

**GOS SPRING 2008 MEETING
FIELD TRIPS
CLAYTON, GA**

SATURDAY, MAY 17

BRASSTOWN BALD, SOSEBEE COVE & COOPER'S CREEK WMA

Leader: Ken Blankenship

6:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Ken, creator of the "Wings Over Georgia" web site will lead us around some of his favorite birding sites in this all day field trip. Bring a box lunch, water and snacks. Moderate.

Participant limit: 10 people. Parking fee required on Brasstown Bald.

BURRELL'S FORD ROAD & ELLICOTT ROCK WILDERNESS

Leader: Darlene Moore

6:15 AM - 4:00 PM

Darlene will take us to the premiere location in the state for year-round Red-breasted Nuthatches. Perhaps we will document them nesting in Georgia for the first time? Wear hiking boots and bring water, snacks and a box lunch. Moderate.

Participant Limit: 10 people.

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER BANDING

Leader: Kirk Stodola

6:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Our Friday evening speaker and graduate student research grant recipient will take us to his research site 20 minutes or so from the Old Clayton Inn. Easy.

Participant Limit: 10 people.

BLACK ROCK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK & WARWOMAN DELL RECREATION AREA

Leader: Georgann Schmalz

6:45 AM - 4:00 PM

We'll pack a lunch and join Georgann, birding-by-ear guru and birding tour company owner, for an all day birding adventure. After Black Rock Mountain S.P. we will have lunch in the Dell. Bring water. Moderate.

Participant Limit: 10 people. State Parking Pass or \$3.00 per vehicle parking fee is required.

IVY LOG GAP ROAD, GUMLOG ROAD AND THE BLAIRSVILLE INGLES

Leader: Deb & Bob Zarembo

7:00 - 2:00 PM

We will carpool over to the Young Harris/Blairsville area for some of the best birding in the state with two of the best birders in the state. We will have lunch in the Blairsville area. Fairly easy.

Participant limit: 10 people.

MOCCASIN CREEK STATE PARK

Leader: Dan Vickers

7:15 AM - 1:30 PM

This state park is located on scenic Lake Burton. Dan is one of the best bird photographers around. A great combination! Pack a lunch or return to Clayton. Moderate.

Participant Limit: 10 people. State Parking Pass or \$3.00 per vehicle parking fee is required.

RABUN BALD & THE DILLARD LOOP

Leader: Louis Schweizer

7:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Take a hike up one of Georgia's tallest peaks and visit some of the great birding sites around Dillard with a local; Louis lives in Tiger, not 10 minutes from the Old Clayton Inn. Please wear hiking boots and bring water, a box lunch and snacks. Moderately strenuous.

Participant Limit: 10 people.

TALLULAH FALLS STATE PARK & TALLULAH BEACH RECREATION AREA

Leader: Bill Lotz

7:45 AM - NOON

Tallulah Falls is one of Georgia's most beautiful natural areas and we will bird this area that is down the road from Clayton. This field trip will have easy walking and plenty of lunch options nearby. Bring water and a snack.

Participant Limit: 10 people. State Parking Pass or \$3.00 per vehicle parking fee is required.

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SUNDAY, MAY 18

UNICOI STATE PARK & SMITH CREEK TRAIL

Leader: Dan Vickers

5:45 AM - 2:00 PM

We will park some cars at the bottom, near the lodge, drive up to Anna Ruby Falls, leave the rest of the cars and bird on foot the 5 miles back to the lodge. Wear comfortable shoes and bring water, a box lunch and snacks. Moderately strenuous.

Participant limit: 10. State Parking Pass or \$3.00 per vehicle parking fee is required.

VOGEL STATE PARK & DESOTO FALLS RECREATION AREA

Leader: Bill Lotz

6:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Our visit to these two beautiful areas will include a lot of hiking, including the 2 mile trail along Frogtown Creek up to DeSoto Falls. Wear hiking boots and bring snacks, water and a box lunch. Strenuous.

Participant Limit: 15 people; 5 vehicles. State Parking Pass or \$3.00 per vehicle parking fee is required.

SMITHGALL WOODS - DUKES CREEK CONSERVATION AREA

Leader: Patty McLean

6:15 AM - 3:00 PM

We will leave some cars at the office and drive the others up to "Fish Camp" at the opposite end of the property, then bird our way back on foot to the office. Wear comfortable shoes and bring a box lunch, water and snacks. Moderately strenuous. State Parking Pass or \$3.00 per vehicle parking fee is required.

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Leader: Kirk Stodola

6:30 AM - 11:00 AM

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POPCORN OVERLOOK, BRASSTOWN BALD & SOSEBEE COVE

Leader: Georgann Schmalz

6:45 AM - 3:00 PM

3 great sites and one great leader! Bring a Box lunch, water, snacks and hiking boots. Parking fee required on Brasstown Bald. Moderate.

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RABUN BALD & OVERFLOW CREEK ROAD

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3RD CHOICE _____

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PLEASE MAKE A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS AND MAIL THE ORIGINAL FORM TO:

DAN VICKERS
5249 BEECH FOREST DR SW
LILBURN GA 30047-5356

Box lunches (veggie or non-veggie) will be provided by the Old Clayton Inn at \$10.00 each and must be ordered several days in advance. Please send your order and payment in with your Meeting Reservation Form to Jeannie Wright.

Field trips are subject to change and could be canceled if there are not enough participants.

You may assume that you are confirmed on your 1st choice of field trip if you do not hear from me before the meeting.

