

STA5 BIRD-WATCHING TRIPS (South Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail Site)

Through a partnership with Hendry-Glades Audubon, the South Florida Water Management District will offer to the public escorted birding trips to Stormwater Treatment Area 5 (STA-5) located at the south end of Blumberg Road located 20 miles south of Clewiston in eastern Hendry County until the Deer Fence Public Access Area is completed in the fall of 2012. Check for updates.

Trips are limited to 60 participants. Registration required. Participants meet at STA5 gate at 8:30 a.m. To sign up for a trip send an e-mail to Margaret England, at sta5birding@embarqmail.com with your name and contact information including an emergency cell number for the tour day, the date you want to go, and the number in your party. You may also leave a message at (863) 674-0695 or (863) 517-0202.

Please plan on carpooling during this trip in order to limit the number of cars driving on the STA5 levee. Bring the completed liability release from, water, snacks, and lunch. Walkie-Talkies are suggested. STA5 is 20 miles from the nearest gas station. Donations are accepted by Hendry-Glades Audubon in order to help defray expenses to provide this program.

2012

May 12 Spring North American Migration Count
June 16
July 14
August 18
September 15 Fall North American Migration Count
October 13
Nov. 10
Nov. 24
Dec. 8
Dec. 22
Dec. 29 Christmas Bird Count\

2013 Schedule

Jan. 5
Jan. 19
Jan. 26
Feb. 2
Feb. 16 (Great Backyard Bird Count)
Feb. 17 (Great Backyard Bird Count)
Feb. 18 (Great Backyard Bird Count)
March 2
March 13, 14, 15, 16 (Big "O" Birding Festival (Trips and Photo Shoots))
April 13
April 27
May 11 (Spring North American Migration Count)
June 15
July 20
Aug. 17
Sept. 21 (Fall North American Migration Count)
Oct. 19
Nov. 16
Nov. 30
Dec. 14
Dec. 28

2014

Jan. 4, 2014 Christmas Bird Count

Hendry-Glades Audubon Society Website: <http://www.hendrygladesaudubon.org>

Lodging and Restaurants:

Hendry County Tourism: Visit Hendry County <http://www.visithendrycounty.com/>

Clewiston Chamber of Commerce: Hotels and Restaurants <http://www.clewiston.org/>

Audubon Special Rate Best Western, Clewiston:

Best Western in Clewiston is offering special room rates with breakfast 5:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.. You will need to say that you are participating in an Audubon event to get discount. The "Season Special Rate" May-December \$55 plus tax and January - April \$99 plus tax per room. Call: 863-983-3400 Manager Vivian Perez Mention Audubon for Special Rates. Confirm price when making reservation.

Audubon Special Rate Port LaBelle Inn, LaBelle:

The Port LaBelle Inn is offering special room rates with Free Continental breakfast from 5:00am-11:00am. The "Birding Discount Rate" is May-December \$66.00 plus tax and January - April and \$69.95 plus tax per room. Call: 863) 675-4411 Mention "Birding Discount" for Special Rates. Confirm price when making reservation. Website:

<http://www.portlabelleinn.com/>

Devil's Garden Bird Park tours: <http://floridawildbirds.com/tours/> 800-551-4375

Reservations Required

The Clewiston Museum offers the "Historical Eco-Tour" on Fridays only, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Price includes the Historical Eco-Tour, plus a visit to the Clewiston Museum.

Travel in a 15 passenger van with Clewiston Museum curator, Butch Wilson, from Clewiston to STA5, while he relates the local Glades history and agriculture. Visit South Florida Water Management District's STA5 "The Biding Oasis of South Florida", followed by a break at Roland Martin's Marina for a casual "Lunch on your Own".

After lunch the van has special permission from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to travel 8 miles along the Hoover Dike and experience Lake Okeechobee and its history. The tour ends (2:30 p.m.) with a visit to the Clewiston Museum. Your museum tour will include Fossil exhibits, Native American and Heritage displays as well as historical video programs that are presented in our theater. Tour rates are \$20.00 per person with groups up to 12 persons. Reservations Required. Email Butch Wilson for tour schedules at clewistonmuseum@embarqmail.com or contact him at 863- 983-2870. Go to <http://clewistonmuseum.org/> to learn about the Clewiston Museum and its programs.