

# Field Trip Directions – Travel Times & Google Maps Links\*

## 2023 New York State Birders Conference

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\* Start times listed are at the field trip site | arrive at least 10 min early to park & meet the group

### Saturday, September 23, 2023

QR to Google Maps | (Travel Time)

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| <p><b>7:00 am – 10:00 am</b> ... <b>Croton Point Park</b> .....</p> <p>..... Larry Trachtenberg &amp; Kyle Bardwell</p> <p>..... Saw Mill River Audubon</p> | <p>Meet at RV campground parking</p> <p>41.179304, -73.894826</p>                     |  | <p>(30 mins)</p> |
| <p><b>7:30 am – 10:30 pm</b> ... <b>Glynwood Farm</b> .....</p> <p>..... Sean Camillieri &amp; Steve Rappaport</p> <p>..... Putnam Highlands Audubon</p>    | <p>Meet at Big Woods Trailhead parking</p> <p>41.439931, -73.866179</p>               |  | <p>(45 mins)</p> |
| <p><b>7:00 am – 10:30 am</b> ... <b>Lenoir Preserve</b> .....</p> <p>..... Michael Bochnik</p> <p>..... Hudson River Audubon</p>                            | <p>Meet at parking south of Wightman Mansion</p> <p>40.974552, -73.882090</p>         |  | <p>(15 mins)</p> |
| <p><b>8:00 am – 11:00 am</b> ... <b>Lyndhurst Mansion</b> .....</p> <p>..... Joel Merriman</p>  | <p>Meet parking lot south of mansion</p> <p>635 South Broadway, Tarrytown 10591</p>   |  | <p>(4 mins)</p>  |
| <p><b>7:00 am – 10:30 am</b> ... <b>Marshlands Conservancy</b> .....</p> <p>..... Tom Burke &amp; Gail Benson</p>   | <p>Meet in main parking lot</p> <p>220 Boston Post Rd, Rye, 10580</p>                 |  | <p>(20 mins)</p> |
| <p><b>7:00 am – 10:00 am</b> ... <b>Rockefeller State Park Preserve</b> ..</p> <p>..... Anne Swaim &amp; Miok Salz</p> <p>..... Saw Mill River Audubon</p>  | <p>Meet in main parking lot</p> <p>41.111865, -73.836889</p>                          |  | <p>(14 mins)</p> |
| <p><b>7:00 am – 11:00 am</b> ... <b>Westmoreland Sanctuary</b> .....</p> <p>..... Steve Ricker, Bedford Audubon</p>   | <p>Meet in main parking lot</p> <p>260 Chestnut Ridge Road<br/>Mount Kisco, 10549</p> |  | <p>(25 mins)</p> |

### Sunday, September 24, 2023

QR to Google Maps | (Travel Time)

