

Upcoming DFO Field Trips

Denver CBC Chatfield Res. Area 8

Saturday, December 14

6:15 AM - 4:30 PM

Joey Kellner (Email: vireo1@comcast.net Phone: 303-978-1748)

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Directions: Contact trip leader for meeting place.

Christmas Bird Count at Chatfield Reservoir (CHA) Register online or contact the leader.

Denver CBC Bow Mar/Marston Area 3

Saturday, December 14

7:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Ira Sanders & Bill Hopping (Email: zroadrunner14@gmail.com Phone: 303-278-7172)

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Maximum Participants: 12

Directions: Meet at Centennial Park in Englewood, 80110. The address is technically 4630 South Decatur Street, but the easier direction is to access the park by Union Avenue between South Santa Fe and South Federal Blvds, and meet in the parking lot on the south side of the lake, just off of Union.

Denver Christmas Bird Count at Bow Mar/Marston (BMM) Area 3. Bill Hopping is the area leader. This trip is about half walking and driving. We will need to carpool from the starting location at Centennial Park in Englewood. Limit 3 cars. Bring scopes. Leader will contact participants the week prior. Register online or contact the leader.

Denver CBC Red Rocks Park Area 1

Saturday, December 14

7:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Wendy Wibbens & Dan Stringer (Email: wibbwj@aol.com Phone: 303-330-1175)

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Maximum Participants: 6

Directions: Meet at the Red Rocks Trading Post.

Denver Christmas Bird Count at Red Rocks Park (RRP) Area 1. This trip is limited to the first six registrants (two cars) due to limited parking in some areas. We'll drive to several parking areas and hike around the 6,400' elevation Red Rocks park counting various foothills birds. Species numbers are low, averaging just over 20 per Christmas Bird Count. Some up and down walking, bring footwear for partially ice / snow covered trails. Bring snacks, water, and adequate clothing for a cold winter morning. Participants can leave around noon, or continue across to the Dinosaur Ridge which includes a steep hike to the top of the ridge. Register online or contact the leader.

Denver CBC Willow Creek Area 20

Saturday, December 14

7:00 AM - 4:30 PM

David Suddjian (Email: dsuddjian@gmail.com Phone: 831-713-8659)

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Directions: Contact Leader for Meeting Place

Denver Christmas Bird Count at Willow Creek (WCK) Area 20. Register online or contact the leader.

Denver CBC Middle South Platte Area 7B

Saturday, December 14

7:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Bea Weaver & Urling Kingery (Email: beamiami@aol.com Phone: 303-999-0689)

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Directions: Meet at Audubon Nature Center at Chatfield.

Denver Christmas Bird Count at Middle South Platte (MSP) Area 7B. Everyone will meet at the Audubon Nature Center 11280 Waterton Rd, Littleton, CO and take a minimum number of cars to the Heronry Overlook inside Chatfield. We will walk south along the river, about 5 miles of walking. Then we will return to pick up cars. Bring lunch. Register online or contact the leader.

Denver CBC Yegge Peak Area 12

Saturday, December 14

7:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Cynthia Madsen & Ann Bonnell (Email: cmadsen08@gmail.com Phone: 303-770-6534)

Trail Difficulty: Easy

Maximum Participants: 8

Directions: Contact Leader for Meeting Place

Denver Christmas Bird Count at Yegge Peak (YPK) Area 12. We will meet at 7:00 AM at the US-285 Park-n-Ride lot, 4.9 miles west of CO-470. A detailed map will be sent to all participants. Register online or contact the leader.

Denver CBC Doublehead Mountain Area 13

Saturday, December 14

7:15 AM - 3:30 PM

Jill Boice & Amy Davis (Email: jill@booksandcats.net Phone: 303-863-7580)

Trail Difficulty: Easy

Maximum Participants: 6

Directions: Meet at Twin Forks Park and Ride, 6164 US Highway 285. Exit at Summer Road.

Denver Christmas Bird Count at Doublehead Mountain (DHM) Area 13. This is a CBC historically covered by Tim and Amy Davis. It covers areas in the Foothills. Only a modest amount of walking involved. The group will stop for lunch at a cafe. Register online or contact the leader.

Denver CBC Indian Hills Area 15

Saturday, December 14

7:15 AM - 3:00 PM

Gregg Goodrich & Dick Prickett (Email: GreggGoodrich@gmail.com Phone: 303-655-9135)

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Maximum Participants: 9

Directions: Meet at "Mount Falcon Park West Trailhead" which is the parking lot at the end of Mount Falcon Rd.

