

YAKIMA RIVER CANYON

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**Yakima River Canyon Scenic Byway
Friday May 12 to Sunday May 14 2017
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Join Us May 12-14, 2017 in
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Our Keynote Speaker!

Paul Bannick is an award-winning wildlife photographer specializing in the natural history of North America with a focus on birds and habitat. Coupling his love of the outdoors with his skill as a photographer, he creates images that foster the intimacy between viewer and subject, inspiring education and conservation.

Paul is both the author and photographer of two books, *Owl: A Year in the Lives of North American Owls* and *The Owl and The Woodpecker, Encounters with North America's Most Iconic Birds*.



Paul will be speaking on Saturday evening at a ticketed dinner and will offer a photography workshop on Saturday afternoon.

Come bird with KEEN for 3-days during the second weekend of May and discover the natural beauty of Central Washington! Kittitas County features diverse and spectacular habitats ranging from snow-capped mountains, thousands of acres of public forest, lush riparian corridors and endangered shrub-steppe open space. The Yakima River Canyon is an Audubon Important Bird Area (IBA) with some of the highest densities of passerines and birds of prey in the state, some of them obligates to the shrub-steppe habitat. Weekend Bird Fest pass is only \$25 with some additional free and fee events. Register early!!

Event Headquarters are at [Helen McCabe State Park](#) at the mouth of the Yakima River Canyon Scenic Byway

2017 Bird Fest Event Program



Event Support

We strive to keep our event fees to a minimum. Several events, such as Get Intimate with the Shrub-Steppe, xxx, and xxx events are FREE. In addition, we hope you will support Bird Fest and the trips that you love by giving what you can. Donations make this possible.

Yakima River Canyon Bird Fest can be affordably enjoyed thanks to many donations and hundreds of hours of volunteered time. If you value an activity, please thank your guide! Many of our guides are volunteering their time and expertise.

If you would like to further support our Festival, please pick up a donation envelope at Event Headquarters or go online at www.ycic.org. Help keep Bird Fest soaring!



KEENs Mission

KEEN was established as a 501(c)3 in 2000. Our mission is to Connect Community to Nature following the principles of environmental education; teaching people 'how' to think, not 'what' to think.

Our primary goal is to establish (design, construct and operate) the [Yakima Canyon Interpretive Center](#) near Ellensburg, WA. The Interpretive Center will serve as the gathering place for our community, for visitors to our community, and for engaging and connecting to nature in Central Washington. As the gateway to the [Yakima River Canyon Scenic Byway](#), the Interpretive Center will invite lifelong learners to become active informed citizens, and provide a sense of place to this land we love.

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General Information & Event Logistics



Event Headquarters

Bird Fest Central is located at Helen McCabe Park, the future home of the Yakima Canyon Interpretive Center – a 64-acre restored habitat at the mouth of the Yakima River Canyon Scenic Byway. Just 5-miles south of downtown Ellensburg, Bird Fest Central is your source for information, registration, field-trip check in, to get a bird checklist and map, buy stuff, or just to ask where to find the best lunch! Bird Fest Central is home to both the Family Discovery Center and the Migration Marketplace (Saturday), as well as the start point of most fieldtrips. Located at the mouth of the Yakima River Canyon Scenic Byway you are in the heart of some of the best bird watching in the world!



Yakima River Canyon Scenic Byway Photo Credit: Mike Adams

What to Bring Along

Please be sure to bring appropriate clothing for the event. Spring in the Yakima River Canyon can have highly variable weather conditions. Ellensburg, Washington has a cold semi-arid steppe climate. The month of May is characterized by *rising* daily high temperatures, with highs ranging from 63°F to 71°F over the course of the month, exceeding 83°F or dropping below 54°F only one day in ten. Wear sturdy footwear and layered clothing. Binoculars are essential for birding! Spotting scopes, cameras, plant and bird field guides are optional, but recommended for your enjoyment. Please heed special requirements for some field trips. **No pets at Bird Fest events, please.**

Carpooling

Sharing a ride reduces costs, benefits the environment, and is a safer way to travel. Please carpool when possible, and help your driver with fuel costs. Parking is limited in the Yakima River Canyon Scenic Byway and reducing the number of cars also helps support the habitat that we love and treasure. Thank you for considering carpooling and other ways to save our resources! If you are planning at staying at a hotel in Ellensburg, please consider posting a ride-share request on KEENs [FB page](#)...carpooling is also a great way to meet new friends!

Lodging and Community

We strongly suggest reserving your lodging early! See our website for a listing of Bird Fest partners that will have lodging available, or contact the Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce at (509) 925-2002 or www.kittitascountychamber.com or visit www.myellensburg.com for lodging information.

Downtown Ellensburg is an exciting place to visit! Every Saturday the Farmers Market is open from 9-1, there are great restaurants for breakfast, lunch and dinner, museums and art galleries. Kittitas County has fantastic hiking, agricultural tourism, and world-class fly fishing. Make a plan for the weekend and enjoy everything Ellensburg and Kittitas County has to offer!

