

## Sensational Spring Programs

Spring into action at the Montezuma Audubon Center with these family-friendly programs and special events! Bird watching walks, tours of the Montezuma Wetlands Complex, Derby Hill Hawk Observatory, and Cornell's Lab of Ornithology, guided paddling trips around Montezuma, Scout badge programs and the home school nature series are great ways to experience the spring waterfowl, bird of prey, and songbird migration. Space is limited for all programs and registration is required. Please e-mail: [montezuma@audubon.org](mailto:montezuma@audubon.org) or call 315-365-3588 to reserve your spot.

*\*Friends of the Montezuma Wetlands Complex receive a 50% discount for programs marked with an asterisk\*.*

### **April 13, Friday 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.** **Montezuma's Bird Migration Van Tour**

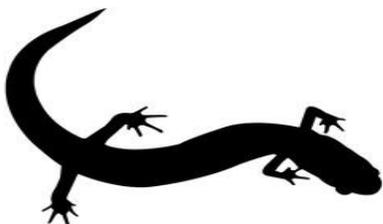
The Montezuma Wetlands Complex is Audubon's first globally significant Important Bird Area because of the incredible number of ducks, geese and swans that stop here during the spring and fall migrations. Enjoy a leisurely ride in the Audubon van for an excursion to Montezuma's birding hot spots where a variety of waterfowl, songbirds, shorebirds, and breeding Osprey and Bald Eagles can be seen. Binoculars and field guides will be provided. Fee: \$8/child; \$15/adult.

### **April 14, Saturday 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.** **Boy Scout Plant Science Merit Badge**

Boy Scouts are invited to complete the requirements for the Plant Science Merit Badge during a fun and interactive program. Scouts will need to complete a few requirements prior to the program. As always, please be prepared to go outside. *All scouts must be accompanied by a parent, leader, or chaperone. Fee: \$8/Scout.*

### **April 27, Friday, 10:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.** **Home School Nature Series: Who's Hiding Under those Logs?**

Who's hiding under that log? Why are vernal pools important for reptiles and amphibians? Homeschooled children ages 5-12 will find answers to these questions while exploring our wetland woods to see who lives in this unique habitat. Plan on getting dirty, so long pants and muck boots are recommended. Fee: \$8/child.



### **April 28, Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** **Derby Hill Hawk Watch Trip**

Visit Lake Ontario for the spectacular spring raptor migration and leave the driving to us. Travel in our van to view Bald Eagles, Sharp-shinned Hawks, Broad-winged Hawks and more as they ride the thermals along the Lake Ontario shoreline! This program is sponsored by the Onondaga Audubon Society. Please pack a lunch and folding chair. **PRE-PAID RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.** Fee: \$18/child, \$25/adult.

### **April 28, Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** **Girl Scout Outdoor Art Maker**

Daisy Scouts will explore the outdoors and use natural objects to make different kinds of art projects. From a blue sky to a bird's song, nature can give you lots of ideas for art. Please be prepared to go outside and dress for the weather. *All scouts must be accompanied by a parent, leader, or chaperone.* Fee: \$7/Scout.

### **May 5, Saturday 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.** **12th Annual Wildlife Festival**

Join us for our largest event of the year which will feature a great lineup of family-friendly activities including food trucks, a 24' tall rock wall, animal presentations, live music, nature-based magic shows, a bounce house, local art vendors, conservation exhibitors, a native plant sale, bird box building, guided birdwatching walks and canoeing excursions. Fee: \$5/person, \$20/family.

### **May 10, Thursday, 10:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.** **Home School Nature Series: Pond Life**

Who are these small aquatic critters and why are they in our ponds? Children ages 5-12 will use dip nets to search our ponds for marsh macroinvertebrates, tadpoles, and other pond critters while learning about their importance to wetland habitats and how we can assess the health of the habitat based on who lives there. Bring your water boots and be prepared to have fun and get wet! Fee: \$8/child.

**May 10, Thursday 5:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.**

**Montezuma Birdwatching Tour**

The Montezuma Wetlands Complex is teeming with migratory songbirds, marsh birds, and other wildlife this time of year. Join us for an evening van tour through the Montezuma's marshes, forests and grasslands to explore the abundant wildlife as they prepare for their nocturnal activities. Bring your camera to capture images of the beautiful habitats and wildlife. Binoculars and field guides provided. Fee: \$8/child, \$15/adult.

**May 12, Saturday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

**Girl Scout Conservation Day**

Girl Scouts of all ages will learn about the importance of invasive species control, land management, and the birds that benefit from these activities. Girl Scouts will also help improve our forest habitats by removing Japanese Honeysuckle. Please wear sturdy shoes and dress for getting dirty, and if possible, bring work gloves. *All scouts must be accompanied by a parent, leader, or chaperone.* Fee: \$5/Scout.

**May 19, Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**Warblers and Wine Van Tour**

Join us for our first trip to Thorpe Vineyard, located along the Lake Ontario shoreline in Wolcott. During the tour, guests will sample award winning wines at the winery and walk around nearby Chimney Bluffs State Park to search for Warblers including the Cerulean, American Redstart, Blackpoll, Black-throated Blue and nearly two dozen other Warbler species. Must be 21+ to participate. **PRE-PAID RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.** Fee: \$20/adult, includes wine tasting.



