



ATLASING FIELD TRIP IN THE GRESHAM-CE PRIORITY BLOCK IN CENTRAL SHAWANO COUNTY

Saturday, May 27, 2017: 07:00 am-12:00 pm

Take a look at “My Maps” for referenced locations in the schedule below:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1FK19jOac-ZQDUzls6thoBjzKSDQ&usp=sharing> (small map below)

07:00 am-08:30 am **Atlasing along the Mountain Bay Recreational Trail**

- Park your car safely off County Road A just 0.25 mi west of Kroenke Creek Road (Google Maps **red point** labeled “Mountain Bay Trail - START (park)”) and meet the rest of the group.
- Erin Giese will be driving a 2008 navy blue Honda CRV.
- As a group, we will hike and atlas along the Mountain Bay Recreational Trail for 1.4 mi to the northwest and explore lowland forest and agricultural fields. We will end at Google Maps **orange point** labeled “Mountain Bay Trail - END”.
 - Easy walking along a flat, gravel trail.

08:30 am-09:00 am **Bathroom and Snack Break in Gresham**

- Carpool 1.25 mi north to the Gresham Town Mart for a short bathroom and snack break (Google Maps **yellow point** labeled “Gresham Town Mart - BREAK”).

09:00 am-10:15 am **Atlasing in the Jung Hemlock-Beech Forest State Natural Area (SNA)**

- Drive 3.5 mi southeast and park at Google Maps **green point** labeled “Jung Hemlock-Beech Forest SNA - PARKING” on the northwestern corner of the SNA.
- Explore this beautiful northern mesic forest, which contains old-growth hemlock, American beech, and sugar maple. A few sedge-sphagnum bog plants are also present.
 - <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Lands/naturalareas/index.asp?SNA=129> (more details about the park)
 - <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/lands/naturalareas/documents/topomaps/map129.pdf> (property map)
- We will hike into this forest though there are no trails. There will likely be uneven surfaces. Those who are unable to hike off trail are welcome to atlas along the road until the group returns.

10:15 am-12:00 pm Data Entry at the Shawano County Library

- Everyone drives to the Shawano County Library (128 S. Sawyer St, Shawano, WI 54166; (715) 526-3829). Park in the small lot directly west of the library on S. Sawyer Street or in the lot east of the library on S. Andrews Street.
- Meet in the Engel Room, lower level of the library in the Children's Section.
- Feel free to bring a lunch, snacks, or drinks though please note that we will be charged a fee for any damages caused to the library by food or drink.
- In the library, Erin and Mike will teach everyone how to enter atlas data into the WBBA II eBird portal, and then as a group, we will enter our own morning's atlasing adventure. Bring your own laptop or tablet if you can!

What to Bring?

- Binoculars
- Bird field guide
- Water
- Snacks
- Laptop or tablet if possible
- Bug spray
- Head net
- Cell phone and charger
- Rain gear, if needed
- Field notebook
- Pencil or pen
- Sunglasses
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Medications
- Wear comfortable field appropriate clothes
- Waterproof boots (it may be wet at the Jung-Hemlock Beech Forest SNA)

Contact Information:

- **Erin Giese:** Shawano and Brown County Coordinator, giese@uwgb.edu, (615) 403-6000
 - o *If you want to carpool with me, please let me know! I will be driving from Appleton.*
- **Mike Reese:** Atlas Leader, Atlas Director of Volunteers, and a Multi-County Coordinator
- **Wisconsin Breeding Bird Atlas II Project:** <http://wsobirds.org/atlas>