Bird Migration: The Pacific Flyway

The states generally covered by the Pacific flyway include Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, New Mexico, Nevada, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

A portion of Canada is also included in the flyway. The provinces and territories these birds head toward include Alberta, British Columbia, Northwest Territories, Nunavut and Yukon Territory.

Some birds will fly even farther — into Eastern Russia — for the summer.



A treat to find in your binocular viewfield, the Cedar Waxwing is a silky, shiny collection of brown, gray, and lemon-yellow, accented with a subdued crest, rakish black mask, and brilliant-red wax droplets on the wing feathers. In fall these birds gather by the hundreds to eat berries, filling the air with their high, thin, whistles. In summer you're as likely to find them flitting about over rivers in pursuit of flying insects, where they show off dazzling aeronautics for a forest bird.



Flocks of tiny Pine Siskins may monopolize your thistle feeder one winter and be absent the next. This nomadic finch ranges widely and erratically across the continent each winter in response to seed crops. Better suited to clinging to branch tips than to hopping along the ground, these brown-streaked acrobats flash yellow wing markings as they flutter while feeding or as they explode into flight. Flocks are gregarious, and you may hear their insistent wheezy twitters before you see them.



Small even by nuthatch standards, Pygmy Nuthatches are tiny bundles of hyperactive energy that climb up and down ponderosa pines giving rubber-ducky calls to their flockmates. Their buffy-white underparts set off a crisp brown head, slate-gray back, and sharp, straight bill. Pygmy Nuthatches breed in large extended-family groups, which is one reason why you'll often see a half-dozen at a time. Look for them in open forests of older ponderosa pines across the West.

A heavyset finch of northern coniferous forests, the Evening Grosbeak adds a splash of color to winter bird feeders every few years, when large flocks depart their northern breeding grounds en masse to seek food to the south. The yellow-bodied, dusky-headed male has an imposing air thanks to his massive bill and fierce eye-brow stripe. The female is more subtly marked, with golden highlights on her soft gray plumage. This declining species is becoming uncommon, particularly in the eastern United States.



PACIFIC FLYWAY

● Ellensburg, WA

Birds to see at the Yakima River Canyon Bird Fest: Sage Thrasher, Yellow-Breasted Chat, Osprey, Cooper's Hawk, White-headed Woodpecker, Townsend's Warbler, Peregrine Falcon, Lazuli Bunting, Canyon Wren, Lewis's Woodpecker, Red-naped Sapsucker, Western Tanager, Yellow Warbler, Sagebrush Sparrow, Loggerhead Shrike, Mountain Bluebird, Say's Phoebe, Bullock's Oriole, Caspian Tern, Pygmy Nuthatch, Prairie Falcon, Golden Eagle, Sharp-Shinned Hawk, and more!

Event Schedule at a Glance



Day/Time	Activity	Location
Friday May 12 4:00pm-8:00pm	Bird Fest Registration	Bird Fest Central @ Helen McCabe Park
Friday May 12 7:00pm-10:00pm	Bird Fest Social Hour	the pub by Ironhorse Brewery
Saturday May 13 6:00am-1:00pm	Bird Fest Registration	Bird Fest Central @ Helen McCabe Park
Saturday May 13 6:00am-1:00pm	Free Guided Field Trips	Umtanum Creek Recreation Area
Saturday May 13 6:30 am—2:00pm	*Satellite Field Trips	Bullfrog & Railroad Ponds Ginkgo-Wanapum State Park
Saturday May 13 9:00am-1:00pm	Get Intimate with the Shrub-Steppe	Umtanum Creek Recreation Area
Saturday May 13 9:00am-1:00pm	Mist Netting Workshop Falconry and Raptors	Umtanum Creek Recreation Area
Saturday May 13 9:00am-1:00pm	Kids Activities Habitat Restoration	Bird Fest Central @ Helen McCabe Park
Saturday May 13 2:00pm –6:00pm	*Photography Workshop *Intro to Avian Illustration Workshop Birding by Ear Workshop	CWU Science II Gallery One Helen McCabe Park
Saturday May 13 7:00pm-10:00pm	*Keynote Speaker, Dinner and Silent Auction	Canyon River Ranch Lodge
Saturday May 13 8:00pm-12:00am	Owling in the Woods	Carpool to locations tbd
Sunday May 14 7:00am-12:00pm	Self-guided field trips and Carpool Trips	Yakima River Canyon Bird Fest Map (provided)
Sunday May 14 12:00pm	Bird Fest Concludes—See You Next Year!	<i>*these activities have additional fees</i>

Event Details



Bird Fest Central



KEEN will have our headquarters for Bird Fest at Helen McCabe Park at the mouth of the Yakima River Canyon. With registration, educational booths, gear to purchase, and a central place to meet up, volunteers will staff Bird Fest Central during the event and will be available to answer questions and solve problems!