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| <p><b>8:00 am – 11:00 am</b> ... <b>Croton River Kayaking</b> ..</p> <p>..... Phil Heidelberger</p> <p>..... Saw Mill River Audubon</p>                          | <p>Meet at Echo Canoe Launch at Croton River</p> <p>For parking, follow signs for boating parking</p> <p>41.179304, -73.894826</p> |  | <p>(25 mins)</p> |
| <p><b>7:00 am – 10:00 am</b> ... <b>Croton Point Park</b> .....</p> <p>..... Larry Trachtenberg &amp; Kyle Bardwell</p> <p>..... Saw Mill River Audubon</p>      | <p>Meet at RV campground parking</p> <p>41.179304, -73.894826</p>  |  | <p>(30 mins)</p> |
| <p><b>7:30 am – 10:30 pm</b> ... <b>Glynwood Farm</b> .....</p> <p>..... Sean Camillieri &amp; Steve Rappaport</p> <p>..... Putnam Highlands Audubon</p>         | <p>Meet at Big Woods Trailhead parking</p> <p>41.439931, -73.866179</p>  |  | <p>(45 mins)</p> |
| <p><b>7:00 am – 10:30 am</b> ... <b>Lenoir Preserve</b> .....</p> <p>..... Michael Bochnik</p> <p>..... Hudson River Audubon</p>                                 | <p>Meet at parking south of Wightman Mansion</p> <p>40.974552, -73.882090</p>  |  | <p>(17 mins)</p> |
| <p><b>7:00 am – 10:30 am</b> ... <b>Marshlands Conservancy</b> .....</p> <p>..... Tom Burke &amp; Gail Benson</p>  | <p>Meet in main parking lot</p> <p>220 Boston Post Rd, Rye, 10580</p>  |  | <p>(20 mins)</p> |
| <p><b>7:30 am – 10:30 am</b> ... <b>PepsiCo Sculpture Garden</b> .....</p> <p>..... Lisa Curtis &amp; Chris Mignone</p> <p>..... Central Westchester Audubon</p> | <p>Meet in Visitor's Center parking</p> <p>41.034442, -73.690887</p>   |  | <p>(17 mins)</p> |
| <p><b>7:00 am – 10:00 am</b> ... <b>Rockefeller State Park Preserve</b> ..</p> <p>..... Anne Swaim &amp; Miok Salz</p> <p>..... Saw Mill River Audubon</p>       | <p>Meet in main parking lot</p> <p>41.111865, -73.836889</p>   |  | <p>(14 mins)</p> |
| <p><b>9:00 am – 11:00 am</b> ... <b>State Line Lookout</b> ..</p> <p>..... Julie &amp; Colin Aitchison</p> <p>..... Karl Soehnlein, Hawk Counter</p>             | <p>at overlook closest to Mt. ...</p> <p>40.989191, -73.906442</p>   |  | <p>(20 mins)</p> |
| <p><b>7:00 am – 10:00 am</b> ... <b>Teatown's Cliffdale Farm</b> .....</p> <p>..... Charlie Roberto</p> <p>..... Saw Mill River Audubon</p>                      | <p>Meet at Cliffdale Meadow parking</p> <p>41.206368, -73.850680</p>   |  | <p>(25 mins)</p> |

## Some Tips for Happier Birding Field Trips\*

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\* Some best practices suggested by experienced field trip leaders & participants



- 1. Manage expectations.** One way to do this is to share and study the eBird info about the birding spot being visited and, especially, check the bar chart to see what to expect when. The eBird links for our field trips are here: <https://www.nybirders.org/trips>.
- 2. Let the leader lead.** Especially when there are participants with a wide variety of experience, some participants may be more experienced birders than the leader. Here are ways to support our volunteer field trip leaders:
  - a. Let the leader go first in the line, always a good field trip courtesy.
  - b. Please don't do pishing alarm notes or use recorded calls or use a laser pointer without checking with the leader first.
  - c. If you have a different ID or question an ID, a good courtesy might be to ask the leader if you can offer your ID points, something like "May I tell you what I noticed?"
  - d. Don't lag too far behind the group.
  - e. If the group has stopped walking, they are most likely looking or listening for a bird so please pause any conversation, quietly get closer and then be still.
- 3. Coordinate your eBird sightings.**
  - a. For this NYSOA conference, trip leaders will share their eBird lists to the entire group both by email and eBird list sharing. This will be done by the leader sharing the list to the username *SMRAeBird* and then our eBird volunteer will do the group sharing.
  - b. The eBird list for the group will include species heard or seen by a trip leader plus at least one participant. (If a trip participant really wants to do their own eBird list, they should not list the group attendance on their list, just to avoid confusion.)
  - c. We won't include leader-only birds on the group's eBird list and, if one or more participants see or hear a bird on their own, that's great but that goes on their own copy of the eBird list but not on the group list.
  - d. Participants and leaders are both encouraged to add their own, additional birds to their own copy of the shared list after it is shared. Participants are also encouraged to take off species from their copy of the shared list that they did not hear or see. Adding and subtracting like this does not change the species that others will receive on their own copy of the shared list.
  - e. Pictures added to a shared eBird list are seen by anyone viewing the list. (As a photographer, if you are uncertain about an ID, please share the photo to a trip leader before posting it to the eBird list.)
- 4. Ask for help and give help!** If you are not seeing or hearing a bird that others are enjoying, please ask for assistance. Don't wait until too late to mention this. And, of course, it may be that you may not see or hear all the birds that other people do. On the other hand, if you can help someone to see or hear a bird, please do that, whether you are the field trip leader or not! And, if you see or hear a bird that the group does not have, please alert the leader quickly, hopefully in time for them to get on it too and share with the group.
- 5. Commit to follow American Birding Association guidelines for ethical birding and expect your field trip leaders and other trip participants to do the same.** Review those guidelines here: <https://www.aba.org/aba-code-of-birding-ethics>