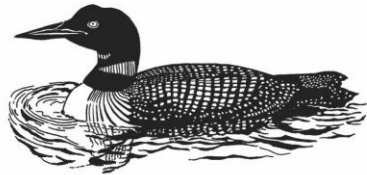


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ADIRONDACK BIRDING FESTIVAL



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14th Annual Hamilton County Birding Festival

June 8 - June 10, 2018

Schedule of Events

Speculator, Lake Pleasant, Piseco, Morehouse
Blue Mountain Lake, Indian Lake,
Long Lake, Raquette Lake and Inlet

Call (518) 548-3076 or (800) 648-5239 to register!

The Hamilton County Department of Tourism and Audubon NY welcome you this June for the 14th Annual Adirondack Birding Festival.

The Adirondack Park in upstate New York is a bird-watching haven. In June, the Adirondack Birding Festival in Hamilton County celebrates the height of breeding season with 3-days of birding hikes, walks, safaris, outings and presentations throughout the county.

About Hamilton County:

Located entirely within the Adirondack State Park, Hamilton County is the third largest, yet least populated, county in New York State. Over 60% of our land area is either Wilderness or Wild Forest. The county's million acres of forest, 1,500 miles of rivers and streams and over 56,000 acres of lakes and ponds provide unequalled birding and wildlife watching opportunities.

Nesting birds, rising trout, rushing water, wildflowers, and the newborn of many species make the woods and waters of Hamilton County a desirable location to explore. While birding in the park is enjoyable throughout the entire year, during springtime it is a place of excitement and discovery. By June, all of the birds that migrate to the Adirondack region for the summer have arrived and are in the height of breeding season.

Our towns and hamlets are located at 1,200-1,600 feet above sea-level and our mountains approach 4,000 feet. Normally in June we enjoy warm to hot days and cool evenings, on rare occasions even dropping below the freezing point. As you plan your birding adventure, make sure to check the forecast and come prepared. Dressing in layers is highly recommended, as the springtime temperatures fluctuate throughout the day.

After a day's activities, you will find an array of comfortable lodges and excellent restaurants staffed with hospitable folks. Here in the heart of the Adirondacks, it is our pleasure to share the experience of this State Park with you. You will find an ongoing celebration of our unique heritage and extraordinary, unspoiled natural beauty.

Don't think it can get much better? Did we mention that all of the outings and presentations during the birding festival are FREE?

Please Note:

Each of the outdoor trips will require different equipment necessary for a pleasant birding adventure. Suggested hiking equipment includes: binoculars, camera, sunscreen, bug repellent (netting or bug shirt suggested), water, snacks and/or lunch, flashlight (headlamp), and comfortable, waterproof footwear. In addition, the canoe trips will require a canoe/kayak, paddles, and PFD as required by law. This time of year is referred to as "Black Fly Season," so be prepared with insect repellent and/or bug shirts for each event!

- Registration is required for each outdoor event.
- Registration is appreciated but not necessary for any of our evening presentations.

**To register, call (800) 648-5239 or (518) 548-3076
Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm.**

Friday June 8, 2018

TRIP FULL HIKE: Sabattis Circle Road, & Round Lake Road - 6:30 AM

Join Joan Collins on this exciting trip into the William C. Whitney Wilderness Area north of the Town of Long Lake. Meet at the Geiger Arena in Long Lake to regroup and carpool to the birding area north. The trip will begin with a short stop at Shaw Pond in Long Lake. This shallow body of water is surrounded by marshes and hosts nesting Wood Ducks, Ring-necked Ducks, Pied-billed Grebes, Virginia Rails, and American Bitterns. Next, we'll head to Sabattis Circle Road and car-bird for ~5 miles, stopping at several locations, including the scenic inlet of Little Tupper Lake and Sabattis Bog. Eighteen warbler species breed along this road including Northern Waterthrush, Mourning, Palm, and Canada Warblers. Many boreal species can be found along Sabattis Circle Road including, Black-backed Woodpecker, Olive-sided and Yellow-bellied Flycatchers, Gray Jay, Boreal Chickadee, and Lincoln's Sparrow. Next, we will hike a short distance on the Round Lake Trail, a relatively level, dirt road trail. If we have time, we can drive to Sabattis Station where Olive-sided Flycatchers can often be found nesting. Round Lake, Little Tupper Lake, and Sabattis Bog are within the William C. Whitney Wilderness Area, a Designated Important Birding Area (IBA) by Audubon New York. Temperate deciduous and boreal forests make up most of the surrounding area, with over 30% of the IBA being a wetland habitat.