Saturday Field Trips

Saturday May 13 6:00am—1:00pm

The Yakima River Canyon offers some of the highest density of passerines and raptors in Central Washington! We will have several of our master birders ready to take groups of participants up into the Umtanum Canyon Recreation Area for guided bird watching. You may choose to attend one or more, switch field trip leaders as you move through the morning, or stay with one field trip leader for the entire time.

All Saturday Field Trips leave from Umtanum Creek Recreation Area parking lot. We encourage carpooling as, though parking is extensive, Bureau of Land Management Parking passes are required for all vehicles.

Bird Fest Social Hour!



Our Friday night social hour welcomes everyone to the Yakima River Canyon Bird Fest! Join us at downtown

Ellensburg's own The Pub by

Ironhorse Brewery! Located at 412 North Main Street, The Pub offers great local beer, fabulous food and a fun atmosphere.

Ellensburg Canyon Winery joins us as well!



Ellensburg Canyon Winery

Our Field Trip Leaders, Keynote Speaker, and event volunteers will all be there between 7:00pm and 10:00pm on Friday May 12. Everyone who buys a weekend pass to Bird Fest will receive one free drink ticket! Please RSVP for this FREE event ahead of time as space is limited!

Satellite Field Trips

Saturday May 13 6:30am—2:00pm

The Yakima River Canyon Bird Fest is also offering two satellite field trips, via bus, to Ginkgo – Wanapum State Park and multiple locations in Upper Kittitas County. Please see page 12 for descriptions of watchable bird species in those locations. These field trips will have leaders with specialized knowledge of these areas. These bussed trips require an additional fee.

Event Details

Saturday Workshops & Activities



Saturday May 13 9:00am-1:00pm

The Yakima River Canyon Bird Fest offers several Saturday workshops, some free and some for an extra charge. Please take advantage of all the topic-area experts who are joining us for this first annual event! Check locations and plan your day to experience as much as you can! Register online ahead of time!

Mist Netting Workshop

Gary Johnson, master bird-bander, will be joining us on Saturday to take a small group through the basics of mist netting. He will be set up by the Yakima River at Umtanum Creek Recreation Area during the day (he'll use mounted birds in mist netting for practice).

Mist nets are used by ornithologists to capture wild birds for banding or other research projects. Mist nets are typically made of nylon or polyester mesh suspended between two poles, resembling a volleyball net.

Falconry and Raptors

Falconry is an art. It requires long hours, constant devotion, finesse, subtlety and skill. The falconer must train a bird of prey to fly free, hunt for a human being and then accept a return to captivity. Members of local falconry clubs will have their birds at Umtanum Creek Recreation Area and will share their love of falconry with bird fest participants.

2:00pm-6:00pm @

Helen McCabe Park Birding By Ear

Walter Szeliga an ornithologist from Central Washington University will share information about birding by ear— an educational and entertaining method for learning bird songs. Begin learning groups of similar vocalizations and distinguishing characteristics.

Saturday May 13 9:00am-1:00pm

These free and family-friendly activities will take place at Bird Fest Central at Helen McCabe Park from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Take advantage of family activities and get to know the park that KEEN has been restoring for the last 10 years.

Kids Activities & Nature Day Camp *

KEEN offers a drop-off day camp for bird fest participants so the serious birders in the family can take advantage of slow and quiet observations while kids enjoy nature-based activities at the park. *Additional fee required.

Habitat Restoration

For the last decade, KEEN has been working to restore Helen McCabe Park which is a former gravel pit. Help KEEN build trails, plant wild rye and ponderosa pines. Kids welcome!

Bird Box Building Workshop

We've got the materials, you've got the desire to help us encourage more birds to nest and make Helen McCabe Park their home!

Saturday May 13, 8:00pm-12:00am

Owling in the Upper Kittitas County

Love owls? Space is VERY limited. 2 cars only, with 8 people maximum, will travel with Scott Downes to the Upper Kittitas County for a special guided trip. You must register before hand and we think you'll have a great time!

Event Details

Saturday Workshops & Activities



Saturday May 13 2:00pm—6:00pm *

Wildlife Photography Workshop—Paul Bannick

Paul Bannick, our keynote speaker, will offer a photo workshop and custom photographic instruction. Paul focuses on teaching students how to photograph

wildlife, particularly birds, in the field.

He covers everything from how to find and approach your



subject to how to capture the photos that you imagine. He covers compositional guides, depth of field, shutter speed, exposure compensation the use of flash, shooting modes, and even the selection of equipment, Paul will help bring each student's photography to the next level.

Paul Bannick is an award-winning wildlife photographer specializing in the natural history of North America with a focus on birds and habitat. Coupling his love of the outdoors with his skill as a photographer, he creates images that foster the intimacy between viewer and subject, inspiring education and conservation.

