

FEBRUARY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Field Trip: Work morning at Hamilton Sanctuary, West Bath

As conditions allow, we will be pruning apple trees, removing invasive plants and doing trail maintenance.

Directions: Take the New Meadows exit off U.S. Route 1 in West Bath. Turn left onto New Meadows Road and go straight ahead to the traffic signal at Bath Road. Proceed across Bath Rd. onto Foster's Point Rd. and follow it nearly to the end. You will see the Sanctuary sign and a parking area on the right. If you plan to participate, please contact the Sanctuary manager, Glenn Evans, at 443-9652 prior to the day, for planning purposes.

MARCH

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 7:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. (approximate)

Field Trip: Salisbury Beach and Plum Island

Join the search for late winter birds on this all-day outing to coastal New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

First stop is Salisbury Beach State Park, where we will look for ducks, loons, grebes and short-eared owls. Then on to Newburyport and Plum Island to see Iceland and Glaucous gulls, snowy owls, snow buntings and more waterfowl. Dress warmly and bring lunch. The number of vehicles is limited on this trip. Morning meeting location to be decided. Please call John Berry at 632-7257 to reserve your spot.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 9:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Field Trip: Reid State Park, Georgetown

Reid State Park is a magnificent site in late winter/early spring. We'll search for all manner of coastal waterbirds, including scoters, grebes and loons, as well as sanderlings and Purple Sandpipers. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Park's main parking lot overlooking The Lagoon. FMI John Berry 632-7257.

APRIL

Sunday, APRIL 23, 7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Field Trip: Brunswick Landing Perimeter Trail, Pine Street entrance.

In addition to observing early returning woodland migrants, we will be on the lookout for hunting Kestrels on the airfield grassland. Also, we'll be listening for singing Field and Savannah sparrows, as well as Eastern Meadowlarks. We'll walk paved/gravel roads and easy paths (up to 3 miles). Meet at 7:30 a.m. at Brunswick Landing Perimeter Trail, Pine Street entrance. FMI Gordon Smith 449-8206.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Field Trip: Work morning at Hamilton Sanctuary, West Bath As conditions allow, we will be pruning apple trees, removing invasive plants and doing trail maintenance. Directions: Take the New Meadows exit off U.S. Route 1 in West Bath. Turn left onto New Meadows Road and go straight ahead to the traffic signal at Bath Road. Proceed across Bath Rd. onto Foster's Point Rd. and follow it nearly to the end. You will see the Sanctuary sign and a parking area on the right. If you plan to participate, please contact the Sanctuary manager, Glenn Evans, at 443-9652 prior to the day, for planning purposes.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 7:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

Field Trip: Green Point Farm WMA, Dresden

Expect a wide variety of spring migrants in the woodlands, fields and wild rice flats of this diverse State Wildlife Management Area. We'll walk easy paths, farm roads and open fields (up to 2 miles). Meet at 7:30 a.m. at Green Point Farm by the green shed off Route 128. FMI Gordon Smith 449-8206.

MAY

Sunday, MAY 7, 7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Field Trip: Capt. William Fitzgerald Recreation & Conservation Area/Bay Bridge Landing Wetland Park, Brunswick

We'll explore these two Town-owned properties for early spring migrants. The "Fitzgerald Preserve" is one of the few sandplain grasslands remaining in Maine. We'll walk easy sandy paths (up to 2 miles) exploring this unusual natural area. Following, we'll visit the nearby Bay Bridge Landing Wetland Park on the Androscoggin River. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the iron gate at the end of Lindbergh Crossing Road (off Old Bath Road), 1.3 miles northeast of the Bath Road/Old Bath Road intersection. FMI Gordon Smith 449-8206.

MAY (continued)

SUNDAY, MAY 14, 7:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

Field Trip: Brunswick Landing Perimeter Trail, Pine Street entrance.