GUIDE: Joan Collins

EVENT LENGTH: 5-6 hours

LIMIT: 15 Participants

BRING: Insect repellent, hat, sunscreen, water, lunch, binoculars and appropriate clothing/jacket and footwear.

MEET: At the Geiger Arena (Ice Skating Rink) Parking Lot, located directly across from the Long

Lake Post Office on Route 30/28N.

GPS WAYPOINT: 43.966571, -74.421913

DIRECTIONS: Located just south on Route 30, from the intersection of Route 30/28N & Hoss's Country Corner Store, on the left hand side, directly across from the Long Lake Post office.

HIKE: Hitchins Pond, Long Lake - 7AM

Join **John and Patricia Thaxton** for a walk into beautiful Hitchins Pond and the Upper Dam on the Bog River. **Common Loons** nest on Hitchins Pond each year. **Bald Eagles** and **Great Blue Herons** are also a common sight. The route is an old dirt road that passes through many lovely and varied habitat areas. The first mile of trail borders a vast bog. Next, there is a marsh with a brook, where blue joint grass, alders and pickerel-weed provide contrast from the peat land. Coniferous and deciduous forests make up the last mile, with many interesting cliff areas. After the 2.5 mile walk on level terrain to Hitchins Pond, there will be a food break at a scenic picnic area. With the wonderful variety of habitats along this

route, many species will be observed. Some of the species likely to be observed include, **Common Loon, Great Blue Heron, Red-shouldered Hawk, Broad-winged Hawk, Bald Eagle, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Philadelphia Vireo, Common Raven, Gray Jay, Lincoln's Sparrow, Palm Warbler, Canada Warbler, Magnolia Warbler** (and many other notable warbler species)

NOTE: This is a flat, but long trip in a very isolated area. You must be in appropriate condition and you should bring energy food and lunch due to the length of the walk.

GUIDE: John and Patricia Thaxton

EVENT LENGTH: 5-6 hours

LIMIT: 20

BRING: Bug protection, hat, sunscreen, water, **lunch**, binoculars and appropriate clothing/jacket and footwear.

MEET: Bog River Falls Parking Area on Route 421 (Off Route 30)

GPS WAYPOINT: N44.1285450°, W74.5458196°

DIRECTIONS: Drive 12 miles north of Long Lake on Route 30. Take a left-hand turn onto County Route 421 (Bog River sign) and proceed just under 3/4 of a mile to the Bog River Falls Parking Area on the left after the bridge. The actual unmarked trail is down the road another 6.6 miles, and we will carpool to the trailhead.

HIKE: Fiddlers Pond, Piseco - 7AM

Join Jamie Taft and Laurie Freeman on this easy hike that follows along the Northville-Placid Trail. You will cross a foot bridge over a stream that leads to Fiddler's Pond, after which you will need to bushwack off the trail. You will follow the stream for .4 miles northeast to the lake, continuing along the southern and eastern shores of the lake for outstanding birding opportunities. There is a potential to see nesting **Great Blue Herons, Common Loons, Woodland Warblers, Golden-crowned Kinglets** and more!

GUIDES: Jamie Taft and Laurie Freeman

EVENT LENGTH: 3-4 hours

LIMIT: 15 participants

BRING: Bug Repellent, (netting or bug shirt suggested), water, snacks, binoculars, waterproof hiking attire.

MEET: Arietta Town Barn

GPS WAYPOINT: 43.4591183° N 74.5222633° W

DIRECTIONS: Coming east on Route 8 in Piseco, the town barn is located on the right side of the road just past Piseco Common School and across the street from the old Casey's Corner gas station. Coming west on Route 8, the town barn is approximately half a mile past the Oxbow Inn on the left. Look for the Northville- Lake Placid Trailhead Sign. Park to the right of the building.

WALK: Dillon Road, Raquette Lake – 1:00PM

Take a walk down an old railroad bed. This 4 mile roundtrip walk enters woodland, riverine, marsh and boggy habitat. Here you will have the opportunity to see a variety of **warblers, thrushes**, and possibly **Yellow-bellied** and **Olive-sided flycatchers**. Whet your appetite for dinner aboard the WW Durant.

GUIDE: Mike and Wanda Moccio

EVENT LENGTH: 3-4 Hours

LIMIT: 20

MEET: Raquette Lake Library

GPS WAYPOINT: 43.813262, -74.658255

DIRECTIONS: From Inlet: drive 11 miles east towards Raquette Lake, turn left down County Road 2 and then left onto Dillon Road. The library is on the left. From Blue Mountain Lake: Drive 13 miles west on Route 28 towards Raquette Lake. Turn right down County Road 2 and the left onto Dillon Road. The library is on the left.

PRESENTATION: Bicknell's Thrush: Conserving a Bird of Two Worlds with Chris Rimmer – 4:00 PM

The Bicknell's Thrush is one of North America's most rare and vulnerable songbirds. Nesting only in mountaintop forests of northern New England and New York, and wintering primarily on the island of Hispaniola (Dominican Republic and Haiti), Bicknell's Thrush faces numerous threats to its long-term survival. On its breeding grounds, these include atmospheric pollution, ski area development, communications tower construction, wind power development, mercury contamination, and climate change. The species' limited winter habitats are under siege from deforestation, caused by human population pressures. Since 1992, Vermont Center for Ecostudies (VCE) Executive Director Chris Rimmer has led efforts to conserve the species and these habitats on which it depends. Rimmer will discuss this fascinating and rare songbird, VCE's efforts to study it in New England and the Caribbean, and how Bicknell's Thrush represents a vital conservation link across international boundaries.

GUEST SPEAKER: Chris Rimmer, Executive Director

The Vermont Center for Ecostudies is a non-profit wildlife conservation group based in Norwich, Vermont. Chris completed undergraduate studies in Wildlife Biology at the University of Vermont and graduate work in Ecology and Behavioral Biology at the University of Minnesota, where he studied Yellow Warblers on the James Bay coast of Ontario. Prior to his graduate studies, Chris was an itinerant field biologist, with stints in Peru, Ellesmere Island, James Bay, coastal Massachusetts (Manomet Bird Observatory), and Antarctica. Much of his recent work has focused on conservation research of Bicknell's Thrush at both ends of its migratory range, from New York and New England to the Dominican Republic and Cuba.

MEET: Museum Auditorium

EVENT LENGTH: 1 Hour

GPS WAYPOINT: 43.8693404°N, 74.4319656°W

DIRECTIONS: From Blue Mt. Lake: ½ mile north on Route 30 from the center of Blue Mountain Lake, the intersection of Route 30 and Route 28. Museum is on the left side of the road. From Long Lake: Drive south on Route 30 approximately 10 miles. Just after you pass the Blue Mountain trail head on the left side of the road, look for the museum a bit further on the right side of the road.

W.W. DURANT DINNER CRUISE, Raquette Lake - 6:30pm (departure)

Join us on a very special cruise celebrating the Black Fly Challenge Mountain Bike Race and the Adirondack Birding Festival. **Boarding** time is **6:00PM-6:30 PM**, and the cruise will last from 6:30-8:30 PM. You may also just ride the top deck of the Durant without the dinner. Cash snack and beverage bar as well as use of the restrooms (below) will be available to those riding the open upper deck.

COST: [BIRDING FESTIVAL SPECIAL!](#)

Upper deck cruise only: \$13/per person, if pre-registered,\$16/per person normal rate.

Dinner Cruise: Registration and pre-payment are required for the dinner cruise, and the cost will be \$37.00 per person inclusive (meal, cruise, tax, tip). **RESERVATIONS:** Please call **Raquette Lake Navigation** directly at 315-354-5532 to make your reservations. Visit www.raquettelakenavigation.com for more information about the cruise and the luncheon menu.

HOSTS: Captain Dean & Donna Pohl

LIMIT: The Durant is licensed for a total of 100 passengers. The dining room accommodates 56 max for the dinner buffet.

Saturday June 9, 2018

TRIP FULL HIKE: Spring Pond Bog – 6:30 AM

Join Joan Collins for a hike to scenic Spring Pond Bog. One of the most popular birding destinations in the Adirondacks and a designated “**Important Bird Area**” (IBA), Spring Pond Bog is the second largest bog in the New York State. This Adirondack Nature Conservancy property contains diverse habitats and bird species. Wetlands, bogs, boreal forest, mixed and deciduous forests, and areas growing back from logging activity, can all be found at this Tupper Lake property. Spring Pond Bog is a primary study site for **Spruce Grouse** researchers in the Adirondacks. Eighteen warbler species breed in this area including **Northern Waterthrush, Mourning, Palm, and Canada Warblers**. Other boreal species include **Common Loon, Northern Goshawk, Black-backed Woodpecker, Olive-sided, Yellow-bellied, and Alder Flycatchers, Philadelphia Vireo, Gray Jay, Boreal Chickadee, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Lincoln’s Sparrow,** and the increasingly rare **Spruce Grouse**. The hiking trail to Spring Pond Bog gradually climbs through a hardwood forest to a glacial esker. There is a boardwalk loop to the right of the esker that takes visitors into the bog for close-up views of plant and bird life. The trail is less than a mile long. We will make a couple other stops and hike along level dirt roads in boreal forest within the Spring Pond Bog complex.