****These are additional fee workshops held at Central Washington University Science II on campus and at Gallery One downtown. Space is limited so register early!***

Saturday May 13 2:00pm—6:00pm *

Intro to Avian Illustration—Justin Gibbens

In this hands-on introductory course, students will learn basic approaches to observation drawing and illustration by examining bird plumages, bird skeletons and taxidermy mounts. Using a Chinese fine-line approach to naturalistic rendering, students will then practice basic watercolor techniques including dry brush feather details, glazing, and composition. Students will have one or more finished watercolor sketches by the end of this afternoon course.

Students are welcome to bring sketchbooks. All painting supplies will be provided. No prior experience necessary.



Justin Gibbens was trained in both scientific illustration and traditional Chinese painting, a skill set he employs in his subversive zoological drawings. He received his BA in art from Central Washington University in 1998 and a Scientific Illustration Certificate from the University of Washington in 2003. Gibbens

was the recipient of a 2006 Pollock-Krasner Foundation Award and a 2008 Artist Trust Fellowship Award. He has shown throughout the Northwest and nationally. He is represented by G. Gibson Gallery in Seattle, WA and Elizabeth Leach Gallery in Portland, OR. His work has been collected by Grinnell College, Microsoft, 4Culture/King County, City of Seattle and the Washington State Arts Consortium. Gibbens lives in rural Thorp, WA.

Event Details

Saturday Keynote, Dinner & Auction



Saturday May 13 7:00pm—10:00pm @ Canyon River Ranch Lodge *

KEEN has big plans for our Saturday evening celebration for Bird Fest! This ticketed event will host up to 160 people for a catered dinner, silent auction, and our keynote speaker, Paul Bannick. Get your tickets early to reserve your spot! Funds raised from the silent auction will support KEEN's effort to plan and construct the Yakima Canyon Interpretive Center. We hope you will join us for this special event!

Owl: A Year in the Lives of North American Owls

Paul Bannick's New Book, *Owl: A Year in the Lives of North American Owls* integrates more than 200 new intimate and dramatic images, up-to-date science about owls and first-hand experience based upon tens of thousands of hours spent with owls on their territories in the wild.

You will witness rare images as the owls move through each stage of their life: courtship, mating, and nesting in spring; feeding of young and fledging in summer; dispersal and gaining independence in fall; and finally, winter's migrations and competitions for food. The book shows how owls use the unique resources available to them in each habitat to overcome the challenges of each season.



All 19 species found in Canada and the United States are featured in the photos and narrative throughout the book, with a special focus on the Northern Pygmy-Owl, Great Gray Owl, Burrowing Owl and Snowy Owl.

Owl is a stunning follow-up to Paul's bestselling title, *The Owl and The Woodpecker*, giving bird lovers yet another gorgeous photographic tribute, engaging natural history and a compelling call to preserve the habitats that sustain these most iconic of birds. See Paul's new program and hundreds of new owl images and dozens of new owl videos at the Yakima River Canyon Bird Fest Keynote Dinner and Auction!

Event Details



Sunday Self-Guided Trips

Sunday is a day for exploring and finding those secret places with birds to add to your life list.

Yakima River Canyon Bird Fest will provide a map with GPS coordinates to our favorite hot-spots around the valley.

Meet up with friends, make new friends at Bird Fest and maximize your bird watching opportunities. We also have two carpool options with some local experts to their favorite spots. Take your time, explore and enjoy!



Jan Demorest of Kittitas Audubon Society, will lead a trip out to Hayward Hill, just a few miles west of Ellensburg along Highway 10, for bluebird box monitoring. There is room for up to 2-carloads of people to join in the monitoring trip. Hayward Hill also has spectacular views of the upper Yakima River Canyon and an incredible diversity of shrub-steppe wildflowers in the spring. Register online to ensure a spot.



Phil Klucking, local professional photographer, will be at the Bald Eagle nest along the Yakima River Canyon Scenic Byway at mp 15.5 during the morning to observe and photograph the nesting pair. Our Canyon eagles love to put on a show for visitors and the eaglets should be at that awkward stage. The sun will hit the next just before 7am and eaglets love to eat breakfast in the warm sunshine. Carpool and registration required as the parking area is very limited.

Puget Sound Wind Energy's Wildhorse Wind Farm is a fantastic place to see native shrub-steppe wildflowers, elk and birds in the early spring. Nearly 20-miles east of Ellensburg and nearly as high as Snoqualmie you can check out the visitors center and see 360 degree views of Mount Rainier, Mount Adams, Mount Hood, and the Columbia River Basin.



Featured Presenters

Saturday Field Trip Leaders

All our field trip leaders are donating their time –for the love of the birds! Please thank them for sharing their time and expertise with you!

