



WCAS takes part in nature festival

Eleven WCAS members participated in the North Coast Nature Festival at Rocky River Center on April 17-18. This event featured speakers, live birds of prey, exhibits by artists and vendors, and booths by nature organizations. The WCAS members staffed a booth and talked to the public about our programs and initiatives.

The WCAS volunteers included Jane Anderson, Theresa Duncan, Betty Green, Deva Simon, Ken Pfister, Judi Lakner, Alice Mitchell, Mary Anne Romito, Beverly Kenworthy, Mary Jane White, and Steve Cherico. Guests Betty Roach and Gayla Gray also helped staff the booth.

WCAS launches conservation projects

WCAS members have begun two initiatives to improve conservation at home and in the wild. These volunteers have launched **Audubon at Home (AAH)** to educate homeowners on how to improve the quality their neighborhoods by native plant landscaping, reduction of lawn and garden chemicals, water quality, and bird habitat.

Kit Birch attended an AAH Field Consultant Training Workshop on March 27 in Medina and will share her knowledge with WCAS members and other citizens.

Trish Faehnrich is going to help administer a grant from Ohio Audubon to develop an education component for AAH.

Terri Martincic has begun a group called **Weeders in the Wild** to help park districts remove invasive plants from local habitats. According to Terri, "People learn best about invasive plants by pulling them." The group pulled buckthorn at North Chagrin on April 4 and garlic mustard at Rocky River Nature Center on April 24. An upcoming event is a canary grass pull at **Sandy Ridge Metropark on Saturday, May 22 from 8:00-11 a.m.** Volunteers should wear waterproof boots and bring clippers and gloves. Volunteers with questions may contact Terri at (440) 243-4536.

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Welcome, New Members!

Jacqueline Barbetta
Kim Langley
Mike & Sue Schwab
Mary Jo & Steve Segal

May Program • Tuesday, May 4, 2004 • 7:30 p. m.

We know human impact has changed Ohio since the arrival of European settlers, but how has wildlife fared in the state? While some animals will never be seen again, others are incredibly abundant. Why? Harvey Webster, Head of Wildlife Resources at The Clevel-

and Museum of Natural History, will bring live animals and discuss how Ohio wildlife has changed and adapted ... or not. His program, "**Three Hundred Years of Ohio Wildlife**", takes a historic look at our state through the eyes of wildlife.

May Field Trips Sundays • May 2, 9, 16, 2004 • Audubon Spring Bird Walks

Spring Bird Walks

See the spring migrants during the Audubon spring bird walks. The walks will be held each **Sunday from April 11 to May 16. Meet at 7:30 a.m.** at the following locations:

**Aurora Sanctuary
Bedford Reservation
Big Creek Reservation
Brecksville Reservation
Gates Mills
Geauga County
Hiram**



Brown Creeper © Scott Wright

**Hinckley Reservation
Holden Arboretum
Huntington Reservation
Lake Metroparks
Lantern Court
Mentor Marsh
North Chagrin Reservation
Novak Sanctuary
Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation
Rocky River Reservation
Shaker Lakes
South Chagrin Reservation**

See our website for detailed directions

School Days Program • May 26, 2004

On **Wednesday, May 26** at Edgewater State Park, the park is once again having its SCHOOL DAYS event. WCAS participated last year and the naturalist at the park was thrilled to not only have our participation, but the good information we shared with students. SCHOOL DAYS invites students, grades 3 through 5, from schools in Cuyahoga County to learn about our organization as well as learn about some aspect of the environment, nature, and conservation.

SCHOOL DAYS runs from 10 AM to 2 PM with two portions, the Activity Area and Fun Fair. WCAS will participate in the Fun Fair area, in which teachers and their students can visit interactive displays and demonstrations at their own pace. Members who want to participate and help coordinate the WCAS display may contact Nancy Howell at 440-891-1710. They may also E-Mail Nancy at nhowell@cmnh.org.

WCAS looking for members to staff booth at Dike 14 open house

On **Saturday, May 22, from 10 AM to 2 PM**, the Dike 14 Environmental Education Collaborative is going to sponsor a Wildlife Festival and Open House at Dike 14 to highlight the importance of the dike to the Glenville and St. Clair-Superior areas. Dike 14, which is located at Gordon Park at the end of Martin Luther King Drive and North Marginal Road in downtown Cleveland, is a depository for dredge from the Cuyahoga River and has

been controversial because of the uncertainty of its future as a natural area.

WCAS is going to have a booth at the open house and needs volunteers to engage the public about the Audubon mission. Members who would like to participate may contact Nancy Howell at 440-891-1710 or nhowell@cmnh.org.

June Special Event

**Sunday, June 6, 2004, 8:00 a.m.
Horseshoe Pond in CVNP**

This year, WCAS will hold a joint picnic with the Greater Akron Audubon Society. Come for a bird walk, cookout, plant exchange, and joint meeting. Meet our fellow Audubon members in another chapter. Take I-77 to I-271 to Rt. 303 to Major Rd., or Riverview Rd. to Major Rd. Park in the parking lot at the entrance to Horseshoe Pond.

