

It's an OOS Tradition – Winter at the Wilds



The 4th Annual Wilds Winter Raptor Extravaganza Saturday, January 17th, 2009

Mark your calendars and pull out your fleece! The OOS and the Wilds again are hosting our mid-winter foray to the fabulous winter birding mecca in Muskingum County.

Raptors converge in great numbers at the Wilds to take advantage of the abundant bounty of Meadow Voles that inhabit the 10,000 acres of grassland. We expect Northern Harriers, Rough-legged Hawks, Red-tailed Hawks, Short-eared Owls, along with a number of other species of meat-eating predatorial birds.

Kings of the sky are Golden Eagles, several of which have over-wintered at the Wilds for at least nine years. Last year, every participant got to see at least one, some close enough without binoculars. Also possible is a recurring Northern Shrike, and this is also the locale where a Prairie Falcon spent two winters.

Arctic-like temperatures and icy blasts of air don't deter the birds, and in years past the weather hasn't deterred the birders either. Last year, about 130 people showed up and a good time was had by all.

Free Registration

- Even though this trip is a free, open-to-all, giveback to the Ohio birding community, we need to know who will be coming.
- Please send an email to wilds@ohiobirds.org to reserve your space at this OOS Tradition - Winter at the Wilds.
- Full details, maps, etc. will be emailed back to you for proper preparation.