

Bloomington Bog, Bigelow Road, & Oregon Plains Road AKA The B-BOP(June 7, 8)

Trip Description: This level, easy walk will begin at the intersection of Oregon Plains Road and Bigelow Road in Bloomington, NY. The area encompasses a bog and cedar woods with sedge marsh and coniferous woods - great habitat for boreal species. Sightings may include: Boreal Chickadee, Gray Jay, Black-backed Woodpecker, Palm Warbler, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Alder Flycatcher, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Cape May Warbler, Bay-breasted Warbler and Lincoln's Sparrow.

Whiteface Mountain (June 7, 8)

Trip Description: The trip will begin with a flat, easy walk around Lake Stevens Tree Trail at the Whiteface Mountain Memorial Highway toll house. Then participants will carpool up the toll road, stopping at pull-offs and searching for mountain birds. Near the summit, participants may choose to walk a short distance along the nature trail (steep and rocky) where sightings may include: Bicknell's Thrush, Blackpoll Warbler and Boreal Chickadees.

Osgood River Canoe (June 7, 8)

Trip Description: This rewarding canoe trip will travel down the flat water of the Osgood River outlet of Osgood Pond through prime areas for boreal species. A round-trip paddle of 5-6 miles is anticipated. Sightings may include: Black-backed Woodpecker, American Three-toed Woodpecker, Swainson's thrush, Palm Warbler, Pine Warbler, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Lincoln's Sparrow, Bald Eagle, Merlin, Swamp Sparrow, Ring-necked Duck, Brown Creeper, various warblers, vireos, ducks and post-nesting Gray Jays. Canoes, paddles, pfd's, and logistics provided free of charge by St. Regis Canoe Outfitters / Dave Cilley.

Madawaska (June 7, 8)

Trip Description: Recently acquired by the State of New York, Madawaska has been a favored boreal birding area for a half-century or more. The area encompasses conifer forest, mixed hardwood forest, a variety of wetlands, as well as Madawaska Pond. Sightings may include: (Yellow) Palm Warbler, Lincoln's Sparrow, and Sharp - shinned Hawk, Black-backed Woodpecker, Gray Jay, Boreal Chickadee, Northern Parula, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher and Olive-sided Flycatcher. As the habitat changes to white pine forest, the Brown Creeper can be found nesting behind loose bark. Madawaska Pond may have Green-winged Teal, American Bittern and Bald Eagle.

Massawepie Mire (June 7, 8)

Trip Description: An Audubon Important Birding Area, Massawepie Mire is a large boreal peatland – one of the largest in the state – and an extensive wetland habitat fringed by spruce-fir forests. Spruce Grouse and Palm Warblers breed at this site, along with other lowland boreal species. Sightings may include: Black-backed Woodpecker, Boreal Chickadee, Gray Jay, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Lincoln's Sparrow, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Rusty Blackbird, and Pine Siskin.

Paul Smiths Visitor Interpretive Center (VIC) Barnum Pond Canoe Paddle (June 8)

Trip Description: The field trip begins with a short walk along Heron Marsh to the canoe dock on Barnum Pond Outlet where participants will begin their canoe journey into Barnum Pond. As participants paddle along the outlet, they will pass through several wetland habitat types including bog, marsh, and fen. The canoe route parallels the Paul Smiths VIC Boreal Life Trail (BLT); well known for its boreal inhabitants. Throughout the spring, the BLT is host to many migrating songbird species; several of which remain in the bog to breed. Species often spotted along the trail route and waterways include: Palm Warbler, Gray Jay, Black-backed Woodpecker, Broad-winged Hawk, Great Blue Heron, Common Loon, American Bittern, Wood Duck, American Black Duck, Common Goldeneye, and Olive-sided Flycatcher. Canoes, paddles and pfd's provided free of charge. Anticipate an easy round-trip paddle of 1 – 2 miles.

Paul Smiths Visitor Interpretive Center (VIC)

Designated an Important Bird Area by the American Bird Conservancy, the VIC property contains every habitat type found in the Adirondack Park with the exception of alpine vegetation. Included on the property is a 60-acre marsh, five ponds, several brooks and swamps, bogs, fens, and varied forest types; most notably northern boreal forest. The 14-mile trail system traverses a variety of habitats with extensive boardwalks through wetland ecosystems. Common sightings at the Paul Smiths VIC include: Wood Duck, American Black Duck, Great Blue Heron, American Bittern, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher and Black-backed Woodpecker. Warblers include (Yellow) Palm Warbler, Northern Parula, Blackburnian Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler and Nashville Warbler. Other sightings may include Gray Jay, Boreal Chickadee, and Wilson's snipe, Broad - winged Hawk, Hooded Merganser and Ring - necked Duck.