

Bird Walks for Beginners

These special walks are meant to introduce new birders to the hobby, including bird identification, binocular use and mobile apps. Birders of all experience levels are welcome.

Leader: Sarah Gotwols (717) 940-3804 or sarahann71880@gmail.com

January 24 (Saturday)
Safe Harbor Dam/Observation Road (Conestoga)

Meet at 9 a.m. at the Safe Harbor Dam Parking Lot

February 28 (Saturday)
Middle Creek WMA
Meet at 3 p.m. at the Visitor Center Parking Lot

April 12 (Sunday)
Riverfront Park (Marietta)
Meet at 4 p.m. near the pavilion off Vinegar Ferry Road

May 9 (Saturday)
Flory Park (Lancaster)
Meet at 8 a.m. at the Clark Pavilion, use the park entrance off Greenland Drive *

September 13 (Sunday)
East Lampeter Township Community Park (Lancaster)
Meet at 4 p.m. at the Lions Pavilion adjacent to the park's main parking area off Hobson Road *

October 10 (Saturday)
Chestnut Grove (Conestoga)
Meet at 9 a.m. at the main parking lot off Chestnut Grove Road

* In partnership with East Lampeter Township

Christmas Bird Counts

Take part in citizen science and the tradition of counting birds in established 15-mile circles that goes all the way back to 1900. Contact the count coordinator to participate or be paired with an experienced counter needing help.

CBC4Kids – December 19 (Saturday)
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
* Special event with Lancaster County Parks *
Coordinator: John Lahr (717) 205-3030 or johnlahr324@gmail.com

SoLanCo Count – December 20 (Sunday)
Coordinator: Derek Stoner (484) 723-3348 or derekstoner@hotmail.com

Lititz Count – December 27 (Sunday)
Coordinator: Ted Nichols II (717) 856-3851 or tanicholsii@gmail.com

Lancaster Count – January 2 (Saturday)
Coordinator: Barbara Hunsberger (717) 575-3712 or phunsberger@comcast.net

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2026 Programs

Presented at our 7 p.m. monthly meetings at locations specified on front of the brochure

January 8 – Jennifer Sliko, External Lead for the Kittatinny Ridge Conservation Landscape, Audubon Mid-Atlantic - Cerulean Warbler Habitat in the Kittatinny Ridge

February 12 – North Museum Member Social and Open Exhibits

March 12 – Jim Cubie - You Can Save 75 Birds Right in Your Yard

April 9 – Zach Richards, Bird Safe Harrisburg Founder & Chair - Bird Safe Harrisburg 2025: A Year in Review

May 14 – Aspen Simone and Hannah Michelle Brower, Founders of Philly Pigeon Tours - The past, present, and future of our relationship with pigeons

June 11 – Emmy Casper, Wildlife Biologist, Conserve Wildlife Foundation of New Jersey - American Oystercatchers on the Delaware Bay

July 9 – Will Krohn, Master's in Wildlife Ecology Student, Aeroecology Lab at the University of Delaware - How Citizen Science Can Help Pennsylvania's Purple Martins

Additional Meeting Dates

August 13 September 10
October 8 November 12
December 10

Meetings occurring during the second half of the year will have program details advertised on our website.

Lancaster County Bird Club

Lancaster, Pennsylvania
Founded December 8, 1937

Dedicated to observing and preserving our community's native bird life.



2026 Programs and Field Trips

Club meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Monthly meetings locations are:

North Museum of Nature and Science
400 College Ave, Lancaster
(September through March)

Middle Creek WMA Visitor's Center
100 Museum Road, Stevens
(April through August)

All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. Children are welcome when accompanied by an adult. For further info – including membership details – visit us at: www.lancasterbirdclub.org

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www.facebook.com/lancasterbirdclub
www.instagram.com/lancasterbirdclub

2026 FIELD TRIPS

All participants must register with the trip leader by 6 p.m. the day before the trip unless otherwise noted.

January 17 (Saturday) Riverfront Park (Marietta)

Meet at 10 a.m. near the pavilion off Vinegar Ferry Road. Leader: Emily Broich (717) 333-9146 or emilybroich@gmail.com

February 7 (Saturday)
River Watch w/ Light Refreshments (Columbia)
Meet from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Columbia Crossing River Trails Center Deck. Leader: Sarah Gotwols (717) 940-3804 or sarahann71880@gmail.com
no registration necessary

February 21 (Saturday)
Middle Creek Waterfowl Watch
Meet at 8 a.m. at stop #1 along Kleinfeltersville Road. Leader: Craig Boyhont (717) 368-5986 or cboyhont@gmail.com

March 7 (Saturday)
Middle Creek Woodcock and Waterfowl Watch
Meet at 4:30 p.m. at the Visitor Center Parking Lot. Leader: John Lahr (717) 205-3030 or johnlahr324@gmail.com

March 14 (Saturday)
Birding the Susquehanna (Wrightsville)
Meet at 1 p.m. in the parking lot of the John Wright Restaurant along the Susquehanna River in York County. Leader: John Lahr (717) 205-3030 or johnlahr324@gmail.com