In addition to observing early returning woodland migrants, we will be on the lookout for hunting Kestrels on the airfield grassland. Also, we'll be listening for singing Field and Savannah sparrows, as well as Eastern Meadowlarks. We'll walk paved/gravel roads and easy paths (up to 3 miles). Meet at 7:30 a.m. at Brunswick Landing Perimeter Trail, Pine Street entrance. FMI Gordon Smith 449-8206.

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 7:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

Field Trip: Green Point Farm WMA, Dresden

Expect a wide variety of spring migrants in the woodlands, fields and wild rice flats of this diverse State Wildlife Management Area. We'll walk easy paths, farm roads and open fields (up to 2 miles). Meet at 7:30 a.m. at Green Point Farm by the green shed off Route 128. FMI Gordon Smith 449-8206.

SATURDAY, MAY 27, 7:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.

Field Trip: Shorebird Sunday - Wharton Point, Brunswick

Join us for Shorebird Saturday as we search for shorebirds and late spring land migrants at Wharton Point (Maquoit Bay) in Brunswick. We will be observing the shorebirds as they begin to forage on the mudflat on the outgoing tide. Any shorebirds we observe will be in breeding plumage! Meet at 7:30 a.m. at Wharton Point (head of Maquoit Bay) at the intersection of Maquoit Road and Woodside Road. FMI Gordon Smith 449-8206.

JUNE

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 7:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

Field Trip: Capt. William Fitzgerald Recreation & Conservation Area/Bay Bridge Landing Wetland Park, Brunswick
We'll explore these two Town-owned properties for early spring migrants. The "Fitzgerald Preserve" is one of the few sandplain grasslands remaining in Maine. We'll walk easy sandy paths (up to 2 miles) exploring this unusual natural area. Following, we'll visit the nearby Bay Bridge Landing Wetland Park on the Androscoggin River. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the iron gate at the end of Lindbergh Crossing Road (off Old Bath Road), 1.3 miles northeast of the Bath Road/Old Bath Road intersection. FMI Gordon Smith 449-8206.

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Field Trip: Birds & Butterflies at Mitchell Field, Harpswell

Join us for the inaugural Birds and Butterflies. We'll walk paved and gravel paths around the perimeter of this 120-acre Town-owned property searching for these flying wonders, whether they be birds or butterflies. Jack Collins, our butterfly expert, will be joining us, providing commentary and insight into the butterflies we may encounter. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the parking area near the bay and pier. Mitchell Field is located in West Harpswell, off Harpswell Neck Road (Rt. 123). FMI Gordon Smith 449-8206.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 8:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

Field Trip: Work morning at Hamilton Sanctuary, West Bath

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AUGUST

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5 AND

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 5:15 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

Field Trip: Shorebird Saturday - Wharton Point, Brunswick

Join us for Shorebird Saturday as we search for shorebirds at Wharton Point (Maquoit Bay) in Brunswick. We will be observing the shorebirds as they begin to forage on the mudflat on the outgoing tide. Meet at 5:15 p.m. at Wharton Point (head of Maquoit Bay) at the intersection of Maquoit Road and Woodside Road. FMI Gordon Smith 449-8206.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 4:45 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Field Trip: Shorebird Sunday - Wharton Point, Brunswick

Join us for Shorebird Sunday as we search for shorebirds at Wharton Point (Maquoit Bay) in Brunswick. We will be observing the shorebirds as they begin to forage on the mudflat on the outgoing tide. Meet at 4:45 p.m. at Wharton Point (head of Maquoit Bay) at the intersection of Maquoit Road and Woodside Road. FMI Gordon Smith 449-8206.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 4:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

Field Trip: Shorebird Sunday - Wharton Point, Brunswick

Join us for Shorebird Sunday as we search for shorebirds at Wharton Point (Maquoit Bay) in Brunswick. We will be observing the shorebirds foraging on the mudflat as the incoming tide forces them closer to shore. Meet at 4:30 p.m. at Wharton Point (head of Maquoit Bay) at the intersection of Maquoit Road and Woodside Road. FMI Gordon Smith 449-8206.