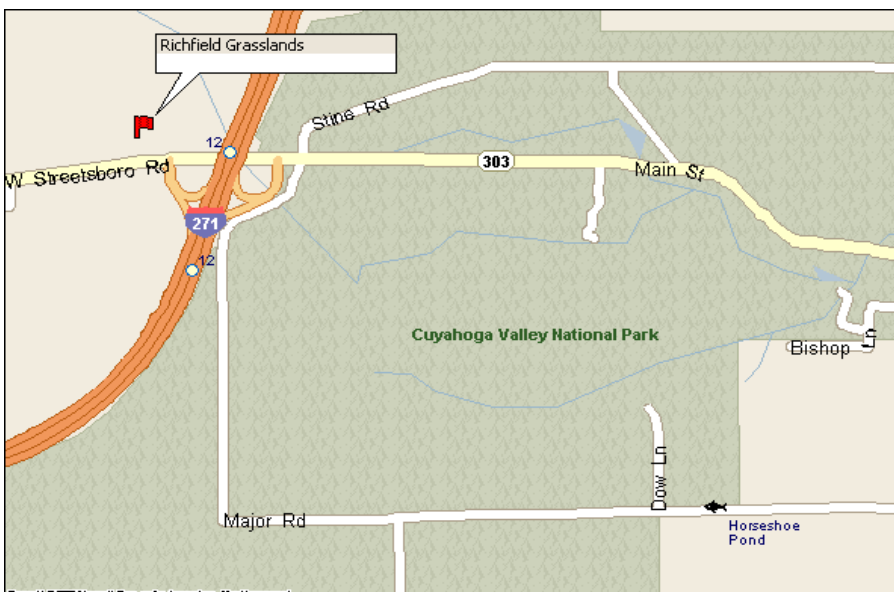


June Field Trip

Richfield Grasslands is located on the site of the former Coliseum on Rt. 303 between Richfield and Peninsula. The Cuyahoga Valley National Park acquired the land in the late 1990's and converted it into a grasslands. Take I-77 to Wheatley Rd. to I-271 to Rt. 303, or Riverview Rd. to 303. Park along Rt. 303.

On the field trip on June 27, WCAS members can expect to see and hear bobolinks, meadowlarks, sedge wrens, and grasshopper sparrows.

Sunday • June 27, 2004 • 8:00 a.m. • Richfield Grasslands



Chapter website updates

See your chapter website at www.wcasohio.org for these exciting updates:

- Clickable links for field trips.
- New birding links
- Audubon Adventures section
- Membership section
- Listing of all programs.
- Thank you to special volunteers

Contact Us

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Bath Nature Reserve site of WCAS field trip in July

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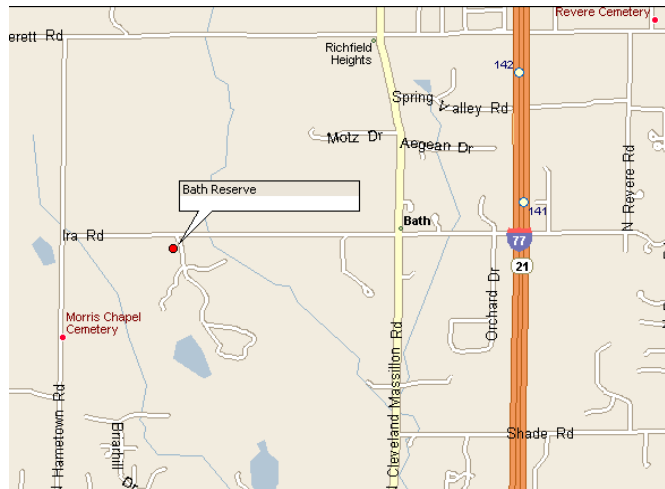
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www.wcasohio.org*

WCAS members will venture to a new reserve in Bath Township for a field trip on, Saturday, July 10. The Bath Nature Preserve is 404 acres of the former Firestone estate which was set aside and protected from development by the residents of Bath Township. The extensive trail system provides access to and allows experiences of varied habitats, such as grasslands, old field, old growth forest and wetlands. The University of Akron conducts academic programs and research on the property. On the field trip, WCAS members and other conservation enthusiasts can expect to see many species of birds and other wildlife.

July Field Trip

Saturday, July 10, 2004 • 7:30 a.m. • Bath Nature Reserve



Directions to Bath Nature Reserve:

Take Route 21 or Riverview Rd. south to Ira Rd. Proceed west through Bath Township. The reserve is on the south side of Ira Rd.

For a larger map, see our website

Chapter Membership Application

Why wait! Join WCAS as a chapter member.

Rates: Basic rate \$20 for 1 or 2 people

\$40 for 3 or more

Enhanced \$35 for 1 or 2 people

\$45 for 3 or more

Basic membership gives you our newsletter and a nametag.

Enhanced gives you our newsletter, nametag and our PASSPORT.

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