Google Maps has this location. Or use 21074 Mount Falcon Rd for Apple Maps. (39.636086,-105.239395)

Denver Christmas Bird Count at Indian Hills (IHL) Area 15. Register online or contact the leader.

Denver CBC Plum Creek Area 6

Saturday, December 14

7:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Christie Owens & Norman Erthal (Email: christieowens2@icloud.com Phone: 9704817271)

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Directions: Meet at Highlife Canal parking lot at Chatfield SP. The parking lot is located at the High Line Canal and Roxborough Park Rd which is .4 miles south of the south Chatfield Park entrance (Plum Creek Entrance).

Denver Christmas Bird Count at Plum Creek (PCK) Area 6. Register online or contact the leader.

Denver CBC Lower South Platte-east Area 4A

Saturday, December 14

7:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Colleen Nunn & Edmund J Holub (Email: cunn6789@gmail.com Phone: 303-520-7496)

Trail Difficulty: Easy

Maximum Participants: 4

Directions: Meet at the Littleton Golf Course and Tennis Club, 5800 S. Federal. THIS is on the north side of Bowles (Littleton Blvd is the same street, just to the east of Santa Fe) It is just west of the Platte River.

Denver Christmas Bird Count at Lower South Platte-east (LSP) Area 4A.. This count is through some busy areas. Limited parking. Bring your lunch. Possibly we will be done by 2:00 or 2:30 Register online or contact the leader.

Denver CBC Highline Ditch Area 5

Saturday, December 14

7:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Doris Cruze (Email: cruzeduo@aol.com Phone: 303-798-8072)

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Maximum Participants: 10

Directions: Meet at Sonic drive in at 8367 N. Rampart Range Road, Littleton , CO 80125. This is somewhat behind a Safeway.

Denver Christmas Bird Count at Highline Ditch (HLD) Area 5. This trip co-led by Nancy Crews. Meet at Safeway parking lot in area behind the Sonic Drive In at 8367 North Rampart Range Road in Littleton. We will bird along portions of the Highline Canal and near Platte Canyon Reservoir along Waterton Canyon Road, Rampart Range Road and Titan Road. Some walking required. Contact Nancy Crews at 303-842-2833 if joining the group. Register online or contact the leader. Register online or contact the leader.

Denver CBC Lower Bear Creek Area 2

Saturday, December 14

7:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Dale Pate & Scott Somershoe (Email: dalepate@gmail.com Phone: 575-706-4584)

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Maximum Participants: 10

Directions: Meet at the Old Stone House in Bear Creek Lake Park. The actual address is 2900 S. Estes Lake. You can enter from Yale and turn south onto Estes.

Denver Christmas Bird Count at Lower Bear Creek (CHA) Area 2.. This CBC is led by Scott Somershoe. Register online or contact the leader.

Denver CBC Middle South Platte Area 7A

Saturday, December 14

7:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Megan Miller & Charles Lawrence (Email: megan.k.miller2473@gmail.com Phone: 7207759710)

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Directions: Contact Leader for Meeting Place.

Denver Christmas Bird Count at Middle South Platte (MSP) Area 7A.

Denver CBC Ken Caryl Ranch Area 17

Saturday, December 14

7:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Karen Drozda (Email: drozforte@AOL.com Phone: 303-388-0891)

Trail Difficulty: Easy

Directions: Meet at 10278 Centennial Road, Littleton CO 80127.

Denver Christmas Bird Count at Ken Caryl Ranch (KCR) Area 17. This CBC trip will be led by Tom Bush. Meet at the Starbucks -just off Kipling north of C-470. If the group is large enough, we will split into smaller groups to cover more of the many trails in Ken Carly. Bring lunch Register online or contact the leader.

Denver CBC Lower South Platte-west Area 4B

Saturday, December 14

7:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Jeff Dawson & Dean Shoup (Email: jeffdawson1831@gmail.com Phone: 720-431-3899)

Trail Difficulty: Easy

Directions: Meet at Carson Nature Center.

Denver Christmas Bird Count at Lower South Platte-west (LSP) Area 4B. This CBC trip will be led by Dean Shoup. We will cover the Carson nature reserve with 2-3 miles of walking. Then we will go to Bowles St and park to cover another segment. Finally, the group will end at the South Platte Park Reservoir. Bring lunch. Register online or contact the leader.

