

Sunday, September 13, 2009 Schedule (MEET ONSITE)

8:00-10:00am	Paddling Tour #1	Laurel Hill County Park, Secaucus, NJ.
9:00-11:00am	Field Trip	Liberty State Park, Jersey City, NJ.
9:00-11:00am	Field Trip	Celery Farm, Allendale, NJ.
10:00-2:00pm	Field Trip	Hawk Watch at State Line Lookout, Alpine, NJ.
1:00-3:00pm	Paddling Tour #2	Mill Creek Point Park Paddle, Secaucus, NJ.

DIRECTIONS

SATURDAY:

ENVIRONMENT CENTER (DeKorte Park), 1 DeKorte Park Plaza, Lyndhurst, NJ:

From Rt. 17 South - continue south past Rt. 3. * Road narrows and curves sharply to right. Turn left at first light onto Polito Ave. ** Continue to end. Turn left on Valley Brook Ave. Follow to end (1.6 miles). Cross railroad tracks, keep left. Environment Center is first building on left.

From Rt. 3 West - Take Rt. 3 West to Route 17 South (Lyndhurst Exit). Follow from * above.

From Rt. 3 East - Follow Rt. 3 East to the 2nd Rt. 17 South Exit (Rt. 17 South/ Lyndhurst - Service Road). Go straight through intersection onto Polito Ave. Follow from ** above.

TO HARRIER MEADOW (for the early morning Bird Banding Demonstrations):

Follow directions to the Environment Center, but after crossing the tracks, bear right and follow road over Kingsland Landfill all the way to the PSE&G substation on left. Look for gate and cars on left.

DIRECTIONS TO CRUISES, River Barge Park, 260 Outwater Ln., Carlstadt, NJ:

From Rt. 17 North or South in Carlstadt - Take exit for Rt. 120 South (Paterson Plank Rd.) Stay on 120 South/Paterson Plank Rd. for approx. 1.4 miles. Keep left, and take exit for 503 North/ Moonachie. Ramp loops and merges onto 503 North - go under overpass and turn right onto Paterson Plank Rd. East. Go to end and turn left onto Outwater Ln. Go to end.

From Environment Center (DeKorte Park) to River Barge Park - Exit park and follow Valley Brook Road 1.6 miles to Polito Ave., and turn right. Take Polito .5 miles to second light and turn right (Route 17 North) for 2.3 miles (road will curve sharply - do not exit at the service road or Rt. 3 - stay on 17), then take exit for Rt. 120 South/Paterson Plank Rd./Sports Complex. Turn right onto 120 South. Follow directions from Rt. 17 immediately above.

From River Barge Park to Environment Center (DeKorte Park) - Take Outwater Lane to end. Road turns right and becomes Paterson Plank Rd. East - continue for .5 miles, and turn left at the sign for Rts. 3, 17, and 120 North. Merge onto 120 North and go 1.8 miles to exit for 17 South - follow ramp to stop sign and turn right. Merge onto 17 South and follow directions to Environment Center above.

MILL CREEK MARSH (for Saturday Walk), Secaucus, NJ:

From Route 3 East (NJ Tpk. Exit 16W to Rt. 3 East) - Pass sports complex, cross Hackensack River, pass Meadowlands Pkwy. exit, then stay right and enter service road. Pass ramp for the Turnpike and take next exit for Harmon Meadow Blvd/The Plaza/The Mall at Mill Creek. Follow Harmon Meadow Blvd. to 2nd light (before Wal-Mart/Sam's Club). Turn left onto Mill Creek Dr. Go straight and bear right into Mill Creek Mall parking lot. Continue straight to right side of building and park by trailhead.

From NJ Turnpike Exits 16E (northbound) or 17 (southbound) - Pay toll. Follow signs for Secaucus. Go straight through light at Paterson Plank Rd. Continue straight on Harmon Meadow Blvd. to second light (before Wal-Mart/Sam's Club). Turn left onto Mill Creek Dr. Go straight and bear right into Mill Creek Mall parking lot. Continue straight on right side of building and park by the trailhead.

From Route 3 West - Take exit for Secaucus - Service Road. Once on service road, turn right onto Mill Creek Dr. (just past the Hess station). Continue until just before it curves to the right. Turn left into Mill Creek Mall parking lot. Continue straight on right side of building and park by the trailhead.

