June 21, 2016 - Tuesday 6:00 PM
Maxine Leckvarck Memorial Picnic
Pine Hill Area Rothrock State Forest
Participants should bring a covered dish.
A nature walk will follow the picnic.

**JVAS 2016 Field Trips**

**Sunday, Jan.31: Blue Knob St. Park**
Easy 3 Mile Snowshoe Hike 11 - 2 PM
Meet at Chappell’s Field, across from the entrance to the camping area at Forest Road/Blue Knob Road (SR 4035). Bring drink and snack. Contact hike leader, Dave Hunter, for more information and updates at (814) 317-7826.

**Jan. or Feb. Homestead Trail Winter Hike**

**Saturday, Feb. 13: Walking A Winter Wonderland 12 - 3 PM**
Little Juniata Natural Area
Easy 3 - 4 Mile Hike
We will stop at the “rock couches” and fire pit for hot chocolate and a winter treat midway through the walk. Don’t forget to dress for the weather for this walk! Contact field trip leader, Kristin Joivell, if you have questions, at (814) 386-6267.

**Saturday, March 19: Bedford Co. Wetlands Birding Trip 8:30 - 3 PM**
Meet at Eat 2 Live Bistro on Rt. 56 at 8:30am to carpool to two very birdy wetlands. Bring boots and binoculars, listen to the forecast and dress accordingly. We will eat lunch at Eat 2 Live Bistro (optional), then drive to another wetlands for more birding. Contact trip leaders Mike and Laura Jackson if you have questions, at (814) 652-9268.

**April Trillium Walk along Lower Trail**
More information will be in *The Gnatcatcher* and at www.JVAS.org

**Sunday, April 8: Periglacial & Proglacial Landscapes Driving Tour**
Meet at Bellefonte 8 AM - 5 PM
Meet at the municipal parking lot in front of 409 West High Street in Bellefonte, PA at 8am and carpool from there, returning by 5pm. Pack a picnic lunch and water. Learn how to read the landscape when central Pennsylvania was under extreme cold: fossil sand dunes, boulder trains, and more. Contact Mark Bonta at markbonta@yahoo.com, for more details.

**Saturday, April 23: Bird & Wildflower Walk Mtn. Meadows, Everett 9 - 11 AM**
Highlights will include exploring the native wildflower gardens, vernal pools, and bird watching along the trails. Wear sturdy walking shoes, bring a lunch and drink. Detailed directions are in *The Gnatcatcher* and online at www.JVAS.org or call trip leaders Mike and Laura Jackson at (814) 652-9268.

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**Sunday, May 8: Spring Wildflowers and Birds in Plummer’s Hollow 1-4 PM**
The Bonta family invites you to a wildflower and bird walk up Plummer’s Hollow. We’ll meet at the bottom of the mountain at their parking lot. The gate will be open. Pull into the parking lot on your right after crossing the railroad line. The walk will be slow and spring wildflowers should be at their peak. Contact trip leaders Marcia and Laura Jackson if you have questions: (814) 652-9268.

**Check the JVAS FB page, website, and *The Gnatcatcher* for other trips featuring amphibians and reptiles, yoga, native plants, and backpacking, as details become available.**
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**Activities**

2016 Winter Spring Summer
Juniata Valley Audubon Society

Serving Birds, People and Habitats in Bedford, Blair, & Huntingdon Counties since 1969

Juniata Valley Audubon meets monthly September through May (except in December) on the 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 PM at the Bellwood-Antis Library just off I-99 Exit 41 in Bellwood, PA.

Visitors are always welcome

Projects

- Birding and eBIRDS Workshops
- Bird Conservation Local and International
- Christmas Bird Counts
- Conservation Advocacy to Protect Natural Habitats
- Educational Exhibits and Presentations
- Fort Roberdeau Native Plant Garden
- Fort Roberdeau Bluebird Trail
- Golden-winged Warbler Conservation
- Industrial Wind Development Education
- Organic Shade Coffee Promotion

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**Board Meetings – Locations and exact dates to be determined**

February, 2016
April, 2016

Board meetings are open to all JVAS members.

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