April 4 (Saturday)
Safe Harbor Park (Conestoga)
Meet at 7 a.m. at the Safe Harbor Park Tennis Courts. Leader: Kim Morelock (717) 471-0787 or motherunitof5@aol.com

April 11 (Saturday)
Memorial Lake (Lebanon County)
Meet at the Middle Road Parking Lot at 7 a.m. Leader: Jonathan Heller (717) 940-6067 or jonathan.heller@comcast.net

April 12 (Sunday)
Shenk's Ferry (Conestoga)
Meet at 7 a.m. at the Safe Harbor Park Tennis Courts to carpool for this wildflower-centered birding walk. Leader: Cammy Freed (717) 368-1979 or cameala@gmail.com

April 18 (Saturday)
Safe Harbor (Conestoga)
Meet at 8 a.m. at the Safe Harbor Park Tennis Courts. Leader: Carl Groff (717) 471-9969 or fledge19@verizon.net

May 2 (Saturday)
Warbler Walks
Chickies Rock County Park, Meet at 7 a.m. at Breezy View Overlook. Leader: Marie Johnston (717) 413-2086 or mariejohnston303@gmail.com
Middle Creek - Meet at 7 a.m. at the Visitor Center Parking Lot. Leader: Doug Anderson (717) 203-2482 or douglas.anderson58@yahoo.com
Pumping Station Road, Meet at 8 a.m. at the parking lot at US 322 and Pumping Station Road. Leader: Carl Groff (717) 471-9969 or fledge19@verizon.net

May 3 (Sunday)
Northwest River Trail (Bainbridge)
Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Prescot Road parking lot. Leaders: Warren & Nina Wolf (717) 284-2663 or wolfers@aol.com

May 9 (Saturday)
Muddy Run (Holtwood)
Meet at 7 a.m. at the last parking lot on the left, past the Ryan Observatory. Leader: Larry Bernhardt (717) 314-1461 or sjbernhardt@verizon.net

May 10 (Sunday)
Millport Conservancy (Lititz)
Meet at 7 a.m. Leader: Doug Anderson (717) 203-2482 or douglas.anderson58@yahoo.com

May 16 (Saturday)
Susquehannock State Park (Drumore)
Meet at 7 a.m. at the Hawk Point Parking Lot at the far end of State Park Road. Leader: Larry Bernhardt (717) 314-1461 or sjbernhardt@verizon.net

May 17 (Sunday)
Birding Juniata County (Members Only, limit 8)
registration required and varying departure options exist, contact trip leader. Leader: Carl Groff (717) 471-9969 or fledge19@verizon.net

Sunday, June 21 (Sunday)
Ferncliff Preserve & Bald Eagle Road (Drumore)
Meet at 7 a.m. at the Preserve on Wildlife Preserve Road. Leader: Ted Nichols II (717) 856-3851 or tanicholsii@gmail.com

July 11 (Saturday)
Conoy Wetlands Nature Preserve (Prescot Rd)
Meet at 7 a.m. at the Prescot Rd Parking Lot. Leader: Sarah Gotwols (717) 940-3804 or sarahann71880@gmail.com

August 8 (Saturday)
Clark Nature Preserve (Pequea)
Meet at 7 a.m. at the preserve's main parking lot off House Rock Road
Leader: Sarah Gotwols (717) 940-3804 or sarahann71880@gmail.com

September 5 (Saturday)
Chestnut Grove (Conestoga)
Meet at 7 a.m. at the main parking lot off Chestnut Grove Road. Leader: Larry Bernhardt (717) 314-1461 or sjbernhardt@verizon.net

September 19 (Saturday)
Ironville Park Raptor Watch (Columbia)
Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the parking lot off Prospect Road. Leader: Carl Groff (717) 471-9969 or fledge19@verizon.net *no registration necessary*

September 26 (Saturday)
Noel Dorwart Park (Lancaster)
Meet at 8 a.m. at the Good Drive Parking Lot. Leader: John Lahr (717) 205-3030 or johnlahr324@gmail.com

October 10 (Saturday, rain date October 11)
BIG SIT at Middle Creek WMA
Complete details in newsletter and on website. All day activity, come and go as you wish. Leader: Bruce Carl (717) 368-4824 or hrdabrd@gmail.com
no registration necessary

October 18 (Sunday)
State Game Lands 220 (Reinholds)
Meet at 8 a.m. at SGL 220 Parking Lot located along Swamp Church Road. Leader: Carl Groff (717) 471-9969 or fledge19@verizon.net

November 8 (Sunday)
Conewago Recreation Trail (Elizabethtown)
Meet at 8 a.m. at Olde Trolley Line Park off Beverly Road. Leader: Carl Groff (717) 471-9969 or fledge19@verizon.net

Saturday, December 26 (Saturday)
Middle Creek Winter Bird Walk
Meet at 10:30 a.m. at the Visitor Center
Leader: Ted Nichols II
(717) 856-3851 or tanicholsii@gmail.com



Special Members-Only Trip Opportunities

Members should stay tuned to upcoming newsletters and club e-mails regarding dates and sign-up information for our annual trip to Chincoteague and the Eastern Shore as well as other possible overnight / travel opportunities for members farther afield!