

Lagoon Birds

Batiquitos Lagoon
7380 Gabbiano Lane
Carlsbad, CA 92011

<http://batiquitosfoundation.org/>

Check-in: Each registrant will hand-in a fully-completed and signed PSA Indemnity Form including “Lagoon Birds” as the name of the activity.

Once the indemnity form has been received from a participant, they will receive a color-coded sticker/label to wear during this walk-about only.

Description: Barbara Swanson will lead this photo-walk and be available for any photography questions or group needs for the scheduled event. The group will be able to spread out and photograph at leisure from 3 to 5 pm with Barbara.

Batiquitos Lagoon is one of the few remaining tidal wetlands in southern California. The area of Batiquitos Lagoon we will be exploring is just east of I-5. There is a short trail (close to the parking) along a small inlet where many birds, including ducks, egrets and herons, may gather to feed, sometimes fairly close. There is a longer trail that goes east; while it is farther from the water, songbirds, hummingbirds and raptors are sometimes found in habitat along the trail and osprey might be seen fishing in the lagoon. In addition, there may be wildflowers in bloom along the trail. Please note that if it has rained recently parts of the trails may still be wet.

A long lens would be very helpful for bird photography, and a tripod is advised. In addition, there should be other subjects for macro photography.

Date: Friday, March 9, 2018

Hours: 2:30 pm check-in (must be present to check-in); 3 - 5:00 pm

Directions: From Encinitas, go north on I-5 to the Poinsettia exit in Carlsbad. Go east (right) and take the second right onto Batiquitos Drive, then right onto Gabbiano Lane until it dead-ends at the lagoon.

Meet: At the dead-end of Gabbiano Lane. There is residential parking and the lagoon trail begins there. The nearby small nature center is open until 3 pm for those who arrive early.

Cost: A California Lands Pass is required to enter Batiquitos Lagoon. A day pass is \$4.32 and can be purchased through a smart phone on the day of the walk, or purchased in advance. There is an Annual Lands Pass that is good for all of CA and anyone who has one does not need to buy a Day Pass. For more information or to purchase a Day Pass: <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Lands-Pass>.

There is no fee for parking at Batiquitos Lagoon.

Group size: Maximum 12 participants.