

CEDAR GLEN EAGLE ROOST

FIELD TRIP OPTION [B] (Saturday AM, Saturday PM, Sunday AM)

AM Start time: 7:00 am

PM Start time: 1:00 pm (12:30pm from Cedar Glen)

Trip will involve moderate/strenuous hiking on mowed trail over rugged terrain through prairie restorations, successional grasslands, oak woodlands and into a forest canyons or "glen" with dramatic limestone cliffs and outcroppings. Good for migratory warblers and vireos. Morning hike will be more strenuous and will last 4 hours; afternoon will be moderate and last 3 hours.

(This trip can be combined with Mississippi River Boat Ride as a full day trip with groups switching off between boat trip and upland hike on Saturday.)

Western Illinois University and Illinois Department of Natural Resources maintain a network of trails through the uplands. These trails wind through prairie restorations, successional grasslands, and oak woodlands. Many of the trail lead into forest canyons or "glens" with dramatic limestone cliffs and outcroppings. The most stunning views are within Cedar Glen and at least one of the hikes will travel into this area. The numbers of within this preserve migratory warblers and vireos are exceptional. We hope to see a wide variety of neotropic migrants including Yellow-throated, White-eyed and Red-eyed Vireos, Northern Parula, Prothonotary Warbler, Louisiana Waterthrush, Blue-gray Gnatcatchers as well as year-round residents including Pileated and Red-headed Woodpeckers, and Great-horned Owls.

Meet in parking lot of Nauvoo Family Inn & Suites (PM trip meet at hotel or Cedar Glen)

Trip Leader: David Benson

Approximate distance that attendees will cover: 32 miles roundtrip

DIRECTIONS

from Nauvoo Family Inn & Suites travel West then South through Nauvoo and South to Hamilton on Rt. 96; at Hamilton stay to right/West to the stoplight; take left towards Warsaw (do not cross bridge into Iowa); travel on Warsaw Road about 3.5 to 4 miles and turn left up gravel road at sign for Alice Kibbe Life Science Station. There will be a sign directing you where to park.