Denver CBC Bear Creek Lake Park Area 2A

Saturday, December 14

7:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Mary Geder & Burke Angstman (Email: mfg5000@live.com Phone: 303-981-8823)

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Maximum Participants: 9

Directions: Meet at the dirt parking lot northwest of C-470 and Morrison Rd to carpool to the park.

Denver Christmas Bird Count at Bear Creek Lake Park (BCP) Area 2A .Meetup time will be 7:30 AM on Saturday December 14. We will carpool from the location into the park - which is about 1/4 mile east. We are trying to limit the number of participants to 10 to limit cars and facilitate carpooling. If, for some reason, you need to take your own car that is ok too. There is an entry fee for the park. It is not a Colorado State Park but a City of Lakewood facility. Entry fee \$10 per vehicle or \$5 per vehicle for seniors (62 and over). Several of us may have annual passes, hence the encouragement to carpool. We will begin birding at 8 AM. We will take a

break at 12:00 PM at the visitor center - bring lunch, snacks and beverages as you wish. After lunch we'll continue birding until 1:30 or 2 PM. There are open restrooms in the park. Please dress according to weather conditions. We will be walking on mostly level paths and open areas; wear good walking shoes/boots. If we need to convey any additional details we will send an email directly to participants before the trip. It will be fun! Park provides open water, riparian woods and grassland habitats. Register online or contact the leader.

Denver CBC Lower Deer Creek Area 10

Saturday, December 14

7:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Mary Cay Burger (Email: mcburger3@juno.com Phone: 720-940-8394)

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Maximum Participants: 6

Directions: Meet at Hildebrand Ranch, 9880 Deer Creek Canyon Road, Littleton, CO 80127.

Denver Christmas Bird Count at Lower Deer Creek (LDC) Area 10, led by Michale Lester. We will cover Hildebrand Ranch, the Chatfield Arboretum and some other areas upstream. Bring lunch. Register online or contact the leader.

Denver CBC Upper South Area 9

Saturday, December 14

7:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Mary Keithler & Jill Holden (Email: mkeithler@yahoo.com Phone: 303-941-7009)

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Maximum Participants: 8

Directions: Contact Leader for Meeting Place.

Denver Christmas Bird Count at Upper South Platte (USP) Area 9. Register online or contact the leader.

Denver CBC Morrison/Willow Brook Area 19

Saturday, December 14

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Chris Gilbert (Email: chrisgee9@gmail.com Phone: 804-214-1508)

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Directions: Meet at the Mt Glennon Park trail-head at the SW corner of Hwy 8 and Soda Lakes Rd. It is just after you exit off of C-470 and before you get into Morrison. There will be a gas station on your right. Immediately opposite that, make a left turn into a small road. There is parking just after you turn. The address of the gas station opposite the turn is 16283 Morrison Road., Morrison, CO.

Denver Christmas Bird Count at Morrison/Willow Brook (MWB) Area 19. Register online or contact the leader.

Denver CBC North Turkey Creek Area 14

Saturday, December 14

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Sue Summers (Email: summerssue@hotmail.com Phone: 253-678-3721)

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Directions: Contact Leader for Meeting Place

Denver Christmas Bird Count at North Turkey Creek (NTC) Area 14. Register online or contact the leader.

Denver CBC Upper Bear Creek Area 16

Saturday, December 14

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Laura Steadman (Email: lauramsteadman@gmail.com Phone: 8433195086)

Trail Difficulty: Strenuous

Maximum Participants: 6

Directions: Meet at Mount Falcon Park EAST trailhead, just south of the town of Morrison.

Denver Christmas Bird Count at Upper Bear Creek (UBC) Area 16. Meet at the Mt Falcon East Trailhead parking lot (pit toilet available). We will hike the 3.5 mile Turkey Trot - Castle Trail loop. This trail is fairly strenuous uphill/downhill. Depending on the weather, this could be a beautiful hike with some snow/ice on the north side of the hill, or it could be a snowshoe hike all the way! The north side is almost always icy this time of year, so plan to bring hiking poles and/or traction. Trip leader will be in touch closer to the date about what to expect based on weather. We'll also plan to bird a few neighborhoods and Morrison Park, where dippers winter. We can expect to see scrub jays, Townsend's solitaires, American dippers, both black-capped and mountain chickadees, and possibly a canyon wren. Please bring your picnic lunch, water, and any snacks. Dress in warm layers, bring any hiking equipment you'll want including hiking poles, yak trax, etc. Binoculars are great, scopes are not needed. Register online or contact the leader.