GUIDES: Joan Collins

EVENT LENGTH: 5-6 hours

LIMIT: 15

BRING: Bring food (lunch), water, appropriate attire/hiking shoes, binoculars, hat, sunscreen, and insect spray. Larkin’s in Tupper Lake (at 58 Main St. (Route 3) just past Pine St.) is highly recommended as a food/restroom stop and they open at 4 a.m. each day! Participants can get coffee/breakfast and lunch to bring along. (Larkin’s is about a mile northwest of McDonalds.)

MEET: Meet in Tupper Lake at the large parking lot to the right of McDonalds. We can

leave some of the cars at the parking lot and car-pool into Spring Pond Bog.

GPS WAYPOINT: N 44 13.679, W 74 27.77

DIRECTIONS: McDonalds is located at 26 Demars Blvd. (Route 3 west) From Long Lake head North on State Route 30, the parking lot will be just before McDonalds.

DRIVING SAFARI: Perkins Clearing, Speculator - 7AM

NYS licensed guides Michael & Wanda Moccio will lead the driving safari into the Perkins Clearing area to see **Mourning, Chestnut-sided, Blackburnian, and other warblers**. There will be many stops along the way to observe wildlife along the road. Also possible to see **Olive-sided** and **Alder Flycatchers**, and many other mixed woodland species, including **Indigo Bunting** and **Rose-breasted Grosbeaks**.

GUIDES: Michael & Wanda Moccio

EVENT LENGTH: 4-5 hours

LIMIT: 15

BRING: Bug Repellant, (netting or bug shirt suggested), water, snacks, binoculars.

MEET: Mason Lake parking area on the west (left) side of Route 30, north of Speculator.

GPS WAYPOINT: 43.5991366°N, 74.4163017°W

DIRECTIONS: From South: Take Route 30, 8 miles north of Speculator. **From North:** 16 miles S. on Route 30 from Indian Lake. The parking area is on the west side of Route 30, and overlooks Mason Lake. You'll see several picnic tables at the rest stop.

TRIP FULL HIKE: Roosevelt Truck Trail, Newcomb 7 AM

Back by popular demand with guides **John and Patricia Thaxton!**

DESCRIPTION: This gently rolling trail is an old moss covered road passing 2 ½ miles through a pristine northern (boreal) coniferous forest where many of the Boreal species can be found. We will start the walk (and leave the cars) at the pull off/parking lot on Route 28N, which is 1.6 miles north of the Boreas River bridge on Route 28N. We'll walk 5 miles round trip and return to the parking lot on 28N. We'll look for **Gray Jay, Boreal Chickadee, Pine Siskin, Black-Backed Woodpecker and the Cape May Warbler**. It is one of the few areas in the Adirondacks to observe the **Cape May Warbler**.

GUIDE: John and Patricia Thaxton

EVENT LENGTH: 5-6 hours

LIMIT: 15

BRING: Bug protection, hat, sunscreen, water, **lunch**, binoculars and appropriate clothing/jacket and footwear. Trail may be wet in spots.

MEET: The parking lot on the south/east side of Rte. 28N, 1.6 miles N on Rte 28N from Hoss's Country Corner in Long Lake. It is located directly opposite the intersection with the Tarbell Hill Road. **NOTE:** If you miss us at this meeting place, continue on to parking lot on 28N in Minerva where we'll start the walk. See directions and GPS coordinates.

below

GPS WAYPOINT: NLP Trail Head in Long Lake: 43.9759875° N, 74.3925475° W

GPS WAYPOINT: Pkg Lot: Start of Hike on 28N: 43.9143950° N, -74.0213517° W

DIRECTIONS: From Long Lake: drive north/east on 28N towards Newcomb. At 1.6 miles from the Stewarts/Hoss's in Long Lake, look for the parking lot on the right side of the road

for the **NLP trail**. It is located directly opposite Tarbell Road. Wait here.

