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BIRD BONANZA 9



Eco-tainment for all!

No matter your age or birding ability, St. Croix State Park's 9th annual Bird Bonanza has something for you!

Friday 5/12

Birding Field Day

Local 3rd grade classes will fill the park, learning about birds and making memories to last a lifetime!

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Live Raptor Program

Council Ring • Learn about the adaptations of birds of prey, presented by the Lake Superior Zoomobile. 1 hour

The Migration Game

Outside St. Croix Lodge • Play a giant board game to learn about the challenges of bird migration. 1 hour

Birding Station

Chickadee Circle • Hike to our bird feeding station to observe birds up close. Identify chickadees, nuthatches, finches and woodpeckers! 30 minutes

Pine Cone Bird Feeders

Nature Store Pavilion • Make a simple bird feeder to hang at home. 30 minutes

Friday 5/12 continued

Friday-Sunday

Bird Photography Contest: Bring your camera, smartphone or tablet and get ready to snap! Each photographer may submit up to one photo per day, Friday-Sunday. Digiscoping supplies are available for use inside Interpretive Center.

Submit your photos each day at the Interpretive Center. Photos must be taken of a live bird within the park between 5/12/17 and 5/14/17. Digital file and photo release required for entry. May the best photo win! Winner will be announced via email.

Friday-Sunday

Birding Marathon: Observe birds at several sites throughout the park. Record your results on a birding checklist or eBird. Report your findings at the St. Croix Lodge. Birding kits and binoculars are available from the Interpretive Center.

Observation sites:

Chickadee Circle: Follow the signs .3 miles from the St. Croix Lodge toward the Jack Pine Cabin.

Pond Feeding Station: Park by (not blocking) gate 6 and hike .3 miles north along the pondside trail.

Lodge Deck: Sit on the back deck or inside the Interpretive Center to observe birds at the feeders.

Kennedy Brook Eagle Nest: Park at the Kettle River Overlook. The eagle nest is on the north side of the mouth of Kennedy Brook.

Headquarters Office Bird Feeder: Park in the lot behind the office. The feeder is near the employee entrance.

5-6 p.m. Bird Bingo

St. Croix Lodge • Meet inside the lodge for an hour of birding fun. Learn about birds of the world and win prizes!

Saturday 5/13

International Migratory Bird Day! Today, birders across the hemisphere will celebrate migratory birds!

All Day

Bird Photography Contest and Birding Marathon • See Friday's listings for details.

8:30-11:30 a.m. Bird Banding

Park Headquarters Pond • Join Jim the bird bander for an interactive banding session. Help retrieve, identify and release migratory songbirds. Follow the signs to the pond near the headquarters office. Park along the road. Best for ages 8 and older.

10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Interpretive Center Open

Visit the St. Croix Lodge Interpretive Center to tour the exhibits, meet our ambassador creatures, observe the feeders, and check out equipment. Bird activities inside the lodge include bird art and group puzzles!

1-2 p.m. Migration Game

St. Croix Lodge Area • Meet outside the St. Croix Lodge to play a giant board game. Learn about the challenges of bird migration and how people can help. All ages.

5-6 p.m. Live Raptor Program

Council Ring • Learn how raptors are adapted to be skilled flyers and deadly hunters. Meet several live birds of prey up close! Presented by the Lake Superior Zoomobile. All ages.

Sunday 5/14

All Day

Bird Photography Contest and Birding Marathon • See Friday's listings for details.

8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Interpretive Center Open

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9-10 a.m. Digiscoping

Inside Interpretive Center • You bring the gadgets, we'll bring the birds! Learn how to use your smartphone or tablet for birding. Practice digiscoping, using our spotting scopes and binoculars as telephoto lenses. Take a hike to Chickadee Circle and use your new techniques to capture some great pics!

12-1 p.m. Build a Bird House

St. Croix Lodge Back Deck • Reserve your \$10 bluebird house kit in advance (cash only) at the Interpretive Center. We provide precut, predrilled kits along with all the tools and hardware you need to assemble. Limit 2 kits per family. Each kit must have at least one patient adult.

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