

DIRECTIONS TO FIELD TRIP SITES

- If you have questions, concerns, confusion or cancelations for trips, please contact Karyl Gabriel at (336) 255-7476.
- Please take these directions with you. We will carpool and caravan, but sometimes the caravan can break. If you get lost, please call the leader.

TRIPS 1, 26 - BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY SOUTH

Total travel time ~ 1 hour, 64 miles

- Head east on High Street SW toward S Spruce Street – go .1 mile
- Turn left on S Spruce Street – go 300 feet
- Turn left to merge onto I-40 BUS W / US-421 N – go 4.6 miles
- Use the left 2 lanes to take the I-40 W exit toward Statesville – go 29 miles
- Take Exit 256A to I-77 N toward Elkin – go 10 miles
- Use the left 2 lanes to Exit 83 for US-21 Bypass toward Roaring Gap / Sparta – go .2 mile
- Continue on US-21 Bypass – ~go 22 miles
- Turn left (west) on the Blue Ridge Parkway from US -21
- Start near Mahogany Rock (milepost 235) at a paved trail (for a ½ mile hike)
- Drive south on Blue Ridge Parkway toward Doughton Park, stopping at a few scenic overlooks and the Bluffs picnic area at milepost 241.1 (restrooms nearby)
- Drive south on NC Hwy 18 to Longbottom Road, making a few stops to scan fields for Tree Swallows, Orchard Orioles and Wild Turkeys
- Turn left on Longbottom Road and work toward Stone Mountain State Park, stopping at Thurmond Chatham game lands for a variety of migrating songbirds
- Enter Stone Mountain State Park via the west entrance (1739) and make a few stops within the park to listen for migrating warblers
- Exit Stone Mountain State Park onto the Frank Parkway

TRIPS 2, 27 - STONE MOUNTAIN STATE PARK, BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY, DOUGHTON PARK

Total travel time ~ 1 hour, 61 miles

- Head east on High Street SW toward S Spruce Street – go .1 mile
- Turn left on S Spruce Street – go 300 feet
- Turn left to merge onto I-40 BUS W / US-421 N – go 4.6 miles
- Use the left 2 lanes to take the I-40 W exit toward Statesville – go 29 miles
- Take Exit 256A to I-77 N toward Elkin – go 10 miles
- Use the left 2 lanes to Exit 83 for US-21 Bypass toward Roaring Gap / Sparta – go .2 mile
- Continue on US-21 Bypass – go 11 miles
- Turn left on Traphill Road – go 4.4 miles
- Turn right on John P. Frank Pkwy – go .9 mile
- Turn right at the Stone Mountain Country Store (initial meeting place) and pull around into the parking lot at the back of the store

TRIPS 3, 28 - HANGING ROCK STATE PARK & SURROUNDING AREA

Total travel time ~ 46 mins, 34 miles

- From the parking lot in back of the hotel, turn right onto Marshall St S – about 250 feet
- Turn left at the stop sign onto Brookstown Avenue, following green signs to I-40 BUS E
- Continue on Brookstown Avenue for about .3 miles to S Main Street
- Turn left at the stop sign onto S Main Street, moving into the right lane of S Main Street
- Turn right after about 50 feet to merge onto I-40 BUS E/US-421 S

- Take Exit 6B for US-52 N / US-311 N / NC-8 N toward Mt. Airy / Smith Reynolds Airport – go 14 miles
- Take the exit toward Moore-RJR Drive – go .1 mile
- Turn left on Moore-RJR Drive (signs for Hanging Rock State Park) – go 2.5 miles
- Continue straight on Mountain View Road – go 1.9 miles
- Turn left on NC-66 N – go 6.9 miles
- Turn right on Moores Spring Road – go 5.4 miles
- Turn right on Hanging Rock Park Road – go 1.8 miles
- Turn left on Visitor Center Drive – go 250 feet and park in parking lot

TRIPS 4, 29 - PILOT MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

To reach the North River Section (30-35 min drive) – Bean Shoals Access:

