

## 2023 FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

### YELLOWSTONE VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY, BILLINGS, MONTANA

CHECK THE YVAUDUBON.ORG WEBSITE, FACEBOOK, AND THE FLYER FOR ANY SCHEDULE CHANGES INCLUDING TIMES, CANCELLATIONS, OR NEW TRIPS. CONTACT CAROLYN JONES AT [carolyn684@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn684@gmail.com) to be included on the Bird Trip Notification List.

Field trips depart by car from the Rocky Mountain College parking lot on Rimrock Road next to Billings Studio Theater at 8:00 a.m. unless noted in the specific trip information shown below.

Please DO NOT bring pets.

Passengers will share gas costs with drivers

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AT PRESENT THERE ARE NO TRIPS SCHEDULED IN FEBRUARY OR MARCH. ALERTS WILL BE SENT VIA EMAIL OF ANY IMPROPTU TRIPS. CONTACT CAROLYN JONES AT [carolyn684@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn684@gmail.com) TO BE ADDED TO THE FIELD TRIP NOTIFICATION LIST.

Apr 15	Sat	Pryor Mountains 7:30 a.m. Bridger Rest Area	Search for Sagebrush Sparrows Stan Heath, leader; Sack Lunch.
April 22	Sat	Phipps Park 8:00 a.m. Phipps Park Parking Lot	Bluebirds & Blooms Carolyn Jones, Sue Weinreis, & Jerry Dalton, leaders; STEEP HIKE to the top of Phipps Park. Three miles total. Hiking poles recommended.
Apr 29	Sat	Exxon Ponds and Emerald Hills 7:30 a.m. Rocky OR 8:00 Exxon Gate on Johnson Lane	Brian Henderson, leader ONE MILE WALK
May 6	Sat	Broadview Ponds 8:00 a.m. Rocky	Stan Heath, leader
May 13	Sat	Lake Basin 8:00 a.m. Rocky	Carolyn Jones, leader Sack lunch
May 14	Sun	Pryor Mountains, Bear Canyon 6:30 a.m. Rocky OR 7:30 a.m. Bridger Rest Area	Hiking & Birding Trenay Hart, leader Sack Lunch
May 20	Sat	Bridger Creek 8:00 am Itch-Kep-Pe Park, Columbus	Stan Heath, leader Sack Lunch
May 21	Sun	Bluewater Fish Hatchery 7:00 a.m. Rocky OR 8:00 a.m. Bridger Rest Area	Fish and Fowl Sue Weinreis, Linda Wham, leaders Sack Lunch
May 23	Tue	Stillwater River/Woodbine Area 7:00 a.m. Rocky OR 8:00 a.m. Itch-Kep-Pe Park, Columbus	Carolyn Jones, leader Sack Lunch Return to Billings by 5:00 p.m.
May 25	Thurs	Riverfront Park 5:30 p.m. Riverfront Park Parking Lot to the right at entrance	Evening Bird Stroll Mike Weber, leader Mosquito repellent advisory

May 27	Sat	Two Moon Park 8:00 a.m. Lower Two Moon parking	Chats, Warblers, and Starlings, Oh, My! Carolyn Jones & Sue Weinreis, Leaders
June 1	Thurs	Bundy Bridge FA/ Pompey's Pillar 7:00 a.m. Rocky OR 8:00 a.m. Bundy Bridge Fishing Access	Carolyn Jones, leader
June 6	Tue	Pryor Mountain, Sage Creek 7:30 a.m. Rocky OR 8:30 a.m. Bridger Rest Area	Stan Heath, leader Sack Lunch
June 10	Sat	Red Lodge Area 7:00 a.m. Rocky OR 8:15 a.m. Red Lodge Town Pump Conoco C-Store	Stan Heath, Jerry Dalton, leaders Sack Lunch
June 17	Sat	Yellowstone River WMA State Park 8:00 a.m. Rocky	Megan O'Reilly, leader Sack Lunch
June 21	Wed	Grant Marsh 8:00 a.m. Love's Truck Stop Hwy 47 just off I 90 near Hardin.	Megan O'Reilly, leader Sack Lunch
July 1	Sat	Bear Canyon 6:30 a.m. Rocky OR 7:30 a.m. Bridger Rest Area	Stan Heath, leader Sack Lunch
Aug 5	Sat	Shorebirds, Hawks, Prairie Birds 8:00 a.m. Rocky	Mike Weber, leader Sack Lunch
Sept 2	Sat	Bridger Creek 8:00 a.m. Itch-Kep-Pe Park, Columbus	Stan Heath, leader Sack Lunch
Sept TBD		Malta and Bowdoin NWR	Stan Heath & Susan Hovde, leaders
Sept 16	Sat	Red Lodge Area Hawk Watch 8:00 a.m. in Red Lodge Town Pump Conoco C-Store	Marco Restani, leader Sack Lunch, Lawn Chair
Nov 4	Sat	Yellowstone Dam Afterbay 8:00 a.m. Rocky	Brian Henderson, leader Sack lunch
Dec 16	Sat	Christmas Bird Count	Jerry Dalton, leader
Jan 1, 2024	Mon	Yellowtail Dam Afterbay 8:00 a.m. Rocky	Annual New Year's Day Bird Trip Brian Henderson, leader
Jan 14, 2024	Sun	Mid-Winter Eagle Count Rocky parking lot, 8:00 am	Brian Henderson, leader Sack Lunch