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National Audubon Society's Great Backyard Bird Count

Date: Saturday, February 18, 2012

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Hopewell Culture National Historical Park - Mound City Group Visitor Center

Discover and Help the Wild Birds in Your Community

Hopewell Culture National Historical Park invites you to join park biologists and volunteers for the National Audubon Society's Great Backyard Bird Count. Each year thousands of people across the US and Canada, and hundreds of people in Ohio, take part in this event. People of all ages and skill levels are welcome to learn about the birds wintering in their communities. This fun and educational event is free to the public.

The program will take place on February 18th starting at 10 am at the Mound City Group Visitor Center. A short introduction will be given, followed by a short bird hike. The hike follows easy and level terrain, however, winter weather conditions may cause snow and ice on the trail. Following the hike, a full day of bird feeder observations and pine cone feeder making for kids will take place. If you have binoculars and bird guides, bring them with you. A limited amount of binoculars will be available for loan and free Ohio bird guides will be given out. Free hot beverages will be served. A drawing for a bird-related gift will take place following the 10 am hike. Data from the count will be sent to the Audubon Society and will help scientists gain a better understanding of the distribution and abundance of birds.

Mound City Group Visitor Center is located at 16062 State Route 104, Chillicothe, Ohio, 45601. If you have any questions or would like more information please call (740) 774-1126 or visit www.nps.gov/hocu. For more information regarding the Great Backyard Bird Count, please visit the event's website at www.birdsource.org

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