park Service	(715) 483-2272 www.nps.gov/sacn
Afton State Park	(651) 436-5391 www.mndnr.gov/afton
Willow River State Park	(715) 386-5931 www.dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/willowriver
William O'Brien State Park	(651) 433-0500 www.mndnr.gov/williamobrien
Wisconsin Interstate State Park	(715) 483-3747 www.dnr.wi.gov
Minnesota Interstate State Park	(651) 465-5711 www.mndnr.gov/interstate
Wild River State Park	(651) 583-2925 www.mndnr.gov/wildriver
Crex Meadows Wildlife Area	(715) 463-2739 www.crexmeadows.org



Saturday, May 4th, 2013

Afton State Park – Afton, MN

Meet at the visitor center

8:00am – 9:30am

Birds, Birds, Birds

Join a naturalist to learn the basics of using binoculars and spotting birds in the wild. Put your new skills to use on a birding walk that will help you identify some of the many birds in Afton!

Willow River State Park – Hudson, WI

Meet at the gravel parking lot by the Group Sites

6:30pm

Bring your binoculars and bird book as we enjoy a spring evening on the prairie as you hike along one of our bluebird trails in the park. Learn about the beautiful Eastern Bluebird and other birds that live in the prairie area. The hike will last about 45 minutes.

William O'Brien State Park – Marine, MN



Meet at the Visitor Center

10:00am

Bird Scavenger Hunt

With camera in hand, let's find different signs of birds that live in William O'Brien State Park. See if you are one of the first ones to get everything checked off on your list! Bring your own digital camera, or one will be provided for your use. There are a limited number of cameras, so please sign-up at the park office.

Meet at the Visitor Center

1:00pm

What's Tweeting in the Park!

This beginning bird walk will help you get started in the wonderful world of bird watching! Learn some of the tips and tricks to finding that elusive bird and learn some common calls of the birds in the area. Bring your own binoculars and bird book or one will be provided for your use. (1-mile walk with 1 hill) See you there!



National Park Service Headquarters – St. Croix Falls, WI

Meet at the Visitor Center

10:00am

**Migration - Beyond the Bottom of the Page
Everett Janssen, Kids Saving the Rainforest**

The call of a songbird is perhaps one of the true signs of spring, and over one hundred bird species migrate between Central and South America the Upper Midwest each year. Annual migrations like this are global, as are the realities of climate, finance and politics. With species and habitat at risk, it will take more than a local solution to make a difference. The St. Croix National Scenic Riverway, along with other national parks in the Upper Midwest, is in the process of forming a sister park relationship with Corcovado National Park in Costa Rica. Join us as Everett Janssen shares a perspective from Costa Rica on finding solutions that will be effective.



Wisconsin Interstate State Park – St. Croix Falls, WI

Meet at the Pines Group Camp

7am – 9am

Special Birding Program

Join special guest birder, Brian Collins, as he takes you on a sight and sound birding walk on the Silverbrook Trail! Bring your bird book and binoculars!

Meet at the Ice Age Visitor Center

10:00am

Meet Aztec the Live Owl

Learn about the many adaptations of owls and meet one too! Bring your camera!

Meet at the Skyline Shelter

11:00am

The Owl and the Mouse

Join us for this fun family activity!



Meet at the Ice Age Visitor Center

1pm – 3pm

Round Robin

Bird fun for everyone! Drop-in activities at the Visitor Center!

Minnesota Interstate State Park – Taylor's Falls, MN

Meet at the boat landing amphitheater

8:30am – 9:30am

Birding for Beginners

The madness of spring migration is upon us, and this is the perfect time to try your hand at bird watching. All you need is a sense of enthusiasm, and the naturalist will supply the rest (binoculars, field guides, etc.). After sharing quick tips for binocular use and bird identification, we'll take a 1 mile walk near the St. Croix River looking and listening for winged wonders. All ages and experience levels are welcome.

Meet at the boat landing amphitheater

11am – 12:00pm

Bird Sleuth Geocaching

Combine the fun of geocaching and the challenge of bird watching during this special program. A naturalist will share the basics of how to use a park-provided GPS unit, as well as a few bird ID tips and tricks before you set off in search of hidden birds within the park.



Wild River State Park – Amelund, MN

Meet at the main boat landing at 8am

8 am – Noon

National Migratory Bird Day Paddle

Paddle nine miles of the St. Croix River with local bird enthusiasts to celebrate Migratory Bird Day and discover the often overlooked feathered friends along the way. Seven Canoes are available for free for the first registrants, but you are welcome to bring your own. The paddle will be limited to 10 canoes/kayaks. Registration required by calling (651)583-2125 x227. Cost is \$10 per person for shuttling. Visit our website for more details. Children and beginner paddlers are welcome, but some experience is recommended.



Crex Meadows Wildlife Area – Grantsburg, WI

Meet at the Education Center

8:00am

A Birding Bonanza

Join expert birders as they explore the wetlands and prairies for spring migrant and returning resident birds. The tour is Saturday, May 4 from 8-10 a.m. Carpool from the Education Center. \$5/person. Registration required by calling 715-463-2739. The first 10 people may reserve space in the van.



Mark Your Calendar!

Saturday, July 13th

St. Croix River Sojourn

Don't miss out on the fun!