Total travel time ~ 30-35 mins, 26 miles

- From the parking lot in back of the hotel, turn right onto Marshall St S – about 250 feet
- Turn left at the stop sign onto Brookstown Avenue, following green signs to I-40 BUS E
- Continue on Brookstown Avenue for about .3 miles to S Main Street
- Turn left at the stop sign onto S Main Street, moving into the right lane of S Main Street
- Turn right after about 50 feet to merge onto I-40 BUS E/US-421 S
- Take Exit 6B for US-52 N / US-311 N / NC-8 N toward Mt. Airy / Smith Reynolds Airport – go 22 miles
Take the Pinnacle Exit (129),
- Turn left off the exit following small brown signs for Horne Creek Historical farm
- Follow signs to Horne Creek Farm, after about 2.5 miles, turn right on Hauser Road
- Follow signs to Horne Creek Farm and turn left to stay on Hauser Road
- The Bean Shoals Access entrance is on the left, 0.5 mile beyond the Horne Creek Farm entrance
- Cross through the two stream fords, and meet at the picnic area on the left

At the Bean Shoals canal we will walk approximately 3 miles over moderate intensity trail. We will discuss the Wood Thrush project, hoping to hear and see some of our locals, and walk the river, stopping to visit the active Bald Eagle nest. We will continue up the road back to the picnic area and decide whether we want to stop for lunch.

10:30 - Drive to Pilot Creek Access – caravan following trip leader

The Pilot Creek Access is a grassland type environment bordering dense, contiguous hardwood-pine forest. Viewing and photographing neo-tropical migrants is particularly enjoyable here because of the change of elevation along the path, with the tops of large trees near eye level. We should also expect sparrow diversity, potential nesting Eastern Meadowlark, and uncommonly Northern Bobwhite.

Expect to walk through 2+ miles of grassy trail that may be moist because of morning dew. Hiking is moderate in intensity.

- 12:30 - Drive to Pilot Mountain section (exit 131 off US-52), driving to the top of Pilot Mountain to get good views of the mountain. Here we will look for migrating raptors, more neo-tropical migrants, and common raven among many others.

TRIPS 8, 18, 33, 43 - TANGLEWOOD PARK & ARBORETUM

Total travel time ~ 17 mins, 13 miles

- The hotel's entrance faces High Street. Exit the parking lot in front of the hotel, crossing High Street, onto Spruce Street – go .1 mile (over the bridge)
- Turn left to merge onto I-40 BUS W/US-421 N – go 4.6 miles
- Use the left 2 lanes to merge onto I-40 W toward Statesville; continue on I-40 W – go 5.7 miles

- Take exit 182 toward Harper Road / Tanglewood
- Turn left on Harper Road – go .3 mile
- Turn right on Clemmons Road (US 158), following the green sign for Tanglewood – go .4 mile
- Turn left on Tanglewood Park Road, following the green sign for Tanglewood, and proceed to gate house to pay park entrance fee
- Go about 1 mile and turn left on Manor House Circle

TRIPS 9, 19, 34, 44 - REYNOLDA GARDENS

Total travel time ~ 10 mins, 3.7 miles

- The hotel's entrance faces High Street. Exit the parking lot in front of the hotel, crossing High Street, onto Spruce Street – go .1 mile (over the bridge)
- Turn left to merge onto I-40 BUS W/US-421 N – go 350 feet
- Take Exit 5B (Broad Street / Downtown) and turn right on S Broad Street – go .7 mile
- Bear left onto West End Blvd (at the bottom of the hill where S Broad splits from West End Blvd) – go .3 mile
- Bear right on Reynolda Road NW and stay in right lane - go 2.2 miles
- Turn right at the By Way Street traffic light to enter Reynolda Village
- Follow the road through Reynolda Village, bearing left and then turn right at the “Welcome to Reynolda Village” kiosk into the lower parking lot behind the white barn

TRIPS 10, 20, 35, 45 - HISTORIC BETHABARA PARK

Total travel time ~ 14 mins, 5.6 miles

- The hotel's entrance faces High Street. Exit the parking lot in front of the hotel, crossing High Street, onto Spruce Street – go .1 mile (over the bridge)
- Turn left to merge onto I-40 BUS W/US-421 N – go 350 feet
- Take Exit 5B (Broad Street / Downtown) and turn right on S Broad Street – go .7 mile
- Bear left onto West End Blvd (at the bottom of the hill where S Broad splits from West End Blvd) – go .3 mile
- Bear right on Reynolda Road NW and stay in right lane - go ~ 5 miles
- Turn right on Old Town Drive (just past the Pine Ridge Plaza shopping center) – go ~ 1.2 miles to parking lots

TRIPS 12, 36 - HAMILTON LAKES PARK AND BOG GARDEN

Start at the Bog Garden; total travel time ~ 35 mins, ~30 miles; Parking is EXTREMELY limited at Hamilton Lakes; carpooling is required.

