

# VBS 2009 State Conference

## Saturday, November 7, 2009

The 2009 Virginia Bluebird Society (VBS) State Conference will be held on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, near Bedford, VA. Every other year, VBS holds a statewide conference in different locations around the state, in an effort to connect with **all** of our members. This year, the Conference will be held at the Claytor Nature Study Center in Bedford, Virginia and will run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Registration includes breakfast, lunch and all programs for the entire day.

**All are welcome!** It is not necessary to be a member of VBS to attend this conference. The 2009 speakers are Nanette Mickle "Purple Martins 101" and Allyson Jackson "Survival in a Created Landscape: Radio-Tracking Fledgling Bluebirds on Golf Courses"

If you are interested in helping with the conference, please contact Stephen Living at [Stephen.Living@dgif.virginia.gov](mailto:Stephen.Living@dgif.virginia.gov)

### Location

Claytor Nature Study Program Conference Center  
1844 Woods Rd  
Bedford, VA 24523

### Registration

Registration fee is \$20 which includes continental breakfast, lunch and all programs

### Agenda

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Registration & continental breakfast  
9:00 – 9:50 a.m. VBS Board Meeting (all welcome to attend)  
9:50-10:00 a.m. Annual VBS meeting (election of new board and officers)  
10:00 -10:30 a.m. Break and further registration  
10:30–11:30 a.m. Nanette Mickel - Purple Martins 101  
11:30 -11:45 a.m. Award ceremony  
11:45 –1:00 p.m. Lunch  
1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Allyson Jackson, William & Mary Center for Conservation Biology  
2:00 –2:30 p.m. Break  
2:30 – 3:00 p.m. Birding - Claytor Nature Study Center

**Accommodations:** Discounted rooms are being held at Super 8 Motel in Bedford, VA until October 1<sup>st</sup>, 842 Sword Beach Lane, Bedford, VA 24523, (540) 587-0100. The rate is \$68 king or 2 queen beds/per night/ plus tax. The hotel is located 23 miles from Claytor Nature Study Program. To obtain the discounted rate, mention "Virginia Bluebird Society."

### **Directions:**

- **From the Richmond area:** (About 2 hours, 57 minutes) Take US-360 West toward Amelia. Turn onto VA-307/US-460 West, and continue to follow US-460 West past Lynchburg to the east side of Bedford. Approaching Bedford, take the US-460 Business exit into Bedford, going to the right on US-460 Business/East Main Street/VA-714 and continue for 1.3 miles. Turn right on North Bridge Str/US-221/VA-43, and go 0.3 miles. Next turn left on Peaks Street/VA-43 and go 4.3 miles. Turn right at Woods Road/Rt. 682, which is just past the Big Otter River crossing. Follow Woods Road for about 0.8 mile to the Education & Research Center entrance on the right. Follow the gravel drive down to parking area adjacent to the building.
- **From the Charlottesville area:** (About 1 hour, 97 minutes) Take US-29 South. Exit onto Jerry Falwell Parkway/US-29/US-460 toward Lynchburg/Danville, and continue for 25.6 miles past Lynchburg to the east side of Bedford. Approaching Bedford, take the US-460 Business exit into Bedford, going to the right on US-460 Business/East Main Street/VA-714 and continue for 1.3 miles. Turn right onto North Bridge Street/US-221/VA-43, and go 0.3 miles. Next, turn left on Peaks Street/VA-43 and go 4.3 miles. Turn right at Woods Road/Rt. 682, which is just past the Big Otter River crossing. Follow Woods Road for about 0.8 mile to the Education & Research Center entrance on the right. Follow the gravel drive down to parking area adjacent to the building.
- **From the Washington DC area:** (About 3 hours, 57 minutes) Take I-66 West to I-81, then turn south on I-81 toward Roanoke for 133 miles. Take exit 167 for US-11 toward Buchanan; proceed 1.4 miles. Just after crossing the river, turn left onto Parkway Drive/VA-43, and go 4.7 miles, where you will merge left onto the Blue Ridge Parkway/VA-43 North, and go 4.9 miles. Turn right onto Peaks Road/VA-43, and follow it for 5.9 miles. Turn left

onto Woods Road/Rt. 682. Follow Woods Road for about 0.8 mile to the Education & Research Center entrance on the right. Follow the gravel drive down to parking area adjacent to the building.

- **From the Roanoke area:** (About 50 minutes) Take US-221 North/US-460 East. Follow US-221/US-460 Business/Blue Ridge Ave into Bedford. Turn left at North Bridge Street/US-221/VA-43. Next, turn left on Peaks Street/VA-43 and go 4.3 miles. Turn right at Woods Road/Rt. 682, which is just past the Big Otter River crossing. Follow Woods Road for about 0.8 mile to the Education & Research Center entrance on the right. Follow the gravel drive down to parking area adjacent to the building.
- **For Specific Directions from Your Exact Location:** Google Maps, Map Quest, or your other favorite mapping website to directions to **1844 Woods Road, Bedford, VA 24523**.
- **Claytor Education & Research Web Page:** <http://www.lynchburg.edu/x15950.xml>