Deborah Essman—Ginkgo Wanapum Bussed Trip

Jerry Scoville—Umtanum Creek Recreation Area

Walter Szeliga—Helen McCabe Park

Laura Busby— Ginkgo Wanapum Bussed Trip

Inga Rouches—Umtanum Creek Recreation Area

Brandon Rossi— Shrub-Steppe Venues

Jim Ullrich—tbd

Katie Gunther—Umtanum Creek Recreation Area

Jan Demorest— Umtanum Creek Recreation Area

Michael Hobbs— Teanaway Community Forest

Jim Briggs— Ginkgo Wanapum Bussed Trip

Gary Johnson—Mist Netting @ Umtanum Creek

Scott Downes—Owling Trip

Blair Bernson—Bullfrog & Railroad Ponds Bussed Trip

Steve Seibert— Falconry & Raptors

Phil Klucking—Bald Eagle Nest Photography

Keynote Speaker

Paul Bannick— Photography Workshop & Keynote Dinner

Special Workshop Leaders

Justin Gibbens—Nature Illustration Workshop

Paul Bannick—Nature Photography Workshop



Bird Species Lists

Here are some of the bird species you may see while at different locations during the Yakima River Canyon Bird Fest.

Umtanum Creek Recreation Area species may include—Yellow-breasted Chat, Osprey, Cooper’s Hawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Golden Eagle, Bald Eagle, Prairie Falcon, Peregrine Falcon, Lazuli Bunting, Black-headed Grosbeak, Lewis’s Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, White Pelican.

Ginkgo Wanapum State Park species may include—Sage Thrasher, Sagebrush Sparrow, Rock Wren, Common Loon, House Wren, Canyon Wren, Mountain Bluebird, Loggerhead Shrike, Say’s Phoebe, Bullock’s Oriole, Caspian Terns.

Teanaway Community Forest species may include —Pygmy Nuthatch, Yellow Warbler, Townsend’s Warbler, White-headed Woodpecker, Red Crossbill, Red-naped sapsucker, Williamson’s Sapsucker, Bank Swallow, Western Tanager.

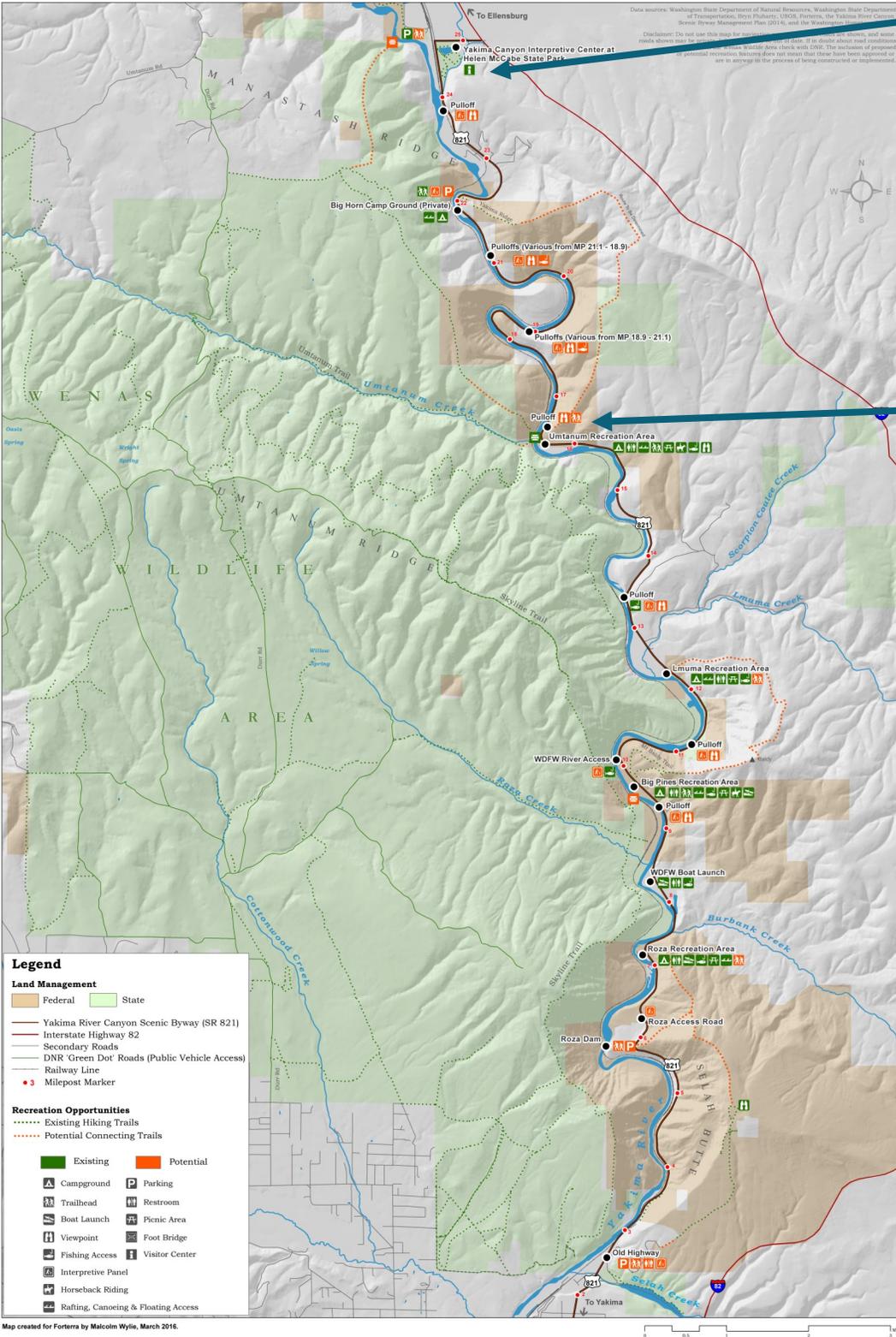
Bullfrog & Railroad Ponds species may include—Willow flycatcher, Gray catbird, Common Yellowthroat, Veery, Cassin’s vireo Barrow’s golden-eye, Bufflehead, Pygmy nuthatch, McGillivray’s warbler, Western tanager, & a pair of river otters and their young!!

