

The Village Birders Trip Calendar

September 2023 – January 2024

(July 30, 2021)

This schedule is subject to change.

Please check the website for updates and additional information.

<https://www.villagebirders.org/birding-trips>

September

September 18 (Monday): Mead Gardens (Winter Park).
Leader: Alice Horst. 1.5 hour drive, easy walk, picnic lunch. Meet at the venue at 8:00 AM.

September 27 (Wednesday): Cudadjoe Park , Ocala.
Leaders: Tami Reece (Marion Audubon) and Alice Horst.
Half day easy walk. Meet at venue at 8:00 AM.

October

October 4 (Wednesday): Meet at Ocklawaha Prairie Restoration Area at 8:00 AM. Leaders: Bob Smidt and Alice Horst. Half day walk. Lunch at Gator Joes.

October 9 (Monday): Meet and Bird. Venue TBA. Leader: Alice Horst. 2 hour walk. Meet at venue at 8:00 AM.

October 12 (Thursday): Sunnyhill Restoration Area (Umatilla). 1.5 mile easy walk. Leader: Liz Stakenborg. Half day walk. Meet at venue at 8:00 AM.

October 18 (Wednesday): 1.5 hour drive to Orlando Wetlands--Tram Tour. LIMITED TO 20 PERESONS.
(Advanced registration fee \$10, which will be donated to

Orlando Wetlands.) Leader: Alice Horst. Full day, picnic lunch. Meet at venue at 8:00 AM.

*October 21 (Saturday): Monthly Club Meeting. Lake Okahumpka Recreation Center. 9:00 AM. Speaker: Tom Hince.

October 23 (Monday): Meet and Bird. Venue TBA. Leader: Alice Horst. 2 hour walk. Meet at venue at 8:00 AM.

October 27 Friday): Meet at Fort Island Gulf Beach at 8:00 AM. Leader: Alice Horst. Half day walk at beach, park. Lunch at Shrimp Landing.

October 30 (Monday): Meet and Bird. Venue TBA. Leader: TBA. 2 hour walk. Meet at venue at 8:00 AM.

November

November 2 (Thursday): 1.5 hour drive to Sweetwater Wetlands Park. Leader: Mark Cudney. Half day walk. Picnic lunch. Meet at venue at 8:00 AM.

November 6 (Monday): Meet and Bird. Venue TBA. Leader: TBA. 2 hour walk. Meet at venue at 8:00 AM.

November 9 (Thursday): 1 hour drive to Ocala Wetland Recharge Park. Easy walk around water cells. Leader: Michele Reyes (Marion Audubon Society). Meet at venue at 8:00 AM.

November 15 (Wednesday): Meet at Carney Island at 8:00 AM. Entrance fee \$7 or Marion County Park Pass. Leaders: Bob Cole and Bob Smidt. Half day walk. Picnic lunch.

*November 18 (Saturday): Monthly Club Meeting. Lake Okahumpka Recreation Center. 9:00 AM. Speaker: Sam Boatman.

November 20 (Monday): Meet and Bird. Venue TBA. Leader: TBA. 2 hour walk. Meet at venue at 8:00 AM.

November 23 (Thursday): Thanksgiving.

December

December 4 (Monday): NEW EVENT: The Villages Duck Count. See how many duck species we can find in The Villages. By car, golf cart, sitting on your lanai. Report your list to Alice Horst.

December 8 (Friday): Meet and Bird. Venue TBA. Leader: TBA. 2 hour walk. Meet at venue at 8:00 AM.

December 13 (Wednesday): DRIVE 1/2 day (on sandy road) through Ocala National Forest Scrub Jay Trail. Meet at Sunnyhill Restoration Area, 19561 SE Hwy 42, at 8:30 AM. Park cars to carpool through forest.

*December 16 (Saturday): Monthly Club Meeting. Lake Okahumpka Recreation Center. 9:00 AM. Speaker: Steve Shaluta (Emeralda Marsh photographer).

Date TBA: Emeralda Christmas Bird Count.

December 29 (Friday): 1 hour+ drive to Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive. Drive through park, bring snacks, LIMIT OF 16 PEOPLE IN 4 CARS. Advanced signup required. Leader: Alice Horst.

January

January 2 (Tuesday): Lake Panasoffkee Christmas Bird Count. Leader and contact: Liz Stakenborg (352-875-1885).

January 8 (Monday): Pear Park, Leesburg. Half day walk. Leaders: Marlene Armstrong and Bob Cole. Meet at venue at 8:30 AM.

January 10 and 11 (Wednesday and Thursday): St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge (Crawfordville, FL). Two day drive/walk. Leader: Mark Cudney. For overnight accommodations contact Alice Horst.

January 17 (Wednesday): Paynes Prairie La Chua Trail (Gainesville). Half day walk. Leader: Mark Cudney. Meet at venue at 8:30 AM.

*January 20 (Saturday): Monthly Club Meeting. Lake Okahumpka Recreation Center. 9:00 AM. Speaker: Tammy Martin: Birding Ecuador.

January 25 (Thursday): Venetian Gardens. Half day walk. Leader: Jerry Bell. Meet at venue at 8:30 AM.

January 29 (Monday): Meet and Bird. Leader: Alice Horst. Venue TBA. 2 hour walk. Meet at venue at 8:00 AM.

***Note: All monthly meetings will be at the Lake Okahumpka Recreation Center, 4505 Okahumpka Run.