Restrooms at the Bog Garden; no restrooms at Hamilton Lakes

- From the parking lot in back of the hotel, turn right onto Marshall St S – about 250 feet
- Turn left at the stop sign onto Brookstown Avenue, following green signs to I-40 BUS E
- Continue on Brookstown Avenue for about .3 miles to S Main Street
- Turn left at the stop sign onto S Main Street, moving into the right lane of S Main Street
- Turn right after about 50 feet to merge onto I-40 BUS E/US-421 S
- Continue on I-40 BUS E/US-421 S (toward Greensboro) for 13.9 miles
- Merge (left) with I-40 E and continue on I-40 E for 5.3 miles
- At the split of I-73 S / I-85 S from I-40 E, use the right lanes to keep on I-40 E toward Greensboro / Raleigh; continue on I-40 E for .6 mile
- Take Exit 212B toward Bryan Blvd/PTI Airport and merge onto I-73 N – go ~ 1.4 miles
- Take Exit 3 for Bryan Blvd / Downtown – go ~ 2 miles
- Take exit for N Holden Road; turn right on N Holden Road – go .1 mile
- Turn left on Hobbs Rd – go ~ 1 mile

- Turn left on Starmount Farms Drive (after passing the entrance to Greensboro Botanical Gardens on right) and immediately park on right side of road at Bog Garden entrance. Additional parking available at the Greensboro Botanical Gardens off Hobbs, about 50 feet north of the intersection of Hobbs Rd and Starmount Farms Drive.

The Bog Garden is 2.4 miles from Hamilton Lakes Park. Follow the leader to Hamilton Lakes Park.

TRIPS 38, 47 - PRICE PARK

1420 Price Park Drive, Greensboro; total travel time ~ 30 mins, 26 miles

- From the parking lot in back of the hotel, turn right onto Marshall St S – about 250 feet
- Turn left at the stop sign onto Brookstown Avenue, following green signs to I-40 BUS E
- Continue on Brookstown Avenue for about .3 miles to S Main Street
- Turn left at the stop sign onto S Main Street, moving into the right lane of S Main Street
- Turn right after about 50 feet to merge onto I-40 BUS E/US-421 S
- Continue on I-40 BUS E/US-421 S (toward Greensboro) for 13.9 miles
- Merge (left) with I-40 E and continue on I-40 E for 5.3 miles
- At the split of I-73 S / I-85 S from I-40 E, use the right lanes to keep on I-40 E toward Greensboro / Raleigh; continue on I-40 E for .6 mile
- Take Exit 212B toward Bryan Blvd/PTI Airport and merge onto I-73 N – go 1.4 mile
- Take exit 3 for Bryan Blvd / East Downtown – go 1.7 miles
- Take second exit to New Garden Rd / Guilford College and turn right on New Garden Rd – go .5 mile
- Turn left on Hobbs Rd – go .2 miles and take first right into Price Park Drive
- Take first left toward the Kathleen Clay Edwards Family Branch Library and park

The Greensboro Botanical Gardens (1105 Hobbs Rd, Greensboro) are 2.9 miles from Price Park. To get to the Botanical Garden, return to Hobbs Rd. Turn right on Hobbs Rd – go 2.9 miles. Turn right into the Greensboro Botanical Gardens parking lot.

