

**Montana Fish,
Wildlife & Parks**
PO Box 200701
Helena, MT 59620



Cancellation

The deadline to cancel is June 8th. If you cancel after this date, \$20 will be deducted from the registration refund. Registrants who do not attend and do not cancel by June 8th will be assessed the full fee.

Questions

Call Liz at 444-9940.
or Pat at 644-2211 ext. 207

Persons successfully registered for the workshop will receive a map with driving directions and more details information in their confirmation letter.



Birding in Montana
-A class for beginning
bird watchers-



Dave Menke, USFWS

June 22-24, 2012
Ninepipe
National Wildlife Refuge
near Ronan

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Registration Fee: \$98

Beyond BOW workshops provide opportunities to learn outdoors skills. Workshops are designed especially for women and are an extension of the Becoming an Outdoors-Woman program sponsored by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks.

Learn the basics of bird watching

This workshop is a great opportunity to learn the skills you'll need to actively enjoy bird watching. Designed for the beginning birder, this workshop will show you how to identify birds through field marks, sounds and habitat. The workshop also includes information on backyard birding and how to use feeders, food, bird baths, and nest boxes to enjoy bird watching from home. Experienced bird watchers and members of Audubon will share their knowledge of Montana's birds and will lead morning and evening bird walks.

Ninepipe NWR and National Bison Range

The workshop is based at Ninepipes Lodge located in the Mission valley and across the road from the Ninepipe National Wildlife Refuge. Ninepipes Lodge is located on Highway 93 between Ronan and Saint Ignatius. A block of rooms will be held for participants until May 20th. Lodging reservation and fees are the responsibility of the participants.

Make reservations by calling 406-644-2588 or visit ninepipeslodge.com.

We'll do early morning bird walks to Ninepipe National Wildlife Refuge and the private pond at Ninepipes Lodge. This area has abundant waterfowl including mallards, northern shovelers, gadwalls, redheads and ruddy ducks.

We'll also watch for song sparrows, yellow headed and red winged blackbirds, American bitterns, sora rails, osprey and great blue heron.

We'll also visit the National Bison Range whose habitats vary from grassland to brushy draws to forest. This will allow us to see a different variety of birds from the wetlands of Ninepipe. The evening trip over Red Sleep Mountain Drive will provide a great opportunity to see birds such as meadowlarks, lazuli buntings, spotted towhees, and red-breasted nuthatch. And it's an excellent time to see large mammals such as deer, elk, pronghorn, and of course, bison.

What Should I Bring

- If you have a pair of binoculars and any bird guide books, bring them. Or you can borrow these items from us.
- Dress for changing weather conditions such as hot days, cold nights or rain. Bring sturdy walking shoes and hiking boots for walking off trail. Bring a walking stick if you use one.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, and water bottle.

All meals are provided buffet style by Ninepipes Lodge beginning with dinner Friday evening through lunch Sunday noon. Meals are part of your registration fee. If you have any dietary restrictions or medical conditions, please note them with your registration form.

Make checks payable to: FWP Send checks and registration form to:

Liz Lodman
FWP-BOW
PO Box 200701
Helena MT 59620



Registration Birding in Montana



Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____

Evening Phone _____

Email _____

Year of Birth _____

Enclosed is my check for \$98

I'm staying at Ninepipes Lodge

I attest that I am at least 18 years old. I acknowledge that my participation the Beyond BOW clinic sponsored by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Montana Audubon, and US Fish and Wildlife Service involves some risk of personal injury. The risk of personal injury may come from poor weather, accidents, natural disasters or other hazards created by my own actions or the actions of others, over which FWP, Montana Audubon, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service have no control. By signing below, I accept responsibility for all personal injuries that may result from my participation, and I agree to hold the State of Montana; Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks; Montana Audubon; and the US Fish and Wildlife Service harmless from and against any claim. I also understand that photos/video may be taken for promotion of the program.



Signature _____