Yakima River Canyon Map



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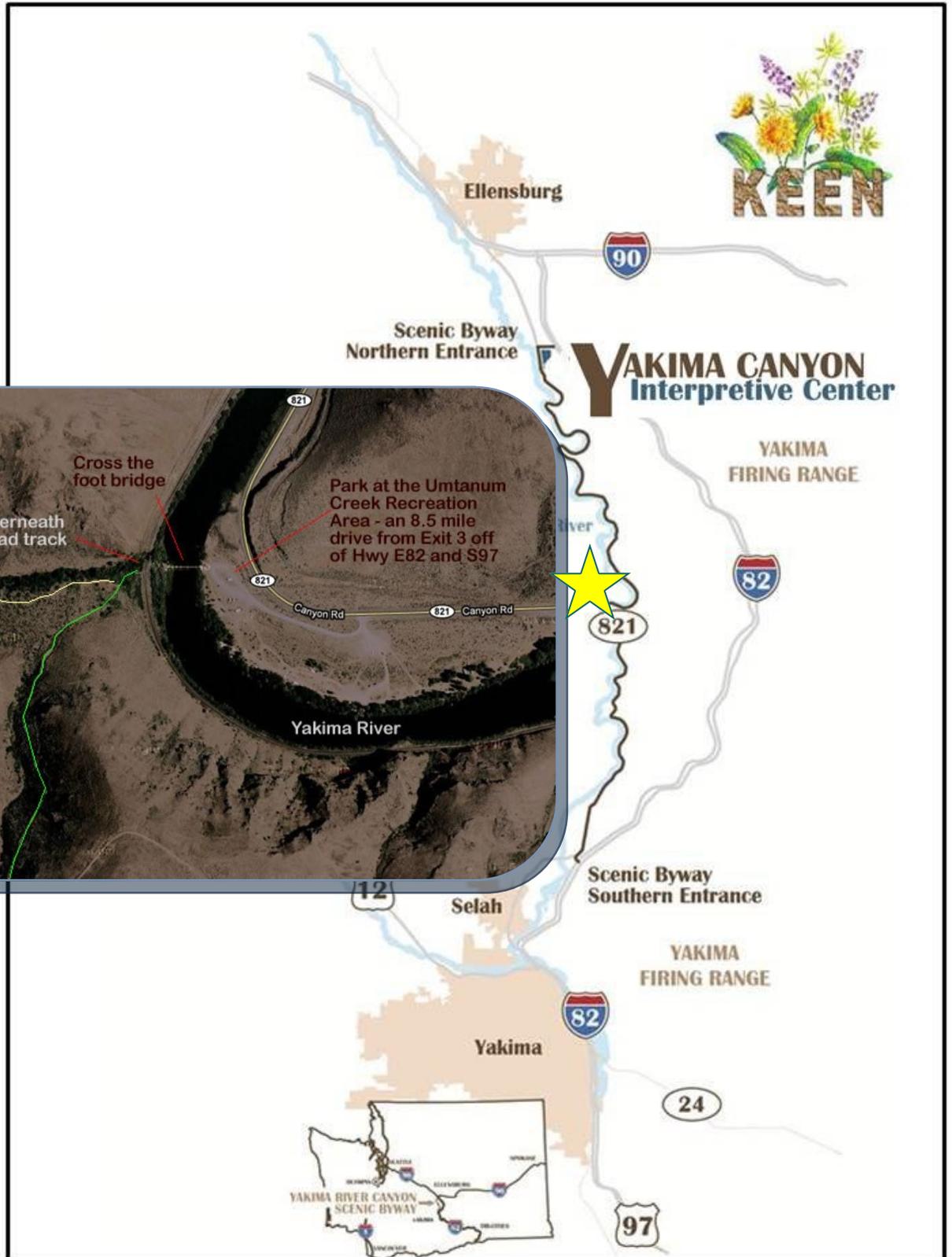
Bird Fest Central @ Helen McCabe Park

- Registration packet pick up Friday afternoon and Saturday Morning
- Saturday family activities—habitat restoration, Nature Day Camp, bird box building workshop
- Limited parking/walk-in camping
- Bus trips depart/return