SUNDAY:

LAUREL HILL COUNTY PARK, Secaucus, NJ:

From Rt. 3 East or West: Take Meadowlands Parkway Exit (just east of the Meadowlands sports complex and Hackensack River bridge). At end of ramp, turn left onto Meadowlands Parkway. Follow straight through several lights, pass Harmon Cove Towers, continue to end. Road turns sharply left and becomes Castle Rd. Follow to end and turn right on New County Rd. Follow into park - 1st parking lot on right.

From NJ Turnpike: EASTERN SPUR - to exit 15X. Follow ramp past train station and turn left at the light at New County Rd. Follow over bridge and into park - 1st parking lot on right.

LIBERTY STATE PARK, Jersey City, NJ:

From the NJ Turnpike North or South: Take exit for 14 and 14A-C, then follow signs for 14A-C (NJ Turnpike Extension/Rt. 78 East). Cross Newark Bay and go approx. 2 miles and take Exit 14B. After toll plaza, turn left; proceed straight through light and straight onto Morris Pesin Drive. Continue to last parking area on right near picnic grove. Park near building and meet field trip leaders.

CELERY FARM NATURAL AREA, Allendale, NJ:

From Route 17 Northbound: Take Route 17 through Paramus, Ridgewood, Waldwick & HoHoKus to the ONLY exit that says: "ALLENDALE". Follow Exit ramp around under Route 17 and onto East Allendale Ave. Take East Allendale Ave. for about 3/4 mile and turn right at light onto Franklin Tpk. Go 1/2 mile to Green Way. Right on Green Way and follow it to cul-de-sac at end. No comfort facilities.

STATE LINE LOOKOUT at Palisades Interstate Park, Alpine, NJ:

From Palisades Interstate Parkway North - Exit for State Line Lookout is about 2 miles north of Exit 2. **From the Palisades Interstate Parkway South** - Stay in left lane after Exit 3. Take U-turn (well marked). Use caution, as you will need to get into the right lane immediately to exit for State Line Lookout.

MILL CREEK POINT PARK (for Paddle), End of Millridge Rd., Secaucus, NJ:

From Rt. 3 East - Rt. 3 East over Hackensack River past Meadowlands Pkwy. exit, then merge right on Rt. 3 Service Rd. Stay in right lane and turn right immediately after Sunoco station onto Plaza Ctr. Go to light, turn right on Paterson Plank Rd. At light, bear right at fork. Go over Rt. 3, then make approx. 8th right on Farm Rd. Make 2nd right on Meadow Ln. Follow Meadow Ln. (becomes Millridge Rd.) to end.

From Rt. 3 West - Rt. 3 West. Stay right for Local Lanes/Secaucus. Bear right twice toward Secaucus then turn right on Radio. To end. Right on Huber. 2nd left on Koelle. To end. Right on Millridge. To end.

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Don't miss the SPECIAL KEYNOTE PROGRAM,
"Studying Night Migration from the
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by Dr. Robert DeCandido

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 & 13, 2009
MEADOWLANDS ENVIRONMENT CENTER, LYNDHURST, NJ
TICKETS \$40, AGES 10-17 FREE

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the New Jersey Audubon Society and Hackensack Riverkeeper
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FESTIVAL FACTS - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

Registration: Your admission allows you to participate in as many field trips and programs as you can squeeze in, as well as breakfast and lunch Saturday. You can register Online, by Mail or by Phone (see registration coupon in this brochure for details). Once you register, a packet will be mailed to you that will include wrist bands (marked with your cruise # if applicable) and lunch tickets - you MUST bring these items to the festival with you.



Festival takes place Rain or Shine. No refunds will be given.

Getting Around at the Festival: All indoor programs are held in the Environment Center at DeKorte Park. Some cruises and field trips are reached by BUS - meet the bus by the front entrance of the Environment Center. Early morning (and some late afternoon) trips and cruises must be reached by car. Popular programs and field trips may fill quickly, so arrive early to secure your spot. The indoor displays and Birding Store will be open Saturday in the Visitor Center. All Sunday events are reached by car only.

Birding Cruises and Paddling Tours: YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR BOAT TRIPS & PADDLING TOURS! Registration for paddling tours is limited and by telephone only - call 201-968-0808. There is enough seating for everyone at the festival to go on a birding cruise. Choose your cruise when you register. If you book online, please select which of the 4 cruises you would like to go on (NOTE: There is no bus service to the early morning and late afternoon cruises - you must drive yourself). If you register by mail, you can list your top three cruise preferences, but 1st choice is not guaranteed. If you register by phone, you will know immediately if your preference is available.

