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***2024 Summer Workshop***

Additional Information

**Events**

**September 5, 2024**

* **Board Member Meeting - TBD**
  + **All are welcome to attend!** No cost to participate. No registration required.
  + Further details will be forthcoming on time and place for this meeting. Stay tuned!

**September 6, 2024**

* **Summer Workshop** 
  + **Registration required.** Pre-registration is highly encouraged. Same-day registrations will be accepted (Cash or check only).
* Optional Field Trip #1 - ***Tour of Sax-Zim Bog - FULL***
  + Lead by Clinton Nienhaus, Lead Naturalist, friends of Sax-Zim Bog
  + The greater Sax-Zim Bog ecosystem offers a lot to visitors, no matter your interest in the natural world. With over 3600 species documented, the best way to experience the Bog is through the eyes of Friends of Sax-Zim Bog staff! Join us on a hike around the Welcome Center exploring all that northern Minnesota forests and bogs have to offer!
  + **FULL:** Limit 10-15 people
* Optional Field Trip #2 - ***Self Guided Tour of Sax-Zim Bog***
  + Take a self guided tour of Sax-Zim Bog before lunch. You will have an hour and a half to explore some of the additional trails and stops that Sax-Zim Bog has to offer (See Sax-Zim Bog Resources below).
* Optional Field Trip #3 - ***Tour of Sax-Zim Bog***
  + Lead by Clinton Nienhaus, Lead Naturalist, friends of Sax-Zim Bog
  + For those unable to attend the morning field trip, you are in luck! There will be a second Naturalist lead field trip!
  + The greater Sax-Zim Bog ecosystem offers a lot to visitors, no matter your interest in the natural world. With over 3600 species documented, the best way to experience the Bog is through the eyes of Friends of Sax-Zim Bog staff! Join us on a hike around the Welcome Center exploring all that northern Minnesota forests and bogs have to offer!
  + Limit 10-15 people
* Optional Field Trip #4 - ***Self Guided Tour of Sax-Zim Bog***
  + Take a self guided tour of Sax-Zim Bog in the afternoon. Explore some of the additional trails and stops that Sax-Zim Bog has to offer (See Sax-Zim Bog Resources below).

**Where to Stay**

<https://saxzim.org/plan-your-visit/where-to-stay-when-visiting-the-sax-zim-bog/>

A block of hotel rooms has been reserved from September 5-6 at Super 8 in Eveleth, MN for $150/night. The block will be released to the public by August 6th, so book early!

Name: **MN Chapter Wildlife Society**

Group code: **090524MNC**

**Sax Zim Bog Resources**

[Birding Map 2024 Sax-Zim Bog : Friends of Sax-Zim Bog (saxzim.org)](https://saxzim.org/birding-the-bog/birding-map-2018-19/)

[Sax-Zim Birding List (saxzim.org)](https://saxzim.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Sax-Zim-Bog-Bird-Checklist-2015-55561-bird-checklist.pdf)

[Boardwalks & Trails : Friends of Sax-Zim Bog (saxzim.org)](https://saxzim.org/boardwalks-trails/)

**What to Bring**

[Plan your Visit : Friends of Sax-Zim Bog (saxzim.org)](https://saxzim.org/plan-your-visit/#preparingvisit)

* Bring reusable bottle (there is no running water, though water will be provided)
* Bring reusable utensils
* Bring binoculars and hand lenses to view wildlife, lichens, etc.
* Daypack
* Rain gear
* Bug spray and sunscreen
* Head net

There are very few options for restrooms, gas stations, or dining options. Suggestions for each of these are listed on the Birding Map and at the link provided above (i.e. Plan Your Visit). Please plan accordingly and pack in what you pack out.

**Other Places to Visit**

* **Marcell Experimental Forest - Spruce and Peatland Responses Under Changing Environments (SPRUCE):** <https://mnspruce.ornl.gov/>
  + The SPRUCE experiment is the primary component of the Terrestrial Ecosystem Science Scientific Focus Area of ORNL's Climate Change Program, focused on terrestrial ecosystems and the mechanisms that underlie their responses to climatic change. The experimental work is to be conducted in a Picea mariana [black spruce] – Sphagnum spp. bog forest in northern Minnesota, 40 km north of Grand Rapids, in the USDA Forest Service Marcell Experimental Forest (MEF). The site is located at the southern margin of the boreal peatland forest. It is an ecosystem considered especially vulnerable to climate change, and anticipated to be near its tipping point with respect to climate change. Responses to warming and interactions with increased atmospheric CO2 concentration are anticipated to have important feedbacks on the atmosphere and climate, because of the high carbon stocks harbored by such ecosystems.
  + This site is a [1.5 hour drive](https://www.bing.com/maps?osid=849d42ab-405e-4f8c-9fa1-2d760b872577&cp=47.292827~-93.327121&lvl=10.31&pi=0&v=2&sV=2&form=S00027) from Sax-Zim Bog
  + [The Marcell Experimental Forest (youtube.com)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=keLBJ5Uq5Xw): half hour documentary on the research occurring on the Marcell Experimental Forest.