Umtanum Creek Recreation Area

- Saturday Field Trips 7am-1pm
- Get Intimate with the Shrub-Steppe 9am-1pm
- Falconry
- Mist Netting Workshop

Umtanum Creek Recreation Area



Downtown Ellensburg Map



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KITTITAS COUNTY
FARMERS MARKET
Farmers Market takes place every Saturday morning on 4th Ave from May-October

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Breweries & Wineries



BREWERIES & WINERIES OF CENTRAL WASHINGTON

BREWERIES & WINERIES

1 **Blending Canyon Winery**
Blending Canyon Winery is the premier winery in the Yakima Valley. The winery is located in the heart of the Yakima Valley, just west of Ellensburg. The winery is known for its award-winning wines, including Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Pinot Noir. The winery also offers a variety of wine tasting experiences, including vineyard tours and wine dinners.

2 **Quincy Winery**
Quincy Winery is a family-owned and operated winery located in Quincy, Washington. The winery is known for its award-winning wines, including Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Pinot Noir. The winery also offers a variety of wine tasting experiences, including vineyard tours and wine dinners.

3 **Ellensburg Canyon Winery**
Ellensburg Canyon Winery is a family-owned and operated winery located in Ellensburg, Washington. The winery is known for its award-winning wines, including Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Pinot Noir. The winery also offers a variety of wine tasting experiences, including vineyard tours and wine dinners.

4 **Shrewsbury Winery**
Shrewsbury Winery is a family-owned and operated winery located in Shrewsbury, Washington. The winery is known for its award-winning wines, including Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Pinot Noir. The winery also offers a variety of wine tasting experiences, including vineyard tours and wine dinners.

5 **Moses Lake Winery**
Moses Lake Winery is a family-owned and operated winery located in Moses Lake, Washington. The winery is known for its award-winning wines, including Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Pinot Noir. The winery also offers a variety of wine tasting experiences, including vineyard tours and wine dinners.

A **Bale Breaker Brewing Company**
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Iron Horse Brewery is a craft brewery located in Ellensburg, Washington. The brewery is known for its award-winning beers, including Pale Ale, IPA, and Stout. The brewery also offers a variety of beer tasting experiences, including brewery tours and beer dinners.

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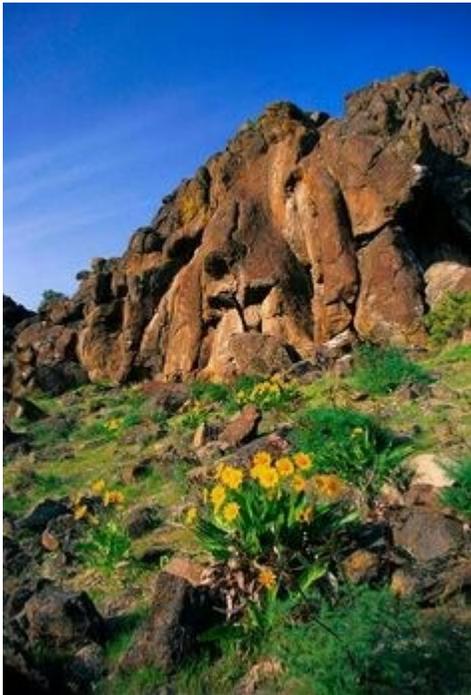
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Ornithological Summary



The extensive cliffs, shrub-steppe, and riparian cottonwood forests of the Yakima River Canyon provide a rich mixture of habitats.

Particularly important are the immense basalt cliffs and talus slopes interspersed with shrub-steppe vegetation, which



support a diverse assemblage of birds associated with this habitat, including White-throated Swift, Cliff Swallow, Rock Wren, Canyon Wren, and 21 species of raptors.



These raptor species breed in and around the canyon, including two pairs of Golden Eagles, several pairs of Prairie Falcons, nesting Osprey, and nesting Bald Eagles.

The cliffs and shrub-steppe habitat also support dense populations of Red-tailed Hawks, American Kestrels, and Great-horned Owls.



Up to 20 Bald Eagles winter along the river, subsisting primarily on whitefish. The riparian habitats along the river and its tributaries support a high diversity and abundance of songbirds.



Get Intimate with the Shrub-Steppe

Saturday May 13 9am-1pm



Get Intimate with the Shrub-Steppe (GISS) is a day packed full of expert-led field trips, educational and hands-on science booths with great activities for kids. This is a free and family-friendly event that is now in its 18th year! KEEN highlights the endangered shrub-steppe habitat with educational booths and short field trips, snake-sneaking, geology, fish & bugs and more! Get Intimate with the Shrub-Steppe is held at the Umtanum Creek Recreation Area between 9am and 1pm on Saturday May 13th, 2017. Yakima River Canyon Bird Fest participants can take advantage of additional field trips in the Canyon



Shrub-steppe communities form the iconic, western landscape of open basalt, and tumbleweeds. Described as vegetation communities consisting of perennial grass with a discontinuous over-story layer of shrubs, shrub-steppe historically dominated the landscape in eastern Washington. Some of the many species of wildlife that inhabit shrub-steppe can only be found in these semi-arid communities. Greater sage-grouse, sage sparrows, sage thrashers, and pygmy rabbits are among an elite group of species that depend on sagebrush and are termed “sagebrush obligates”. A host of other birds, mammals, reptiles, and insects are found primarily in sagebrush-steppe or other shrub-steppe communities.

