

Blind Birder Bird-a-Thon Event Details

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Location: Robert F. Smith Cold Brook Preserve, Harwich, MA

Date: Sunday, May 3rd

Time: 10:00-11:30am

Cost: Free

Directions:

From Rt. 39, take Bank Street 0.5 miles south to the Harwich Harbormaster's Workshop on the left at #203 Bank Street

From Rt. 28, take Bank Street 0.7 miles north to the Harwich Harbormaster's Workshop on the right at #203 Bank Street

Paved parking is available at the trailhead. Van accessible parking exists, with no curbs

Note: There are no restroom facilities at the Preserve

Background:

Birdability is proud to host the 2nd Annual Global Blind Birder Bird-a-thon. The goal of this Bird-a-thon is to encourage blind and partially sighted birders of any age, experience, or location to head outdoors, and celebrate the sounds and songs that make birding such a powerful practice of connection. Birders and sighted partners of all levels and abilities are welcomed. No prior birding experience is needed. All registered participants who are blind or low vision will be entered into a raffle drawing for prizes through Birdability.

[Visit Birdability's Website](#)

[Webpage for the 2nd Annual Global Blind Birder Bird-a-Thon](#)

[Registration Form for Birdability's Blind Birder Bird-a-Thon](#)

Instructions for completing Birdability's Blind Birder Bird-a-Thon registration form

- For question 9, "Are you participating as..."
 - Select the option "Participating as part of an already-organized team or group"
- For question 10, "Please share any questions or anything else you would like us to know"
 - Type into the box "Participating at Robert F. Smith Cold Brook Preserve"

Event Details:

During this leisurely birding exploration, a Birdability Captain will guide participants along the 0.5-mile accessible loop trail. Our pace will be slow to take in the sounds and sights of birds and wildlife. The trail travels through wetland, stream and pond habitats, making it an ideal location for a variety of passerines, hawks and waterfowl. The trail also includes numbered nestboxes that attract Eastern Bluebirds and Tree Swallows. The event will begin and end next to the paved parking lot.

The trail surface is flat, hard-packed soil and crushed stone and is suitable for wheelchairs and mobility devices. The trail has no steps or gates and two bench stops to create a comfortable and quiet place to rest along our exploration. The trail is heavily unshaded and has no railings, except for our two bridge crossings. Service animals are welcomed. Note this location also welcomes leashed dogs. Additional information regarding trail features can be found on the Birdability Map.

[Birdability Map Site Checklist for Robert F. Smith Cold Brook Preserve](#)

Contact

Interested in attending or have questions? Please email the leader to keep up-to-date on any changes or weather conditions that may revise the walk date and time.

If there is anything that would help you participate more fully, now or closer to the event, you are welcomed to reach out to the leader.

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