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An Osprey over the Kankakee River Photo by Sandy Dion

Fall 2023 Field Trips

- Saturday August 26** **Kankakee River State Park** – Meet in the parking area by the suspension bridge at 8:30 A.M.
- Saturday Sept 9** **Aroma Land & Water Preserve** - This is a beautiful area with a variety of habitats. The trail is an easy walk to the Kankakee River and back. Meet in the parking area on Hieland Road 1.4 miles south of IL 17 at 8:30 A.M.
- Saturday Sept 16** **Perry Farm** – We will walk through the prairie and wooded areas to the Kankakee River. Meet in the parking area by Exploration Station at 8:30 A.M.
- Saturday Sept 23** **Lake Alexander RV Park** – The park is located on the north side of IL 114, about 1.5 miles east of Momence. This is a prairie and wooded area going to the Kankakee River. Meet there at 8:30 A.M.
- Saturday Sept 30** **Limestone Park** - Proceed west from Kankakee on IL 17 to 5000W (Limestone) Rd. Go north for one mile to 1000N Rd. Turn left (west) and go 0.7 mile to the park. Meet in the parking lot near the tennis courts at 8:30 A.M.

Inclement Weather Policy - In the event that the weather is questionable on the day of the field trip we will make a decision by 7 A.M. Call a KVAS officer any time after 7 A.M. that morning.

Jasper-Pulaski Wildlife Area - Jasper-Pulaski is a fall gathering place for migrating sandhill cranes. At dusk cranes fly into the area by the thousands from every direction. Peak numbers occur from late October to mid-November. Take IL 114 east from Momence and proceed on IN 10. Keep going straight (regardless of the route numbers) until you must turn. Then go south ½ mile and turn east again. It is then about 3 miles to Jasper-Pulaski. It is a one hour drive from Momence. It is best to arrive a bit before the sun begins to set.

2023 Spring Count - Thanks to all who participated in the spring count on May 6. We observed 116 species in Kankakee County. Our record is 161 species in 2009.

Christmas Count - Jed Hertz is again organizing the Christmas Bird Count. We have set the date for Saturday, December 30, 2023. Contact Jed at jhh_60910@yahoo.com or 815-937-9530 if you'd like to participate.

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