

24th annual

Brooks-Lake Newell Bird Count May 19-21, 2023



Photo: Magnolia Warbler, [Arthur Wieckowski](#)

Lake Newell, Brooks and the surrounding area feature diverse prairie grassland plant life, irrigated farmlands, and many (245+) species of birds such as Burrowing Owl, Black-necked Stilt, Grasshopper and Baird's Sparrow, Ferruginous Hawk, Long-billed Curlew, an abundance of spring warblers in riparian areas, and animals such as: Pronghorn Antelope, Prairie Rattlesnake, Great Plains Toad and many more.

All 2023 participants must pre-register.

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SCHEDULE

All meeting locations to be confirmed

Friday, May 19

Register at motel or set-up campsite at Tillebrook Park campground

6:30 pm: Meet at Brooks Legion, 235 3rd St. West, Brooks. Be sure to be there! Introduction to count and area species, assignment of count areas, distribute maps, meet fellow birders. Optional dinner (user pay).

Saturday, May 20

6:00 am: meet at Tillebrook park headquarters for park bird walk, and/or disperse to count areas

7:00 pm: Social at Brooks Legion. Deliver Saturday count totals (one list per zone team), discuss sightings, swap stories.

Sunday, May 21

6:00 am: meet at Tillebrook park headquarters for park bird walk, and/or disperse to count areas

6-7 pm: deliver Sunday count results (one list per zone team) to Tillebrook campsite #30 or email debra.hornsby.banff@gmail.com

Note: a small non-refundable fee of \$12 will be charged to each Brooks participant to cover the cost of the Brooks Legion meeting room.

Travel Advisory

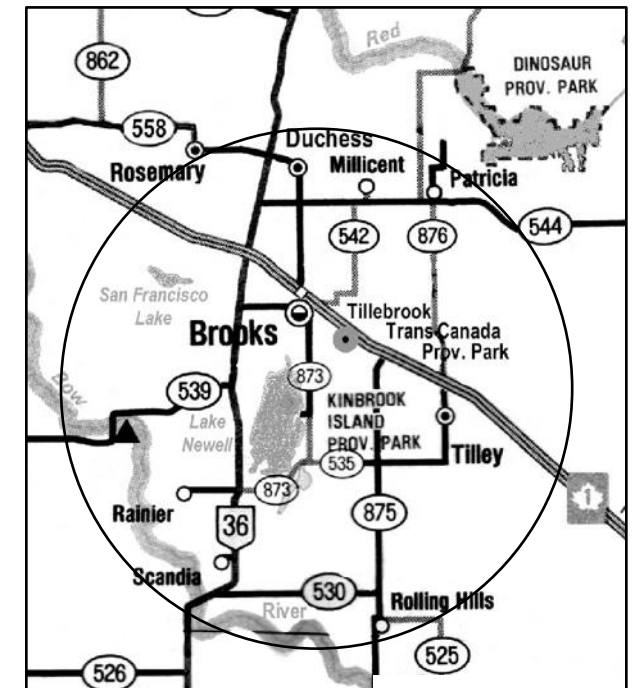
Many count areas are accessed via rough country roads. Spring conditions can make travel difficult. High-clearance or 4x4 vehicles are recommended.

AREA ACCOMODATION

Tillebrook campsites can be booked through www.reserve.albertaparks.ca, 1-877-537-2757.

General reservations for May 19-21 will open at 9 am on Saturday February 18. A limited number of powered campsites have been reserved for count participants. You are responsible for booking your own campsite, well in advance. For more information, email: debra.hornsby.banff@gmail.com.

Hotels in Brooks include: Days Inn & Suites, Heritage Inn & Suites, Tel Star Motel, Travelodge, and Ramada. Other area campgrounds include: Brooks Kiwanis campground, Cobblestone RV Park, Kinbrook Island Provincial Park, and Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground.



Map: Randal Hoscheit

22nd annual

Milk River Writing-on-Stone Bird Count May 26-28, 2023



Photo: Upland Sandpiper, Arthur Wieckowski

Grasslands, coulees and riparian areas meet in Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park (WOSPP), creating a great diversity of habitats for wildlife. At least 13 species of fish, 4 species of amphibians, 3 species of reptiles, 30 species of mammals and more than 160 species of birds have been recorded within the park. The count area includes WOSPP; Crow Indian, Verdigris and Pakowki Lakes; Pinhorn provincial grazing reserve; Manyberries, Ketchum and Canal Creeks; and remote areas along the Milk River. The headquarters for the 2023 count will be WOSPP.

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SCHEDULE

All meeting locations to be confirmed

Friday, May 26

Register at motel or set-up campsite at Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park

6- 7 pm: Pre-count meeting. Location: WOSPP day-use kitchen shelter. Be sure to be there! Introduction to count and area species, assignment of count areas, distribute maps, meet fellow birders.

7 pm: walk park trails

Saturday, May 27

6:00 am: meet in front of Writing-on-Stone campground store for morning bird walk, and/or disperse to count areas

6-7 pm: deliver count results (one list per zone team) to Campsite #33 or email debra.hornsby.banff@gmail.com

Sunday, May 28

6:00 am: meet in front of campground store for morning bird walk, and/or disperse to count areas.

6-7 pm: deliver count results (one list per zone team) to Campsite #33 or email debra.hornsby.banff@gmail.com

AREA ACCOMMODATION

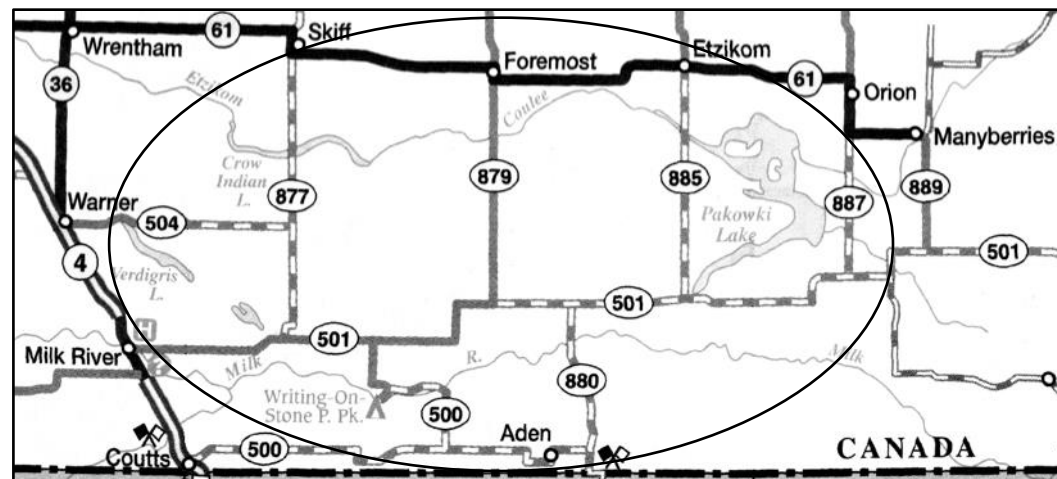
Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park: Reservations: www.reserve.albertaparks.ca, 1-877-537-2757.

General reservations for May 26-28 will open at 9 am on Saturday February 25. A limited number of campsites have been reserved for count participants. You are responsible for booking your campsite, well in advance. For more information, email debra.hornsby.banff@gmail.com.

Hotel/motel options are limited. Possibilities include the Sandstone Motel in Milk River, and Double Tree Inn in Coutts. Area campgrounds include 8 Flags Campground in Milk River, and Gold Springs Park campground, 4 km south of Milk River.

Travel Advisory

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Randal Hoscheit