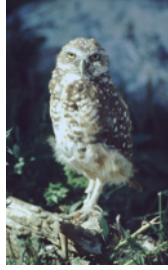


22nd annual

Brooks-Lake Newell Bird Count May 21-23, 2021

Lake Newell, Brooks and the surrounding area feature diverse prairie grassland plant life, irrigated farmlands, and many (244+) species of birds such as Burrowing Owl, Black-necked Stilt, Grasshopper and Baird's Sparrow, Ferruginous Hawk, Long-billed Curlew, and animals such as: Pronghorn Antelope, Prairie Rattlesnake, Great Plains Toad and many more.



Situated on the Trans-Canada Highway about 186 km southeast of Calgary, Brooks has many affordable motels with full facilities. The headquarters for the 2021 count will be Tillebrook Provincial Park.

All 2021 participants must pre-register and agree to abide by Alberta Health Covid protocols in place at the time of the count.

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Important Reminders

Many count areas are accessed via rough country roads. Spring conditions can make travel difficult. High-clearance or 4x4 vehicles are recommended.

SCHEDULE

Friday, May 21

Register at motel or set-up campsite at Tillebrook Park campground

5-7:30 pm: Welcome meeting (optional), location TBA. Introduction to count area, zones, species, answer questions, and meet fellow counters

Saturday, May 22

6:00 am: meet at Tillebrook park headquarters for morning bird walk, and/or disperse to count areas

7:00 am: later arrivals who wish to check-in gather at Tillebrook park headquarters, disperse to count areas

11 am – 2 pm: Siesta: find shade, relax and re-hydrate

2 pm: continue counting

6–7 pm: Deliver counts to count headquarters. Location: TBA

7 pm: Social TBA, if Covid restrictions permit

Sunday, May 23

6:00 am: meet at Tillebrook park headquarters for morning bird walk, and/or disperse to count areas

7:00 am: later arrivals who wish to check-in gather at Tillebrook park headquarters, disperse to count areas

11 am – 2 pm Siesta: find shade, relax and re-hydrate

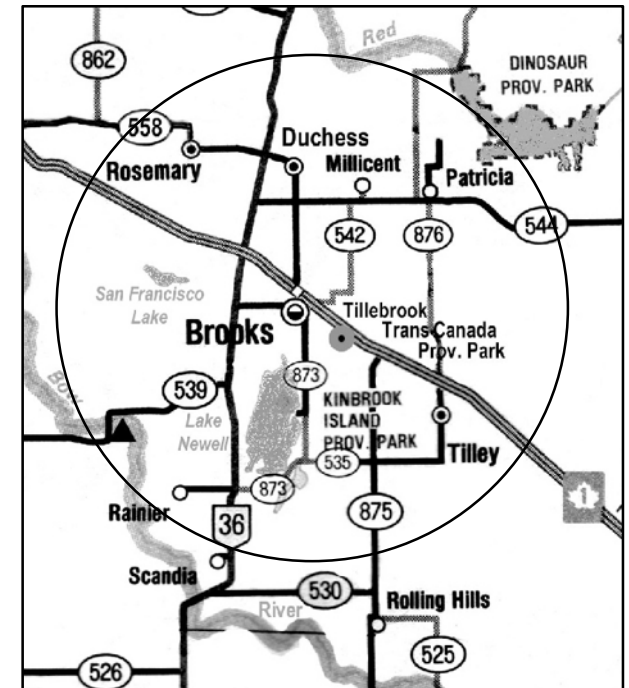
2 pm: continue counting

6-7 pm: Deliver final counts to count headquarters. Location: TBA

AREA ACCOMODATION

Tillebrook campsites can be booked through www.reserve.albertaparks.ca, 1-877-537-2757, beginning on March 4. A limited number of campsites have been reserved for count participants. These sites must be booked before May 6, first-come first-served: call 1-877-537-2757 and request the sites held for the Edmonton Nature Club.

Hotels in Brooks include: Days Inn & Suites, Heritage Inn & Suites, Tel Star Motel, Travelodge, and Ramada. Other area campgrounds include: Brooks Kiwanis campground, Kinbrook Island Provincial Park campground, and Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground.



20th annual

Milk River Writing-on-Stone Bird Count May 28-30, 2021



Grasslands, coulees and riparian areas meet in Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park (WOSPP), creating a great diversity of habitats for wildlife. At least 13 species of fish, 4 species of amphibians, 3 species of reptiles, 30 species of mammals and more than 160 species of birds have been recorded within the park. The count area includes WOSPP; Crow Indian, Verdigris and Pakowki Lakes; Pinhorn provincial grazing reserve; Manyberries, Ketchum and Canal Creeks; and remote areas along the Milk River. The headquarters for the 2021 count will be WOSPP.

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SCHEDULE

Friday, May 28

Register at motel or set-up campsite at Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park

6 pm: Meet at Visitor Centre (optional).

Introduction to count area, zones, species, answer questions, and meet fellow counters

7 pm: Walk park trails

Saturday, May 29

6:00 am: meet in front of Writing-on-Stone campground store for morning bird walk, and/or disperse to count areas

7:15 am: later arrivals who wish to check-in gather at Writing-on-Stone Visitor Centre, disperse to count areas

11 am – 2 pm: Siesta: find shade, relax and re-hydrate

2 pm: continue counting.

6 – 7 pm: deliver counts to count organizers at Writing-on-Stone campsite

7 pm: outdoor social TBA, if Covid restrictions permit

Sunday, May 30

6:00 am: meet in front of campground store for morning bird walk, and/or disperse to count areas

7:15 am: later arrivals who wish to check-in gather at Visitor Centre, disperse to count areas

11 am – 2 pm: siesta: find shade, relax and re-hydrate

2 pm: continue counting

6-7 pm: deliver final counts to count organizer

AREA ACCOMMODATION

Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park: Reservations: www.reserve.albertaparks.ca, 1-877-537-2757, Park Visitor Centre: 403-647-2364. Hotel/motel options are limited. Options include the Sandstone Motel in Milk River, and Double Tree Inn in Coutts. Area campgrounds include 8 Flags Campground in Milk River, and Gold Springs Park campground, just 4 km south of Milk River.

Important Reminders

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