Denver CBC Upper Deer Creek Area 11

Saturday, December 14

8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Paul Slingsby (Email: paslingsby@comcast.net Phone: 720-347-5169 mobile)

Trail Difficulty: Easy

Directions: Contact Leader for Meeting Place.

Denver Christmas Bird Count at Upper Deer Creek (UDC) Area 11. We will car pool from S. Wadsworth and Deer Creek Road at the parking space on the north side of the road. We will walk less than a mile on steep roads in 2 or 3 locations with warm-ups in a car between. We will also bird at some road-side stops. Leader will have a spotting scope. Please bring extra warm clothes even if a warm day is forecast. Our late starting time is so that the canyons we visit will have sunshine, but they can be colder than expected. We will have a warm drink and pastry for a mid-time break. You are invited to join the group for an optional lunch in a warm restaurant at approximately 1 pm. You are also invited to attend the compilation meeting - details to follow. Register online or contact the leader.

Denver CBC Mt. Lindo/Willow Springs Area 21

Saturday, December 14

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Patrick O'Driscoll & Bob Shade (Email: patodrisk@gmail.com Phone: 303-885-6955 (cell))

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Directions: Meet at the Entrance to Mount Lindo cemetery. Take Highway 285 west, just past the turn off to Indian Hills. Make a left turn off the highway at South Turkey Creek Road. Be prepared for another immediate left turn going up a small road winding up to the cemetery itself.

Denver Christmas Bird Count at Mt. Lindo/Willow Springs (MLW) Area 21, with Bob Shade. We will start at Mount Lindo cemetery and then go to West Ranch (limited public access) Register online or contact the leader.

Southwestern Metro Area

Monday, December 16

7:00 AM - 1:00 PM

David Suddjian (Email: dsuddjian@gmail.com Phone: 831-713-8659)

Trail Difficulty: Easy

Maximum Participants: 8

Directions: Meet at the Home Depot at 4277 S Eldridge St, Morrison. From C-470 take the Quincy exit. Cross over the bridge on W Quincy Ave and park at the far end of the Home Depot parking lot that faces an open field to the south.

This will be a Monday morning post-Denver CBC exploration to seek and enjoy some of the good birds found on Saturday's count, hopefully including some rare species. And maybe we'll find something new. . Register online or contact the leader.

South Platte Park

Friday, December 27

2:30 PM - 5:30 PM

David Suddjian (Email: dsuddjian@gmail.com Phone: 831-713-8659)

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Maximum Participants: 8

Directions: Meet at the south end of South Platte Park near C-470. From C-470 take the Platte Canyon Rd/South Platte Park exit. From Platte Canyon Rd at Depew Street turn southeast onto the entrance road for South Platte Park. Continue past a 90-degree left turn and the first parking lot, and meet in the second parking lot.

This late afternoon-to-sunset trip will focus on South Platte Park Reservoir and the nearby areas of South Platte Park. We should enjoy a nice variety of waterbirds, and hopefully an opportunity to study gulls at the reservoir when they gather at sundown (this will depend on ice being present). Interesting gulls, ducks, geese, swans, or loons may be around. We may walk about 2 miles, maybe on snowy paths. It will be cold up near the reservoir, even if a nice afternoon, so layers are recommended. Bring a spotting scope if you have one. Register online or contact the leader.

Southwestern Metro Area

Monday, December 30

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

David Suddjian (Email: dsuddjian@gmail.com Phone: 831-713-8659)

Trail Difficulty: Easy

Directions: Meet at West Deer Creek Canyon Road near Wadsworth. From C-470 go south on Wadsworth, turn right on Deer Creek Canyon Road and park on the north side of Deer Creek Canyon Road.

This will be a short morning outing to celebrate our DFO field trip year, visiting 2-3 locations with fun birds, maybe some new rare bird, and we will conclude with lunch at Tacos Selene at 5924 S Kipling Pkwy, Littleton. Register online or contact the leader.

Denver City Park (Denver County)

Sunday, January 5

7:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Patrick O'Driscoll (Email: patodrisk@gmail.com Phone: 303-885-6955 (cell))

Trail Difficulty: Easy

Directions: Meet at parking strip on north side of Ferril Lake. Directions: Enter park from Colorado Blvd. Northbound turns left onto 22nd Ave. past Museum of Nature & Science; southbound turns right onto 22nd at police station. Go past museum parking until road curves toward zoo. Take immediate left at "To Pavilion Bandstand" sign and go 300 yards down to corner with tall spruce trees, where lake comes into view. Park diagonally on left beneath spruces.