NOTE: If you are running late, and don't meet up at this trail head, drive directly to the parking lot on Route 28N where we'll start the hike. From the NLP trailhead in Long Lake, drive 17 miles east on Rte 28N to the intersection of the Blue Ridge Highway and Rte 28N, the road you drove on from Long Lake. Take a Right on 28N (do not go straight on the Blue Ridge Road) and drive approximately 3 miles south to the parking lot on the left side of the road, where we'll park cars and start the hike.

HIKE: Pillsbury Mountain, Lake Pleasant 7 AM

Join Jamie Taft and Laurie Freeman on this hike up Pillsbury Mountain. Along the trail you may hear or see **Mourning Warblers, Adirondack Wood Warblers, and Blackpoll Warblers**. You may even see a **Boreal Chickadee** or a **Bicknell's Thrush** in the higher elevations. Climb all the way to the top of the tower for the best views of the West Canada Lake Wilderness Area.

GUIDES: Jamie Taft and Laurie Freeman

EVENT LENGTH: 3 – 4 hours

LIMIT: 20 participants

BRING: Binoculars, camera, bug repellent (for those who want to get out of their vehicles), and comfortable clothes.

MEET: Mason Lake parking area on the west (left) side of Route 30, north of Speculator.

GPS WAYPOINT: 43.5991366°N, 74.4163017°W

DIRECTIONS: From South: Take Route 30, 8 miles north of Speculator. **From North:** 16 miles S. on Route 30 from Indian Lake. The parking area is on the west side of Route 30, and overlooks Mason Lake. You'll see several picnic tables at the rest stop.

TRIP FULL WALK: Forked Lake Road, Long Lake – 2:30PM

A favorite for the 8th year in a row! This 2 mile walk on the Forked Lake Campsite road will bring us through a variety of woodland habitats. We could see a variety of **thrushes**, and **Gray Jays** have been seen in the area. The variety of birds seed is unprecedented and sure to surprise! This route follows an unimproved dirt road that parallels the Raquette River on the south side and should present some rewarding birding opportunities.

GUIDE: John & Pat Thaxton

EVENT LENGTH: 2-3 hours

LIMIT: 20

MEET: Forked Lake Campground Parking Lot. Enter the campground from North Point Road.

GPS WAYPOINT: 43.9050798°N, 74.5261100° W

DIRECTIONS: From the intersection of Route 28N & 30 (Hoss's Country Corner/ Stewarts) in Long Lake, travel Route 30 south for 3 miles and make a right onto North Point Road. Drive another 3 miles to the entrance of Forked Lake Campground on the right (north) side of the road. Continue for another 2 miles in towards the campsite, and meet in the large parking lot.

Sunday June 10, 2018

TRIP FULL HIKE: Massawepie Mire, Colton - 6:30AM

Join Joan Collins for a hike into lovely, remote Massawepie Mire, the largest bog in New York State. Massawepie is also a designated "Important Bird Area" (IBA) in New York. The trail through the mire is an old railroad bed, now a perfectly level dirt road. There are several different habitats encountered along the trail including mixed forest, boreal forest, bog, and marsh. The South Branch of the Grass River is crossed at about 1.5 miles down the trail and Silver Brook at 3 miles. Participants will watch for many bird species including, **Black-backed Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Gray Jay, Boreal Chickadee, Palm Warbler, Canada Warbler (18 warbler species nest in the area), Lincoln's Sparrow**, and if we are extremely fortunate, the elusive **Spruce Grouse!** Bog plants such as the carnivorous Sundew and Pitcher Plant are also found along the trail. Moose tracks are often observed at the mire. Plan to hike over 5 miles round trip on level terrain. We will do a bit of car-birding on the long drive to the trailhead to observe **Common Loons, Mourning Warblers**, and more! Bring food (lunch), water, appropriate attire/hiking shoes, binoculars, hat, sunscreen, and insect spray. Meet at the Massawepie Boy Scout sign on Route 3 at 6:30 a.m. Larkin's in Tupper Lake (at 58 Main St. (Route 3) just past Pine St.) is highly recommended as a food/restroom stop and they open at 4 a.m. each day! Participants can get coffee/breakfast and lunch to bring for the hike. The Massawepie Boy Scout sign is located approximately 10 miles west of Larkin's along Route 3 (on the left side of the road if heading west). (We can leave some of the cars in a parking area and car-pool to the trailhead.)

GUIDE: Joan Collins

EVENT LENGTH: 5-6 hours

LIMIT: 15 Participants

BRING Bring food (lunch), water, appropriate attire/hiking shoes, binoculars, hat, sunscreen, and insect spray. Larkin's in Tupper Lake (at 58 Main St. (Route 3) just past Pine St.) is highly recommended as a food/restroom stop and they open at 4 a.m. each day! Participants can get coffee/breakfast and lunch to bring for the hike.

