

# Spring Bird Walk Series 2024

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 91st year. It is also a celebration of migratory birds. Walks are led by experienced birders and will be held on Sundays, April 14, 21, and 28, and May 5, 12, and 19 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](mailto: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. Children with adults are welcome. Call 440-463-5944 for details.

**April 14** - Hach-Otis Sanctuary at 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 21** - Orchard Hills Park - 11340 Caves Road, Chester Township, (north of Mulberry)

**April 28** - Frohring Meadows - 16780 Savage Road, Bainbridge Township

**May 5** - Squire Valleevue Farm, CWRU, 37125 Fairmount Blvd., Hunting Valley, OH 44022  
Use entrance on Fairmount Rd.

**May 12** - White North Property - 3160 Chagrin River Road (Corner of River Road and Shaker Blvd.) Park next to garages on right side of property

**May 19** - Squire Valleevue Farm, CWRU, 37125 Fairmount Blvd., Hunting Valley, OH 44022  
Use entrance on Fairmount Rd.

**Geauga Park District** - Various locations in Geauga County, see list below. Contact [info@geaugaparkdistrict.org](mailto:info@geaugaparkdistrict.org) or 440-286-9516 for details.

**April 14** - Burton Wetlands – 15681 Old Rider Rd, Burton OH 44021

**April 28** - Frohring Meadows – 16780 Savage Rd, Chagrin Falls OH 44023

**April 28** - The Rookery – 10110 Cedar Rd, Chesterland OH 44026

**May 5** - Eldon Russell Park – 16315 Rapids Rd, Troy Township, OH 44021

**May 12** - Big Creek Park – 9160 Robinson Rd, Chardon, OH 44024

**May 19** - Swine Creek Reservation – 16004 Hayes Rd, Middlefield OH 44062

**Hinckley Reservation** - Bridge at the south end of Hinckley Lake, on State Rd., Hinckley. Terrain: varies 3 routes. Contact: [info@wcaudubon.org](mailto:info@wcaudubon.org)

**Hiram** - James H. Barrow Field Station (Hiram College), 11305 Wheeler Road, Hiram. 330-569-5787. Terrain: natural surface, may be muddy. 2.5 miles.

**Holden Arboretum** - Corning Visitor Center, 9500 Sperry Road, Kirtland. Registration is required <https://holdenfg.org/upcoming-classes/> The bird walks are free for members. For nonmembers the Arboretum admission is \$20. 440-946-4400. Terrain: Combination of paved and unpaved pathways. Often muddy in portions. 4 miles

**Lake Metroparks** - Lake Erie Bluffs, 3301 Lane Rd., Perry Township. For information contact 440-256-1404, ext. 2118. Terrain: 2 miles.

#### **Lorain County Metro Parks**

- **Elywood Park** - 556 Washington Ave. Elyria, OH 44035. Meet at the Pavilion. **Note: Walks begin at 8:30 AM!** Terrain: Easy to moderate terrain depending on the weather. For information visit the Lorain County Metroparks <https://www.loraincountymetroparks.com/cascade-park>.
- **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: 1.3 miles.

**North Chagrin Reservation** – North Chagrin Nature Center parking lot, 401 Buttermilk Falls Parkway, Mayfield Village. 440-473-3370. Terrain: 2.5 miles.

**Novak Sanctuary** - Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland Sanctuary, parking lot north of Rt. 82 on Aurora Town Line Rd., Aurora. 330-388-9279. Terrain: 1.5 miles.

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

**Rocky River Reservation** - Rocky River Nature Center parking lot, 24000 Valley Parkway, North Olmsted. Contact: [info@wcaudubon.org](mailto:info@wcaudubon.org). Terrain: 2 miles.

**Shaker Lakes** - The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes parking lot, 2600 South Park Blvd., Shaker Heights. 216-321-5935 Tuesday - Sunday 10 AM - 5 PM) . Terrain: Mix of all purpose trail, asphalt and dirt, 2 miles. **Registration is appreciated but not required** [www.shakerlakes.org](http://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 13 through May 18 at 7:30 AM. 330-722-9364*



## **Don't miss the migration!**

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