Winter in City Park usually means lots of geese, with the chance for unusual and rare ones (Snow, Ross's, Greater White-fronted, various hybrids). If Ferril Lake is iced enough (but not 100 percent), a winter Bald Eagle appearance is also a possibility. The park has winter sparrows and songbirds, plus an array of year-rounders from flickers to magpies to Red-tailed Hawks and more. Expect to walk about 3 miles on park paths, sidewalks and grass meadows. Dress for the weather and bring water and snacks. A scope might help separate geese if they're in the middle of the lake. Register online or contact the leader.

Southwestern Metro Area

Tuesday, January 7

7:30 AM - 12:00 PM

David Suddjian (Email: dsuddjian@gmail.com Phone: 831-713-8659)

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Maximum Participants: 12

Directions: Meet at West Deer Creek Canyon Road near Wadsworth. From C-470 go south on Wadsworth, turn right on Deer Creek Canyon Road and park on the north side of Deer Creek Canyon Road.

Specific birding spots will be selected day of the trip based on where there might be open water, what is around, and weather. It is possible we will focus on only one area like South Platte Park or Chatfield SP. We will seek a variety of species, probably involving some walking at some sites, maybe on snowy paths. Bring scopes, snacks and liquids. Register online or contact the leader.

South Platte River Trail at E 88th Ave and I-76

Saturday, January 11

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Mark Amershek (Email: mamershek@msn.com Phone: 303-329-8646)

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Maximum Participants: 15

Directions: Meet at the parking area at 88th Ave and South Platte River Trail. From I-76 take E 88th Ave exit, go west on 88th for 1.6 miles, then turn south at Colorado Blvd. Turn left again into the parking lot for the South Platte River Greenway Trailhead.

We will see lots of ducks, a few raptors, and some hardy winter residents. Hike along paved trail and occasionally in the adjacent mud for up to 3 miles. Register online or contact the leader.

First Creek at Denver Open Space

Sunday, January 12

7:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Patrick O'Driscoll (Email: patodrisk@gmail.com Phone: 303-885-6955 (cell))

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Directions: From east Denver north of I-70, go east on 56th Avenue past Peoria and Chambers toward Peña Boulevard (airport highway). About 2 blocks before Peña, parking is on left (green sign, fenced lot). Or, take I-70 to Peña Blvd. exit. Drive north toward airport and exit at 56th Ave. At bottom of ramp, turn left at stoplight and go west under Peña overpasses. Parking lot is 2 blocks ahead on right.

Winter visits to First Creek sometimes provide surprises. There's almost always water in the creek, so a few waterfowl may join the usual crew of year-round birds and winter visitors, including plenty of raptors, some woodpeckers, a few Townsend's Solitaires and winter sparrows, among others. Time permitting, we'll also do the First Creek Trail in Rocky Mountain Arsenal across Buckley Road from the First Creek @ DEN trail. Expect to walk 4-5 miles on level trail and paved path. Dress for the weather and bring water, snacks, and sun protection. Important reminder: no restrooms at this location. The closest facilities (besides the "green door" in secluded trees and bushes onsite) are at the King Soopers on Tower Road near 49th in Green Valley Ranch. Register online or contact the leader.

Cherry Creek State Park (Arapahoe County)

Saturday, January 18

7:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Edward "Buzz" Schaumberg (Email: egseagle171@aol.com Phone: 303-478-4641)

Trail Difficulty: Easy

Directions: Enter the east side of Cherry Creek State Park via Lehigh off of Parker Road. Go just past the entrance station and turn left (south) at the first intersection. The road bends and heads west with the reservoir ahead of you.

Go about 1/4 mile, just past the next intersection. The parking for Pelican Point will be on your left. State Parks pass or day pass required.

Look for gulls, waterfowl, and a variety of birds. Habitats include deep water, marshlands, mixed grasses, and cottonwoods. We will carpool to the various stops and walk 1-2 miles. Bring binoculars, water, snacks, sunscreen. Scopes are useful. Register online or contact the leader.