**May 26, Saturday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

**Boy Scout Conservation Day**

Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts will learn about the importance of invasive species control, land management, and the birds that benefit from these activities. Scouts will also help improve our forest habitats by removing Japanese Honeysuckle. Please wear sturdy shoes and dress for getting dirty, and if possible, bring work gloves. *All scouts must be accompanied by a parent, leader, or chaperone.* Fee: \$5/Scout.

**May 26, Saturday 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.**

**Howland's Island Van Tour**

Spring songbird migration and breeding season is underway so join us for an early morning tour behind the locked gates of Howland's Island. We'll drive onto the island and make stops along the way listening and looking for migrants like the Warbling Vireo, Scarlet Tanager, and nearly two dozen Warbler species. We'll also highlight the 10,000 year cultural and natural history of this unique island habitat. **PRE-PAID RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.** Binoculars and bird guides will be provided. Fee: \$8/child; \$15/adult.

**June 2, Saturday 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

**Crusoe Creek Paddle**

Join us for the first paddle of the season to explore Crusoe Creek and Crusoe Lake, Wayne County's only natural lake. We'll search for secretive wetland birds like the Green Heron, Great Blue Heron, American Bittern and Bald Eagle, and enjoy the cacophony of singing frogs while paddling the tranquil waters. Tandem canoes, solo kayaks, paddles, and PFDs will be provided or you can rent them from us. Fee: \$10/child without rental, \$15/adult without rental, \$25/solo kayak rental, \$40/canoe rental (maximum 2 adults plus 1 child). **PRE-PAID RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.**



**June 7, Thursday 10:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.**

**Home School Nature Series: Leaping with Frogs**

Spring is here and Montezuma's frogs are flourishing. Homeschooled children ages 5 to 12 will use dip nets to explore our frogs and learn how these amphibians survive and serve as a critical part of the ecosystem. Students will explore our pond so water boots are recommended. Fee: \$8/child.

**June 7, Thursday 1:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.**

**Montezuma Birdwatching Tour**

The Montezuma Wetlands Complex is teeming with migratory songbirds, marsh birds, and other wildlife this time of year. Hop in the Audubon van for a tour through Montezuma's marshes, forests and grasslands to explore the abundant wildlife. Bring your camera to capture images of the beautiful habitats that we are working hard to conserve. **PRE-PAID RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.** Binoculars and field guides will be provided. Fee: \$8/child, \$15/adult.

**June 9, Saturday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

**Birding and Bogging Tour**

Join us in the Audubon van for our first trip to Zurich Bog to explore this unique ecosystem. We'll meet up with a naturalist who will highlight the flora and fauna of this wetland habitat that is unlike anything else in Wayne County. Wear your boots and be prepared for a 1-mile hike. We'll stop at a couple birding hotspots at Montezuma to search for songbirds, marsh birds and raptors as well. **PRE-PAID RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.** Binoculars and bird guides will be provided. Fee: \$8/child; \$15/adult.

**June 16, Saturday 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.**

**Montezuma Birding Van Tour**

Leave the driving to us as we explore the Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area to look and listen for nesting songbirds, marsh birds and raptors. Birders of all levels will improve their visual and audio identification skills of warblers, vireos, bitterns, as well as Sandhill Cranes, Bald Eagles, Osprey, and more! **PRE-PAID RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.** Binoculars and bird guides will be provided. Fee: \$8/child; \$15/adult.

**June 21, Thursday 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

**Summer Solstice Celebration Paddle**

Celebrate the longest day of the year with us! We'll paddle a 2-mile section of the Seneca River around Howland's Island and enjoy the sights and sounds of the first day of summer. We'll search for nesting birds, basking turtles, soaring dragonflies, and singing frogs. Tandem canoes, solo kayaks, paddles, and life jackets are available to rent or bring your own. Fee: \$10/child without rental, \$15/adult without rental, \$25/solo kayak rental, \$40/canoe rental (maximum 2 adults plus 1 child). **PRE-PAID RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.**

**June 23, Saturday 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.**

**Birds and Brews**

Are you looking for a fun and unique event on Father's Day? Join us in the Audubon van for a tour of four birding hotspots at the Montezuma Wetlands Complex with a stop at Fleur de Lis Brew Works to enjoy craft beers. Expect to walk about 2-miles while searching for warblers, vireos, orioles, flycatchers, herons and raptors. This is a family friendly event; non-alcoholic root beer is available for kids. Binoculars and field guides will be provided. **PRE-PAID RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.** Fee: \$15/child, \$25/adult, includes beer tasting fee.



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The Center is open:

Tuesday – Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.,  
but you are welcome to enjoy our trails daily  
from dawn to dusk, year-round.

Visit <http://ny.audubon.org/montezuma> for more information about our facilities, trails, and events.

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*The Montezuma Audubon Center is a state-owned facility operated through a cooperative agreement between the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the National Audubon Society.*

*We're dedicated to enhancing the habitat of the Montezuma Wetlands Complex and surrounding Important Bird Areas. The Montezuma Wetlands Complex is Audubon's first globally significant Important Bird Area.*

*Now in its second century, Audubon is dedicated to protecting birds and other wildlife and the habitat that supports them. Our national network of community-based nature centers and chapters, scientific and educational programs, and advocacy on behalf of areas sustaining important bird populations, engage millions of people of all ages and backgrounds in conservation.*

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