



Join Rosanne Sherry and Beth and Paul Milke, interpretive volunteers with the Volunteers-In-Parks program of Blackstone Heritage Corridor, Inc., as they lead casual birding walks in the National Heritage Corridor.

Search for returning migrant birds, interesting creatures and plants, and other signs of spring along the way.



April 23: Blackstone River Bikeway

Meet *Rosanne Sherry* at the Rte. 295 Visitors Center, Lincoln, RI. We'll watch for territorial activity and maybe early nest building. Last year we watched chickadees excavating a new nest in a birch tree that hung over the river!

April 29: River Bend Farm

Meet *Beth & Paul Milke* at the River Bend Farm Visitors Center, Uxbridge, MA. Are they here yet? We will walk the field and woodland edges of River Bend Farm looking and listening for bird species that usually arrive in early spring such as: Eastern Phoebe, Tree Swallow, Chipping Sparrow, Eastern Towhee and possibly Yellow-Rumped Warbler.

April 30: Blackstone River Bikeway

Meet *Rosanne Sherry* at the Rte. 295 Visitors Center, Lincoln, RI. Migration and nesting are in full swing. We will look for nesting activity as the bird list grows from week to week. Baltimore Orioles and Rose-Breasted Grosbeaks may be in the area. Red-Winged Blackbirds and Common Grackles will fight for territory in the marsh area under Rte. 295.

May 7: Blackstone River Greenway

Meet *Rosanne Sherry, Beth & Paul Milke* at the parking lot of the new Greenway section, Blackstone MA. The first official birding walk on the newest section of the Greenway. You will be amazed by the beauty of this area as we look for Bald Eagles, water birds, and song birds.



May 21: Ten Mile River Greenway

Meet *Rosanne Sherry* at the parking lot by the Loof Carousel in Slater Park, Pawtucket, RI. Join Rosanne at a new location to explore birding along the Ten Mile River Greenway. The river is calm here and one can see many Warblers and other land birds in the woodland and marshes. We'll look and listen for Common Yellowthroat, Carolina Wren and Eastern Bluebirds.

May 27: River Bend Farm

Meet *Rosanne Sherry, Beth & Paul Milke* at the River Bend Farm Visitors Center, Uxbridge, MA. The birds of River Bend Farm await! Orioles, Flycatchers, Grosbeaks, and Warblers, oh my! Most should be present during a late May walk. There's a chance we'll also hear and see Black-billed Cuckoo and Indigo Bunting.

June 3: West Hill Dam/Park

Meet *Beth & Paul Milke* at 518 East Hartford Ave., Uxbridge, MA. The West Hill Park walk will take us from the top of the dam, over the river and through the woods to survey birds on the park's reclaimed grassland. We'll hope to find Prairie Warbler, Indigo Bunting, Eastern Towhee, and Field Sparrow. Warbling Vireos should be calling near the marsh where we'll look for Wood Ducks and Great Blue Herons.

June 4: Blackstone River Bikeway

Meet *Rosanne Sherry* at the Rte. 295 Visitors Center, Lincoln, RI. The walk may be quiet as birds nest or feed their young but we will look for signs of productivity. We will follow up on the Eastern Phoebe and the Northern Rough-Wing Swallow who nest near the foot bridges. American Robin and Gray Catbird nests may be spotted and we may even see who is fishing in the river.

Birding the Blackstone

Know before you go...

RI WALKS

Leader: Rosanne Sherry

Program size is limited.

Please register at:

**BlackstoneBirds@gmail.com or
call BHC, Inc. 508-234-4242**

MA WALKS

Leaders: Beth & Paul Milke

Program size is limited.

Please register at:

**BlackstoneBirdsMA@gmail.com or
call River Bend Farm 508-278-7604**

***Interested children 12 & up
welcome on all programs.***

Further directions sent upon registration.

If there is rain at the time of the
program, it is canceled.

Binoculars and field guides suggested.

A complimentary Blackstone Valley
Adventure Pack will be given to those
who pre-register (while supplies last).

Photo Credit: Volunteer Brenda Bradley



Volunteering is a great way to get connected to your community, and people who serve with the Volunteers-in-Parks (VIP) program, they **do it all**.

VIPs in the Blackstone Valley volunteer at museums and historic sites. They also pedal with the Blackstone River Bikeway Patrol, paddle with the Blackstone Valley Paddle Club, and clear brush and litter along the river. Many rewarding opportunities await. Find yours!

[To learn more, contact Blackstone Heritage Corridor, Inc.](#)

Volunteer Coordinator: 508-234-4242

Volunteer @BlackstoneHeritageCorridor.org

For up-to-date information on all events, visit:

BlackstoneHeritageCorridor.org/events



Birding the Blackstone Weekend Birding Walks—Spring 2017

Come for one or come for all—
programs are free and held from

8:00 A.M.–10:00 A.M.

Program presented in partnership:

