

4TH OF JULY WEEKEND WITH THE BBC CRANBERRY BACK COUNTRY

CRANBERRY MOUNTAIN LODGE – HILLSBORO, WEST VIRGINIA

The Brooks Bird Club is having a Bonus Bird Weekend at the Cranberry Mountain Lodge in Hillsboro, WV. July 4th through the 7th 2024. There are trails that start right at the back door and go down to the visitors center. The Falls of Hills Creek are close, along with the boardwalk and many other fun REMOTE places to explore.

This will be a laid-back, no-frills, semi rustic get together. There is a good chance that cell service will be spotty at best, or not at all. Space is limited to 15. No guarantee of private rooms. We will be one big happy family in a lodge. Some rooms have 2 double beds, some rooms have 2 or 3 bunk beds... you get the picture. There are hot showers and flush toilets. There may even be a HOT TUB, although not certain on that at this moment. No travel campers, no hook ups; also, no tent camping.

On Thursday night, small snacks will be provided in the evening so we have something to munch on while we discuss the crazy drive getting to the Lodge. The driveway to the lodge is fairly long and not passable with 2 cars, so there will be rules about coming and going. First and foremost, once you get there on Thursday, please stay put until everyone arrives. (TRUST ME!) So, if you forgot your toothbrush, tuff stuff! You will want to have had dinner before you get there, and restaurants are not really close either. Another item worth noting: electricity is limited. The lodge is run from solar, so plugging in every electronic device you have will not be permitted, advised, or accepted. There is plenty for lights and all the necessities, but you won't be able to run a coffee pot and microwave at the same time. Having said all of that...

The cost will be \$35.00 per person, plus we will split the cost of food. Make checks payable to The Brooks Bird Club, Inc. The first official meal will be breakfast on Friday morning. We will have a bag lunch Friday and Saturday; dinner Friday and Saturday; and breakfast Saturday and Sunday mornings. We will all talk about how fast the weekend went and what a great time we had Sunday at breakfast, go over a bird list, divvy up what is left of the food, and then clean up, pack up and head home.

You must be a Brooks Bird Club member to participate. RSVP will be first come, first serve basis. Space is limited on this event. RSVP by Friday June 28th. I am super-excited about this trip and I can't wait to see you there!

Send RSVP to Cindy Slater, 125 North Center Street, Bridgeport, WV 26330.

Contact Cindy Slater (724-570-8502) to RSVP or more details.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

(Please DO NOT come on this trip without a RSVP. Thank you)

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