TRIP 14 - PIEDMONT ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER & GREENWAY

Total travel time ~ 26 mins, 22 miles

- From the parking lot in back of the hotel, turn right onto Marshall St S – about 250 feet
- Turn left at the stop sign onto Brookstown Avenue, following green signs to I-40 BUS E
- Continue on Brookstown Avenue for about .3 miles to S Main Street
- Turn left at the stop sign onto S Main Street, moving into the right lane of S Main Street
- Turn right after about 50 feet to merge onto I-40 BUS E/US-421 S
- Merge onto I-40 BUS E / US-158 E / US-421 S – go .5 mile
- Take Exit 6A for US-52 S / US-311 S / NC-8 S toward Lexington / High Point – go 2.5 miles
- Take Exit 107 A for I-40 E / US-311 S toward Greensboro / High Point – go 2.5 miles
- Keep right at the fork to continue on I-74 / US-311 S toward High Point – go 14 miles
- Take Exit 69 for Greensboro Road – go .3 mile
- Turn left on Greensboro Road – go 1.2 miles
- Turn left on Penny Road – go .9 mile
- Turn right following the Piedmont Environmental Center signs on Bill Faver Lakeshore Trail and park in parking lot beside main building

TRIP 46 - WASHINGTON PARK / GATEWAY NATURE PRESERVE

1200 S Broad St at Broad Street – Salem Avenue intersection; total travel time ~ 5 mins, 1.5 miles;

Washington Park connects with Salem Lake Creek Greenway

- From the parking lot in back of the hotel, turn right onto Marshall St S – go ~ .4 mile
- Turn right on W Academy Street – go .2 mile

- Turn left on S Broad Street
- Turn right into the Family Services parking lot

TRIPS 21, 37 - CIVITAN PARK & SALEM CREEK

Total travel time (to Salem Lake) ~ 13 mins, 5.1 miles; Salem Lake and Civitan Park are connected via a 2-mile stretch of Salem Lake Creek Greenway

- From the parking lot in back of the hotel, turn right onto Marshall St S – about 250 feet
- Turn left at the stop sign onto Brookstown Avenue, following green signs to I-40 BUS E
- Continue on Brookstown Avenue for about .3 miles to S Main Street
- Turn left at the stop sign onto S Main Street, moving into the right lane of S Main Street
- Turn right on Cemetery Street – go .3 mile
- Turn right on East Salem Avenue – go .2 mile
- Turn left on Rams Drive – go .5 mile
- Turn right on S Martin Luther King Jr. / NC-109 – go.1 mile
- Turn left on Reynold Park Rd – follow straight through parking lot
- Turn right on Price Street (you will see a large brown footbridge leading off to your left as you turn; Price Street dead ends to the left into the footbridge)
- Turn left on Parkview Street and park in the very first marked spaces on the left immediately as you turn onto Parkview

TRIP 23 - SANDERS RIDGE VINEYARD & BIG WOODS RESTAURANT

Total travel time ~ 32 mins, 28 miles

- Head east on High Street SW toward S Spruce Street – go .1 mile
- Turn left on S Spruce Street – go 300 feet
- Turn left to merge onto I-40 BUS W/US-421 N – go 4.6 miles
- Use the right lanes to continue on US-421 N – go 12.4 miles
- Take Exit toward Speer Bridge Road – go about .2 mile
- Turn right on Speer Bridge Road – go .2 mile
- Turn left on Old US-421 – go 2.7 miles
- Turn right on Pilot View Church Road – go 6.3 miles
- Turn left on Round Hill Road – go .9 mile and park in parking area near Big Woods Restaurant building (on left)

OTHER

MUDDY CREEK GREENWAY

Total travel time ~ 15 mins, 11 miles

- The hotel's entrance faces High Street. Exit the parking lot in front of the hotel, crossing High Street, onto Spruce Street – go .1 mile (over the bridge)
- Turn left to merge onto I-40 BUS W/US-421 N – go ~4.6 miles
- Continue on US 421 N – go ~ 3.5 miles
- Take Exit 242 toward Lewisville / Clemmons / I-40
- Use the right two lanes to turn right on Styers Ferry Road – go ~ 1.3 miles
- Turn right on Country Club Road – go ~.3 mile
- Turn left on Meadowlark Drive – go ~ .5 mile
- Turn right at the bus entrance for the middle / elementary school
- Follow the road to the parking area on the right