Food & Drink: Continental breakfast will be served in the Visitor Center through 10:30am. A lunch of sandwiches (with vegetarian options), salads and drinks will be served from 11:30am until 1:00pm. You are welcome to bring your own food. No alcoholic beverages are permitted.

Children: Kids interested in Birding age 10 and up (accompanied by an adult) are welcome.

SUNDAY: ALL FIELD TRIP DAY - arrange your own transportation and meet your group at the individual field trip sites on Sunday. There are NO Festival activities at the Environment Center on Sunday.

ALL DAY SATURDAY AT THE FESTIVAL



In the Visitor Center Saturday from 8am - 6pm:

- ♦ Nature and Birding Store. Field guides, binoculars and expert help.
- ♦ Exhibits - by Festival partners.
- ♦ Loaner binoculars available at the registration desk (credit card required).
- ♦ Interactive Learning Center and Gallery.

No exhibitors, store or indoor program Sunday

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

Birding Basics, with NJ Audubon

Learn how to use a field guide, how to choose and use binoculars, and most importantly, how to learn to identify birds.

The Nature of New Jersey, with NJ Audubon

The program is a naturalist's answer to New Jersey's critics. The state's flora and fauna are featured in a scenic journey through the seasons across the state. A Program designed to acknowledge New Jersey's marvelous natural and scenic wonders.

Rapp'n with Raptors, with the Tenafly Nature Center

Participants will observe live birds of prey up close and learn about their behavior, physiology, adaptations, ecological importance and natural history. Hands-on artifacts and demonstrations will capture the imagination of young and old.

All About Butterflies, with Wild Birds Unlimited

New Jersey is also home to a wide variety of butterflies. This outdoor program will introduce you to many of them. Topics will include optics, field guides, gardening for butterflies, butterfly watching, and the amazing migration of the Monarch.



Welcome to the Sixth Annual New Jersey Meadowlands Festival of Birding!

We're here to celebrate the nation's fastest growing outdoor pastime in one of New Jersey's most important birding areas. The New Jersey Meadowlands is truly an urban oasis. Containing over 8,000 acres of valuable wetland habitat, the Meadowlands is home to over 280 bird species.

The month of September is a great time for birding in the Meadowlands, as ducks, songbirds, and shorebirds wing their way south; and herons and egrets stalk the shallows. Overhead, we might see raptors such as Red-tailed Hawks, Ospreys and Peregrine Falcons.

This year's festival includes a full lineup of field trips on Sunday, so plan to spend your weekend in the Meadowlands! Tour leaders are eager to share the joy of birding with everyone, novice and expert, old and young alike. Be sure to take time to visit the exhibits and the Nature Store. Above all, enjoy the birds!

Captain Bill Sheehan, Executive Director
Hackensack Riverkeeper

Tom Gilmore, President
New Jersey Audubon Society

Keynote Program: Dr. Robert DeCandido: "Studying Night Migration from the Top of the Empire State Building" 1:00 - 2:00 pm in the Auditorium



Dr. Robert DeCandido was born and raised in the Bronx. He received his MS from Fordham University and a PhD from the City University of New York. Bob did his dissertation research on changes in plant species diversity from 1947-1998 in Pelham Bay Park, a place he especially likes. In autumn 1987 he began the first study of migrating birds of prey in NYC at Pelham Bay Park, counting more than 18,000 hawks, eagles and falcons of 13 species in migration in 1990. He has also studied the owls of Pelham Bay, and began the reintroduction of the Eastern Screech-owl into Central Park in Manhattan where these owls are once again breeding after a 60 year absence. In New York City, he has been studying the night migration of birds from the Observation Deck of the Empire State Building. He is trying to determine the approximate number of birds that pass over Manhattan each autumn, and if the lights of the building have negative effects on any of them. During the day, Bob is doing the first intensive study of urban kestrels in North America, basing his work on Manhattan Island where there are now about 30 breeding pairs. Further afield, he has also conducted studies of migrating birds of prey in Malaysia, Israel, Nepal, Thailand, Turkey and Spain. Currently he is self-employed in New York City as a leader of bird walks, an environmental consultant, teacher and photographer. He has more than twenty scientific papers published in journals such as Biological Conservation, The Wilson Bulletin and The Journal of Raptor Research. Popular articles about his work have appeared in Natural History magazine and Birder's World.

PROGRAM REGISTRATION

- 1) Use our convenient online registration system. Log on to www.HackensackRiverkeeper.org and click on New Jersey Meadowlands Festival of Birding, OR
- 2) Fill out this registration form and mail it along with payment to the address below, OR
- 3) Call 201-968-0808 between 10am and 6pm weekdays.

