



2017 GUIDED BIRD WALKS

VALLEY FORGE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

March through October ↻ 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month ↻ 1.5 mile walk, approx. 2 hours

Join **Mary Ellen and Tom Heisey**, avid local birders, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month for a fascinating bird walk. See or hear different species in a variety of seasons and habitats such as meadow, edge, and woods. Walk is intended for birders of all levels, beginners welcome and encouraged.

WALK: Mostly paved trail but includes short sections of gravel and grass. Good walking shoes recommended.

WHERE: Meet in the Artillery Park parking lot on East Inner Line Drive. Near-by restrooms & water fountain available as of May.

WHEN: March, April, September, October: 8 am start time. May–August: 7:30 am start time. Please check the vfparkalliance.org website for updates. Walks will be canceled during electrical or ice storms.

BRING: Binoculars, hat, water, bug spray and sun protection optional.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>START</u>
March 14 & 21	8 am
April 11 & 25	8 am
May 9 & 23	7:30 am
June 13 & 27	7:30 am
July 11 & 25	7:30 am
August 8 & 22	7:30 am
September 12 & 26	8 am
October 10 & 24	8 am

BIRDING HIGHLIGHTS

March & April

Early season weather brings a good chance of seeing or hearing most of the park's resident woodpeckers, the Red-Bellied, Hairy, Downy, Northern Flicker, Pileated, and Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers.

May is Migration Month!

Join us to welcome back our summer birds – Baltimore & Orchard Orioles, Eastern Kingbirds, and Scarlet Tanagers as well as looking for seasonal and migrating warblers, Yellow, Red Start, Black-Throated Green, plus more.

June–August

Park meadows are alive with Song Sparrows, Goldfinches, Eastern Phoebe, Eastern Meadowlarks, Barn Swallows, Mockingbirds, and American Kestrels. Hear Wood Thrushes, Red-eyed Vireos, and Eastern Wood-Pewees on the edges of the Park. Enjoy the fun of observing all the immature birds as they fledge.

September & October

Join us to say good-bye to the birds that migrate south. Common observations are large flocks of familiar birds as well as birds just passing through. Particular observations include Black & White Warblers, Kinglets, Palm Warblers, Magnolia Warblers, and much more.



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