

SOUTHERN HUNTERDON ITINERARY, WCAS BIRDATHON 2017

6:30 am – Amwell Lake WMA parking lot. Entrance on Rt 31 N between Maddalena Catering and Integrity Autobody. No facilities available at this site. View on map here: <https://tinyurl.com/Amwell-Lake-WMA-entry>

8:15 am – Omick Woods, Rocktown Rd. Park carefully along road if no space in lot. No facilities on site. <https://tinyurl.com/Omick-Woods>

9:30 am – N. Hill Rd and Airpark Lake. Meet at Weathertop Farm, 46 N. Hill Rd, Ringoes. Facilities available. Find map here: <https://tinyurl.com/Weathertop-Farm>

11:30 am – Cider Mill Grasslands Preserve and Higginsville Bridge. Depart from Weathertop Farm, 46 N. Hill Rd, Ringoes. Facilities available. View on map here: <https://tinyurl.com/Weathertop-Farm>

12:30 pm – Lunch at Marion F Clawson Memorial Park in East Amwell for a picnic lunch. Bring your own lunch or grab a sandwich at the Carousel Deli down the road in Ringoes. Restroom facilities are available. View here on map: <https://tinyurl.com/Clawson-Park>

1:15 pm - depart from Clawson Park for afternoon run. If you're joining us for the first time at this point, meet at Clawson Park, Old York Rd in East Amwell Twp. (see map link above). Drive in and park near the under-cover picnic area. The exact route for this afternoon segment is TBA, based on prior scouting and reports of interesting species, but will include stops along Frontage Road, the Delaware River and possibly a section of Alexauken Creek if time permits.

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Late afternoon birding and refreshments at our home abutting the Hunterdon County Sourland Preserve. Meet in the parking lot off Rileyville Rd. You're invited to join us on our deck for refreshments, interesting feeder birds and woodland birdsong to cap off the day. Park in the Preserve lot, and walk down to the house via the driveway on the left as you leave the parking area (number 231 on tree next to drive). Parking is tight, so please let me know if you plan to join us so we can find a spot for you. View map here: <https://tinyurl.com/Hunterdon-Sourland-Parking>

Reply directly to me (juanita.hummel@gmail.com) to let me know which segments of the itinerary you plan to participate in, or if you need more info. You are welcome to sign on for as many as you can handle, and even to join us in the afternoon if you have gone on another WCAS walk in the morning. When you sign up, I'll provide you with my cell phone number in case you get lost or if you need to reach me on the day.

Even if you can't participate this time, please consider making a generous donation. WCAS is doing great and important work to support bird habitat and conservation efforts in our part of NJ, including extensively documenting state-threatened and endangered species to support opposition to the PennEast Pipeline that threatens to disrupt local lands already preserved for conservation. Make your check payable to WCAS, and send to P.O. Box 112, Pennington, NJ 08534.