TICKETS \$40, AGES 10-17 FREE

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Birding Cruise #: None___ 1st Choice___ 2nd Choice___ 3rd Choice___

Mail to: Hackensack Riverkeeper, 231 Main Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601
Make checks payable to Hackensack Riverkeeper.

FIELD TRIP DESCRIPTIONS

Richard W. DeKorte Park - For all birders. We'll search the thickets for sparrows, the flats for shorebirds, and the open water for ducks and grebes. Learn the basics, from how to use binoculars to field marks, with excellent, patient leaders. All questions are welcome. Meet in courtyard at the Environment Center.

Harrier Meadow - This unique 77 acre wetlands enhancement site, usually closed to the public, features high marsh, meadows, impounded areas, and mudflats. Buses leave at 10am and 4:15pm from the Environment Center, or drive yourself there any time between 7am and 9:30am for special bird banding demonstrations.

Mill Creek Marsh Trail - An excellent fall migrant hotspot. Expect shorebirds, waterfowl, herons, egrets, and perhaps hunting raptors. Meet at Mill Creek Marsh trailhead.

Celery Farm Natural Area - A 107 acre mix of woodland, meadows, marsh, swampy areas, and a natural spring-fed pond. A 1.25 mile nature trail winds around a central marshy area and varying habitats, with observations platforms set up for birding. Meet at the Celery Farm's Green Way Gate.

Liberty State Park - One of the best birding spots in NJ, the Park features habitat for sparrows and other migrant landbirds, and terrific waterbirding for ducks, shorebirds, gulls and terns. Meet at Liberty State Park.

Palisades Interstate Park, Stateline Lookout - Situated at the highest point on the Palisades Cliffs (elevation 532 feet), Point Lookout at State Line Lookout commands unparalleled views of the Hudson River and Westchester County, on to the Long Island Sound. Meet at Stateline Lookout.

Birding Cruises - PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY. These birding cruises are also educational tours of the Hackensack River and Meadowlands. Bird tidal creeks and see abundant wildlife aboard a comfortable pontoon cruiser. BUSES leave Environment Center at 9am and 2:30pm for cruises. Drive car and meet at River Barge Park for 7am and 5:30pm cruises. Sign up when you register.

Paddling Tours - PHONE PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY. SUNDAY. Enjoy these guided paddling tours through Secaucus' salt marshes in a canoe or kayak. Look for egrets, herons, fiddler crabs, diamondback terrapins and more.

The 8am trip leaves from Laurel Hill County Park and will explore the Sawmill Creek WMA.

The 1pm trip leaves from Mill Creek Point Park and will explore the Mill Creek Marsh.

There is limited space on the paddling tours. Reserve by phone - 201-968-0808.

Saturday, September 12, 2009 Schedule

	Cruises (2 hours)	Field Trips	Workshops
7am			
BREAKFAST	7:00 - 9:00 AM CRUISE #1 NO BUS MEET AT RIVER BARGE	7:00 - 9:30 AM BIRD BANDING DEMO AT HARRIER MEADOW DRIVE OR WALK - COME AND GO AS YOU PLEASE	8:30 - 9:15 AM Birding Basics
	9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON BUS TO CRUISE #2 (BUS LEAVES DeKORTE AT 9:00AM AND RETURNS AT 12 NOON)	9:30 - 11:30 AM DeKORTE WALK COURTYARD (longer walk)	10:00 AM - 12:30 PM HARRIER MEADOW WALK (BUS)
10am			10 - 10:45 AM The Nature of NJ
11am			
LUNCH			11:30 AM - 12:30 PM All About Butterflies (meet outside in Courtyard)
1pm	KEYNOTE & ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE AUDITORIUM Dr. Robert DeCandido, "Studying Night Migration from the Top of the Empire State Building"		
2pm			
3pm	2:30 - 5:30 PM BUS TO CRUISE #3 BUS LEAVES DeKORTE AT 2:30PM AND RETURNS AT 5:30PM	2:30 - 4:00 PM DeKORTE WALK COURTYARD (shorter walk)	2:45 - 3:45 PM Rappin' with Raptors
4pm		3:00 - 5:00 PM MILL CREEK MARSH WALK (drive to Mill Creek)	
5pm		4:15 - 6:00 PM HARRIER MEADOW WALK (BUS)	
6pm	5:30 - 7:30 PM CRUISE #4 NO BUS MEET AT RIVER BARGE		
7pm			