MEET: Meet at the Massawepie Boy Scout sign on Route 3 at 6:30 a.m.

GPS WAYPOINT: N 44° 15.658' W 074° 38.483'

DIRECTIONS: The Massawepie Boy Scout sign is located approximately 10 miles west of Larkin's along Route 3 (on the left side of the road if heading west). (We can leave some of the cars in a parking area and car-pool to the trailhead.)

DRIVING SAFARI/WALK: Elm Lake Road, Speculator – 7AM

Join Jamie and Laurie into this newly open-to-the-public (for free) land formerly owned and

operated as a working Timberland & Forest tree farm by International Paper Company, now owned by Lyme Timber. This will be an exploratory trip to discover the birding population of the eastern side of Speculator's woodlands. The walk will be easy and flat. We'll meet and carpool into the interior lands, where we'll walk along the former lumber road used by the timber company. There will be a mixture of woodlands including large pine forests and hardwood areas. The trip will also take us to the infamous and mysterious "Kunjamuk Cave" across the Kunjamuk River.

We'll see a variety of **warblers**, **woodpeckers** and **raptors** along the way.

GUIDES: Jamie Taft and Laurie Freeman

LIMIT: 15 participants

EVENT LENGTH: 2-3 Hours

BRING: Bug Repellant, (netting or bug shirt suggested), water, snacks, binoculars, waterproof hiking attire.

MEET: End of Elm Lake Road, where the hard pavement turns to dirt road.

GPS WAYPOINT: 43.519541, -74.348376

DIRECTIONS: From the "4 corners" at the intersection of Route 8 & 30 (Charlie Johns Store), drive east on Elm Lake Road for 1.5 miles to where the road turns to dirt. You'll see a large horse field on the left at the turnaround. Park along side of the road.

HIKE: Northville-Lake Placid Trail, Long Lake - 7AM

A bird walk in these areas will take participants through a wide variety of habitats including boreal forest, marsh/bog, swamp, mixed forest, deciduous woods, and to the shoreline of Long Lake. Each section, north and south, is 2 miles, round trip. We will do both, if time permits. The walk through boreal wetlands takes you over raised walkways and is home to **Black-backed Woodpeckers**, **Yellow-bellied Flycatchers** and **Boreal Chickadees**. The second half of the trail moves through mixed forest where you may see **Ruby-crowned Kinglets**, nesting **Northern Goshawks** and up to 14 varieties of woodland warblers, including **Yellow-Rumped**, **Magnolia** and **Blackburnian**. As you approach the lake at Catlin Bay, look for many species of waterfowl, **Common Loons** and **Bald Eagles**.

GUIDES: John & Patricia Thaxton

LIMIT: 15 Participants

EVENT LENGTH: 4-5 hours

BRING: Bug Repellant, (netting or bug shirt suggested), water, binoculars and waterproof hiking attire. Due to the length of this trip, it is recommended to bring lunch to enjoy along the trail.

MEET: Parking Lot on S side (R side) of Route 28N at (across from) Tarbell Hill Rd.

GPS WAYPOINT: 43.9759875° N, 74.3925475° W

DIRECTIONS: The trailhead for the hike is a large parking lot on the south side of Route. 28N, 1.6 miles N on Route 28N from Hoss's Country Corner in Long Lake. Directly opposite the intersection with the Tarbell Hill Road.

TRIP FULL WALK: Lake Durant Marsh - 7AM

Join **Mike and Wanda** for a beautiful 3 hour walk between Lake Durant proper and a large marsh. We will look and listen for **American Bittern** and **Virginia Rail** in the marsh,

Common Loons in the lake, other **warblers, vireos, flycatchers and thrushes** will be found. Also a round beaver dam is an oddity. If time permits a walk into a nearby woodland can top off the mourning.

GUIDES: Michael and Wanda Moccio

LIMIT: 15 Participants

EVENT LENGTH: 4-5 Hours

BRING: Bug Repellant, (netting or bug shirt suggested), water, snacks, binoculars, waterproof hiking attire.

MEET: Lake Durant parking area on Route 28 west of Indian Lake (NOT the campground)

GPS WAYPOINT: 43.85°, -74.41°.

DIRECTIONS: Traveling east from Blue Mountain Lake, the picnic and parking area is on the left side of the road, 2 miles from the intersection of Route 28N and Route 30. Approximately 9 miles west of Indian Lake.