

**Title:** Quite Amble -- Birding with Allen Bird Club at McDonald Nature Preserve

**Date:** Sunday, April 23, 2023 **Start Time:** 7 AM **End Time:** approximately 9:30 AM

**Description:** If you want a chance to walk with folks who "know birds" to learn a bit about migrating songbirds, please join me on this walk I am doing for the Allen Bird Club. I'm not an expert birder myself, but there will be several expert birders on this walk. I've limited our WHC participation to 15 folks because the bird club usually has 10-12 folks who join this walk, and if we are too noisy, we won't hear or see the birds. We will be walking at Alton's Way ( MacDonald Preserve) in Wilbraham This will be a slow amble, where folks will stopping often - more stopping than walking!

\*\*\*Please refer to <https://www.wilbraham-ma.gov/304/Wilbraham-Hiking-Club> for things to keep in mind on all hikes. Remember that no dogs, except service dogs on leash, are allowed on town-sponsored hikes.

**Length:** 3 – 5 miles, depending on time and interest of the group **Pace/Duration:** relaxed

**Terrain:** fields, rocks and roots, swamp **Cumulative Elevation:** minimal

**Difficulty:** easy, or 4, as calculated at <http://www.nwhiker.com/HikeEval.html>

**Gear:** Wear footwear appropriate for wet trails. Be prepared for ticks and mosquitoes.

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**Where to meet:** At the unpaved parking lot at the Wilbraham Middle School, 466 Stony Hill Road, Wilbraham

**Directions to event:** Please Park in the unpaved lot all the way on the right near the soccer fields.

**Info about the site:** <https://www.wilbraham-ma.gov/295/Altons-Way-Trailwalk>

**Link to map of trails:** <http://www.wilbraham-ma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/199> or

<https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/massachusetts/altons-way-white-cedar-coleman-cove-and-jasmine-trail>