Today, less than 50% of Washington’s historic shrub-steppe remains, and much of it is degraded, fragmented, and/or isolated from other similar habitats. Conversion to cropland has resulted in the greatest loss of shrub-steppe in Washington, leading to a fragmented landscape and a differentially high loss of deep-soil communities. Across the Intermountain West, shrub-steppe communities have been lost or degraded by conversion to cropland, extensive energy extraction, and alteration of the vegetation through over-grazing, invasion by exotic plants and changes in fire frequency.

Anthropogenic changes in these unique habitats have caused severe declines in species like the greater sage-grouse and have led to the extirpation of the pygmy rabbit in Washington. Other shrub-steppe-associated species that are likely on the decline include the Washington ground squirrel, Brewer’s sparrow, and burrowing owl. Conversion of shrub-steppe to cropland and other uses is responsible for much of the observed declines in native species; however, the pattern of habitat loss and how remaining habitat is configured on the landscape likely plays a significant role in determining use by wildlife.

Full Field Trip Schedule and educational booths listed at
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Event FAQ



Are there ID or minimum age requirements to enter the event?

The Friday night social hour is a 21+ only event at a local brewery.

What are my transportation/parking options for getting to and from the event?

We highly encourage carpooling! Parking in the Yakima River Canyon is limited. Most field trips are self-transport and there are 2 additional-fee bus field trips. Main event headquarters are at Helen McCabe State Park and parking is limited.

What can I bring into the event?

Please be sure to dress for the event. Spring in the Yakima River Canyon can have highly variable weather conditions. Ellensburg, Washington has a cold semi-arid steppe climate. The month of May is characterized by *rising* daily high temperatures, with daily highs ranging from 63°F to 71°F over the course of the month, exceeding 83°F or dropping below 54°F only one day in ten. We also encourage binoculars, cameras, spotting scopes, hiking equipment and sun protection.

How can I contact the organizer with any questions?

Please contact KEEN via email at kittitasee@gmail.com with any questions.



What's the refund policy?

This event is fully refundable minus processing fees up to 10 days ahead of the event. After that time, 50% of costs will be refunded.

Do I have to bring my printed ticket to the event?

Yes, please bring proof of payment to event registration at event headquarters - Helen McCabe Park.

Can I update my registration information?

Yes, please send an email to kittitasee@gmail.com

Is my registration fee or ticket transferrable?

Yes, if your plans change and you want to support someone else to attend the event, please just give them your registration materials.



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Other Things to Prepare For...



Recreation Passes Are Needed

You can buy passes online from BLM or WA State or at the Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce when you arrive in Ellensburg. Be prepared to recreate at Bird Fest!

Umtanum Creek Recreation Area (Bureau of Land Management Federal Pass)

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is an important participant in the Interagency Pass Program which was created by the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act and authorized by Congress in December 2004. Other participating agencies include the U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Reclamation and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The pass series is collectively known as the America the Beautiful – National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass. You can also purchase a day-parking pass at Umtanum Creek RA for \$15.

Bird Fest Central @ Helen McCabe Park (WA State Discover Pass)

Today, when you buy the Discover Pass, you are helping to keep the state's wonderful outdoor recreation sites open and accessible to the public. **Annual and one-day passes:** **The annual pass** — \$30. Good for one year from the date of purchase. **Day-use pass** — \$10. Good for the date marked on the pass. **One pass, two vehicles:** The annual Discover Pass is transferable between two vehicles. Simply write both plate numbers on the pass. The pass can only be used on one vehicle at a time. **How to display the Discover Pass:** The pass must be visible in the front windshield of a motor vehicle licensed for street use. For maximum visibility, hang the pass from the rearview mirror with the license plate numbers and expiration date facing the windshield. For vehicles without a windshield, the pass must be displayed in a prominent location on the vehicle.

Camping and Hotel Information

After an exciting day exploring all that Bird Fest has to offer you can rest and rejuvenate at one of the many choices available for a wonderful overnight stay. Nearly all establishments will welcome your pet as part of the family.

Advance reservations are highly recommended, Better yet, sneak over early during the week. From time to time there may be SPECIAL PACKAGES offered, so keep checking often. These hosts go out of their way to make your visit one that will bring you back. There are also some camping and RV options—you can find all the information at myellensburg.com and at www.centralwashingtongcolor.com.

KEEN is also planning on limited walk-in camping for Bird Fest participants at Bird Fest Central @ Helen McCabe Park. There are many details to still work out regarding camping so stay tuned to Bird Fest's website