



Massachusetts Camera Naturalists

Notice of Fall Meeting

September 9, 2017

STONE BARN at

Mass. Audubon's Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary

1280 Horseneck Rd., Westport, Ma.

Our Fall Meeting and sharing of images will be held at the Stone Barn at Mass. Audubon's Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary on September 9, 2017. The meeting will be hosted by Gail and Joseph Platz.

This beautiful coastal area of southeastern Mass. is located on Buzzards Bay in South Dartmouth. There are 600 acres of several different habitats which provide a great variety of places to photograph. The sanctuary is located on the Atlantic Flyway where migrating shorebirds feed and rest up on their journey south. The property had originally been owned by a former CamNats member, Gil Fernandez, who had donated it to Mass. Audubon. Other photographic areas nearby include Horseneck Beach and Gooseberry Point.

As part of our agreement with the sanctuary director, Gina Purtell, for our renting The Barn for our meeting, at a greatly reduced fee of \$125, she requested two framed prints that can be placed on permanent display in The Barn. These should be prints of native species (plant, bird or mammal) that can be found at the Sanctuary. If you would like to donate a print, please contact me ASAP at: gspltz@verizon.net. Attached to this email is information about the Sanctuary and some of the species found there.

If you have received a photographic award since our Spring Meeting, and would like to be recognized at the meeting, or have any news to share, please send your information to me.

Future Meetings: The Annual Meeting will be Dec. 2, 2017 in Cochituate, Ma. We need meeting sponsors for next year: Spring, Fall and possibly another time, possibly a meeting north of Boston on the shore?

Our reservation from 10AM – 5PM. Refreshments brought by members always make our socializing in the morning more enjoyable. . We will offer lunches by Panera at 12PM, followed by our meeting and showing of images at 1PM. We will provide coffee, soda and water.

After the meeting, we can meet at the **Bayside Restaurant** across from the field station. I understand that they have great food.

Directions: To Sanctuary Entrance at Stone Barn Farm: From Interstate 195, in Westport, take Exit 10 (Rte. 88 South). Follow Route 88 for 7.2 miles through three lights to the intersection with Hixbridge Rd at 4th light. Turn left onto Hixbridge Rd and proceed 1.5 miles to stop sign at Pine Hill Rd and Horseneck Rd. Turn right onto Horseneck Rd. Proceed 3.3 miles to corner with East Horseneck Rd and turn left. Stone Barn Farm entrance will be 0.4 miles further on your right at 786 E. Horseneck Rd. in Dartmouth.

To Sanctuary Entrance at Field Station: From Interstate 195, in Westport, take Exit 10 (Rte. 88 South). Follow Route 88 through three lights to the intersection with Hixbridge Rd at 4th light. Turn left onto Hixbridge Rd and proceed 1.8 miles to stop sign at Pine Hill Rd and Horseneck Rd. Turn right onto Horseneck Rd and proceed nearly to the ocean for 4.8 miles. Sanctuary parking is on your left just past Bayside Restaurant and adjacent to our Field Station at 1280 Horseneck Rd.

To Sanctuary Entrance at Allens Neck: Follow directions to Stone Barn Farm and continue east on E. Horseneck Rd for another 0.7 miles. Turn right onto Allens Neck Rd and proceed 0.4 miles to parking lot on your right. Massachusetts Audubon Society signs are posted.

To Horseneck Beach: From Interstate 195 in Westport, take exit 10 (route 88 S.). Follow route 88 to the end and turn left until you come to the entrance to Horseneck beach parking lot.

To Gooseberry Neck: From Interstate 195 in Westport, take exit 10 (route 88 S.). Follow route 88 to the end and turn left past the entrance to Horseneck beach parking lot to the end of the road and turn right. Cross the Causeway to Gooseberry Neck.

For those who wish to stay overnight, there are motels in North Dartmouth.

REGISTRATION FORM for Sept.9, 2017. Please return this by Aug. 30, 2017, along with your check made payable to CamNats if you will be ordering lunch, to: Gail Platz, PO Box 138, Belchertown, Ma. 01007

Please count on _____ to attend the meeting:

Members Name(s)

_____, _____

Guest Name(s)

_____, _____

(____) Yes (____) No I'll bring refreshments

(____) Yes (____) No I'll bring 20 Images

(____) Yes (____) No I will attend dinner. They don't take reservations, , but if we plan to eat there, they would like to know how many to count on in advance.

Name (Please print) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

You may bring your own bag lunch, or **Box Lunches will be catered by Panera Breads, for \$13.00**, which includes a sandwich, potato chips, a pickle spear and a cookie, and delivery. Please make your selection from the list below:

____ **Napa Almond Chicken Salad:** Chicken raised without antibiotics served with diced celery, seedless grapes, toasted almonds and special dressing, served with lettuce, vine-ripened tomatoes, salt and pepper on Sesame Semolina.

____ **Bacon Turkey Bravo:** Oven-roasted turkey breast raised without antibiotics, applewood-smoked bacon, smoked Gouda, lettuce, vine-ripened tomatoes, signature sauce, salt and pepper on Tomato Basil.

____ **Ham & Swiss:** Smoked, lean ham raised without antibiotics, Swiss, lettuce, vine-ripened tomatoes, red onions, salt and pepper on Whole Grain.

____ **Tuna Salad:** Special recipe tuna salad, lettuce, vine-ripened tomatoes, red onions, salt and pepper on Whole Grain.

____ **Mediterranean Veggie:** Zesty sweet Peppadew piquant peppers, feta, cucumbers, lettuce, vine-ripened tomatoes, red onions, cilantro-jalapeno hummus, salt and pepper on Tomato Basil

Please make your checks payable to: Mass CamNats for \$13.00 each.

Please mail your Registration and checks to: Gail Platz, PO Box 138. Belchertown, Ma. 01007.

Badges: Please wear your badges. This makes it easier for new members to get to know everyone.

Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary

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