Chatfield State Park - Marina sandpit

Monday, January 20

7:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Gregg Goodrich (Email: GreggGoodrich@gmail.com Phone: 303-655-9135)

Trail Difficulty: Easy

Maximum Participants: 12

Directions: Meet at the new Chatfield Marina parking lot. The new parking lot is directly west of the new marina. 39.543766,-105.062225

We will scope the sandspit and plum creek from the sandspit. Hope for winter water birds. Also scope from the Heron Overlook and go to South Platte Reservoir if there are good winter birds being seen. Register online or contact the leader.

Park County Explorations

Tuesday, January 21

7:00 AM - 3:00 PM

David Suddjian (Email: dsuddjian@gmail.com Phone: 831-713-8659)

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Maximum Participants: 8

Directions: Meet at King Soopers in Aspen Park off Highway 285 at 25637 Conifer Road. Meet at the south side of the parking lot overlooking Hwy 285.

This trip will search for Rosy-Finches at Park's mountain towns, as well as other winter mountain birds. Minimal walking, but maybe some long drives between spots, and we may elect to visit Victor in Teller on our Rosy hunt. If we find finches early we may shorten the trip, but we will still visit a handful of spots. Plan for cold temperatures. Bring lunch and drinks. Register online or contact the leader.

Joder Ranch

Saturday, January 25

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Chuck Hundertmark (Email: chundertmark8@gmail.com Phone: 303-604-0531)

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Maximum Participants: 10

Directions: From US36 on the north side of Boulder, take Lee Hill Drive west. After the road turns north stay right onto Old Stage Road. At the stop sign at Lefthand Canyon Drive go straight and immediately turn into Buckingham Park Parking lot.

This is a moderate to difficult half-day hike of 2 miles each direction (4 miles total). There may be snow or ice on trail so boots are recommended and trekking poles may be useful. Bring Water, sunscreen, snacks. Expect a variety of foothills winter birds. Register online or contact the leader.

Stearns Lake

Sunday, January 26

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Laura Steadman (Email: lauramsteadman@gmail.com Phone: 8433195086)

Trail Difficulty: Easy

Maximum Participants: 12

Directions: Meet at the parking lot on S 104th St in Broomfield just west of the lake. Take Hwy 287 (Wadsworth) north from Hwy 36 (Denver Boulder Turnpike) for 3 miles to W Dillion Rd. Go west on Dillion for 1 mile to S 104th St. Go south on 104th for .8 mile to the parking lot on the east side of the road.

This Boulder County lake is in a large open space with agricultural fields, cottonwood stands, and a nearby eagle's nest! We'll walk along a flat, gravel trail to observe waterfowl, raptors, bald eagles, and other wintering feathered friends. Dress warmly and plan to walk a couple of miles. Register online or contact the leader.

South Platte Park

Monday, January 27

7:30 AM - 12:00 PM

David Suddjian (Email: dsuddjian@gmail.com Phone: 831-713-8659)

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Directions: Meet at the south end of South Platte Park near C-470. From C-470 take the Platte Canyon Rd/South Platte Park exit. From Platte Canyon Rd at Depew Street turn southeast onto the entrance road for South Platte Park. Continue past a 90-degree left turn and the first parking lot, and meet in the second parking lot.

We will check South Platte Reservoir for interesting waterbirds, and explore the river corridor of the southern area of South Platte Park, and maybe other spots in the park. This should be a great opportunity to study ducks, and a dipper has been around in recent winters. Be ready to walk on snowy paths for a few miles. We may drive to another nearby location to end the trip. Dress for weather. Bring snacks and water. Register online or contact the leader.

South Platte Park

Tuesday, January 28

2:30 PM - 5:45 PM

David Suddjian (Email: dsuddjian@gmail.com Phone: 831-713-8659)

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Directions: Meet at the south end of South Platte Park near C-470. From C-470 take the Platte Canyon Rd/South Platte Park exit. From Platte Canyon Rd at Depew Street turn southeast onto the entrance road for South Platte Park. Continue past a 90-degree left turn and the first parking lot, and meet in the second parking lot.

This late afternoon-to-sunset trip will focus on South Platte Park Reservoir and the nearby areas of South Platte Park. We should enjoy a nice variety of waterbirds, and hopefully an opportunity to study gulls at the reservoir when they gather at sundown (this will depend on ice being present). Interesting gulls, ducks, geese, swans, or loons may be around. We may walk about 2 miles, maybe on snowy paths. It will be cold up near the reservoir, even if a nice afternoon, so layers are recommended. Bring a spotting scope if you have one. Register online or contact the leader.