

COVID-19 Policies and Procedures

Due to the novel coronavirus pandemic, the Genesee Valley Audubon Society (GVAS) is instituting the following procedures for all field trips. By registering for this field trip, you acknowledge that you have read and will abide by these policies.

Registration Policies:

- Advanced registration is required in order to attend the trip. NYS guidelines currently allow no more than 25 individuals at an outdoor gathering. All trips will be capped to meet that requirement, and exact capacity limits will be determined on a trip by trip basis.
- Individuals who did not pre-register will not be allowed to attend the field trip.
- Should you decide NOT to attend the trip, we ask you to please cancel your reservation with the trip leader.

Health Screening Considerations:

- Full contact information is required at registration, in case contact tracing is requested.
- No one who has a temperature of 100.4F or greater (without having taken any fever-reducing medications) should attend.
- No one who has any COVID-19 symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell) should attend.
- No one who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days or who has been instructed to self-isolate or quarantine should attend.
- No one who has been in close (within 6 feet) or proximate (same closed environment, but greater than 6 feet) contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or who has had symptoms of COVID-19 within the past 14 days, should not attend.
- Participants who test positive for the coronavirus within 14 days after attending a field trip contact GVAS, June Summers (585) 355-1824.

Social Distancing and Safety Best Practices

- Participants will be required to stay 6 feet apart at all times. Nonvaccinated participants are asked to please wear a mask or have one available, if social distancing is not possible. For the safety of our volunteers and yourselves, we are requesting that all participants wear a mask while attending any indoor event.
- Participants that reside in the same household may share binoculars or scopes, but we regret that otherwise optics cannot be shared. We realize this may be frustrating for those who do not have their own spotting scopes. To the extent possible, we will choose birding locations that do not require advanced optics.
- Participants are encouraged to keep hand sanitizer with them in case of accidental contact.

Waive and Release from Liability: By registering for this field trip you acknowledge that you assume all risks and hazards incidental to the activities of the event, including potential exposure to the novel coronavirus. You further release, absolve, hold harmless, defend and indemnify the Genesee Valley Audubon Society. and all individually named organizers, leaders, and participants of the event. In case of injury, you hereby waive all claims against all organizers, leaders, and participants.

Photo/Video Waiver: If you do not consent to have your image used by the GVAS in the manner next described. Otherwise, by registering for this field trip you hereby grant permission to the Genesee Valley Audubon Society to take and publish photos or videos of you in connection with the event listed above, with or without your name and for any lawful purpose including for example such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and web content.