CHINQUA-PENN WALKING TRAIL

Total travel time ~ 54 mins, 43 miles

- From the parking lot in back of the hotel, turn right onto Marshall St S – about 250 feet
- Turn left at the stop sign onto Brookstown Avenue, following green signs to I-40 BUS E
- Continue on Brookstown Avenue for about .3 miles to S Main Street
- Turn left at the stop sign onto S Main Street, moving into the right lane of S Main Street
- Turn right after about 50 feet to merge onto I-40 BUS E/US-421 S
- Continue on I-40 BUS E/US-421 S (toward Greensboro) – go 2.7 miles
- Take Exit 8 toward Walkertown / Reidsville US-158 – go 16 miles
- Turn right (at the junction with US-65) to continue on US-158 E toward Stokesdale – go 19.7 miles
- Merge onto US-158 E / US-29 N / Freeway Drive toward Eden / Danville – go 2.6 miles
- Turn left on Moss Street traffic light – go .5 miles
- Turn left on Wentworth St – go 1.3 miles, bearing left to stay on Wentworth St past Salem Church Rd
- Turn right at the white Trail Way sign into the parking area for the trail

NC ZOO

Total travel time ~ 55 mins, 52 miles

- Head east on High Street SW toward S Spruce Street – go .1 mile
- Turn left on Cherry Street North – go 2.9 miles
- Turn left on 1st Street NW – go 250 feet
- Turn left on Marshall Street SW – go .3 mile
- Turn left on the I-40 BUS E ramp – go .1 mile
- Merge onto I-40 BUS E / US-158 E / US-421 S – go .5 mile
- Take Exit 6A for US-52 S / US-311 S / NC-8 S toward Lexington / High Point – go 2.5 miles
- Take Exit 107 A for I-40 E / US-311 S toward Greensboro / High Point – go 2.5 miles
- Keep right at the fork to continue on I-74 E / US-311 S toward High Point – go 31 miles
- Keep right to I-73 S, I-74 E, NC-220 S toward Asheville – go 7.6 miles
- Take exit 72A to US-64 E / NC-49 N exit toward Raleigh (you will see a brown sign for the NC Zoo)
- Merge onto NC-49 N / US-64 E / W Dixie Drive – go 1.2 miles
- Turn right on NC-159 S / Zoo Parkway (there will be a brown NC Zoo sign) – go 4.5 miles
- Turn left on Zoo Parkway – go approx. 1 mile
- Turn left just past the gate / fence on the first road and go less than ¼ mile (the road is winding and there will be a parking lot on your right, which is the north end of the North America Region parking lot). You will see a blue and white sign that says Purgatory Trailhead on the left. Park in the parking lot to the right of the trailhead.

NORTHEAST PARK

Total travel time ~ 49 mins, 44.1 miles; there are picnic shelters and restrooms throughout the park.

- From the parking lot in back of the hotel, turn right onto Marshall St S – about 250 feet
- Turn left at the stop sign onto Brookstown Avenue, following green signs to I-40 BUS E
- Continue on Brookstown Avenue for about .3 miles to S Main Street
- Turn left at the stop sign onto S Main Street, moving into the right lane of S Main Street
- Turn right after about 50 feet to merge onto I-40 BUS E/US-421 S
- Continue on I-40 BUS E/US-421 S (toward Greensboro) for 13.9 miles
- Merge (left) with I-40 E and continue on I-40 E for 4.8 miles
- At the split of I-73 S / I-85 S from I-40 E, use the right lanes to keep on I-40 E toward Greensboro / Raleigh; continue on I-40 E for 9.5 miles
- Take exit 223 to merge onto US-29 N / US-70 / US-220 N toward Reidsville
- Continue on US-29 N / US-70 E for 8.1 miles
- Take the Hicone Road exit and turn left on left onto Hicone Road – go 5.3 miles
- Turn left onto Huffine Mill Road at the stop sign where Hicone Road ends – go 1.1 mile

- Turn left onto High Rock Road (you will see a brown sign for NE Park) – go .1 mile
- Turn right onto NE Park Drive into the park – go .4 mile to the parking lot

MILLER PARK

Total travel time ~ 8 mins, 3.3 miles

- The hotel's entrance faces High Street. Exit the parking lot in front of the hotel, crossing High Street, onto Spruce Street – go .1 mile (over the bridge)
- Turn left to merge onto I-40 BUS W/US-421 N
- Take Exit 3A (Knollwood Street) and turn left on Knollwood Street
- Turn left on Queen Street; you will see the Miller Pak parking area on the right (across from the Elementary School)