



*Thank you for your interest in traveling to Monhegan Island with the Center for Wildlife!
Please read through this document carefully to ensure this trip is a good fit for you.*

Meeting Time & Location: Monhegan Boat (880 Port Clyde Rd, Port Clyde, ME) at 2pm on Tuesday, May 26th, 2026. The boat departs at 3pm sharp, but you must arrive by 2pm. Parking costs \$10/day and must be paid at the dock before boarding. If you're running late, text or call Dan at 207-200-7615 (*Monhegan Boat #207-372-8848*). We'll return to Port Clyde at 2pm on Friday, May 29th.

Client Form: In case you haven't yet, all clients [must complete this form](#) with emergency contact info, medical, dietary and other pertinent info. Couples must complete a form for each person. Thanks!

Lodging: All clients must **book their own lodging at the Monhegan House** [USING THIS LINK](#). We've reserved a variety of rooms to choose from at this food-focused, historic inn with simple, but charming rooms and shared bathrooms. We've been starting here for many years and love it.



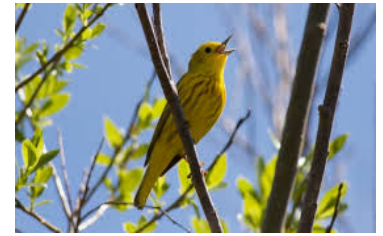
Meals: Lodging at Monhegan House includes an early morning coffee/tea & pastry as well as a luxurious breakfast that we'll eat together in the dining room. Note: All lunches and dinners are on your own (with multiple options on the island). Dinners at the Monhegan House are top notch, btw. Alcoholic beverages can be purchased on the island and brought to dinner if you like.

Weather & Insects - Temps can vary from the low 40s to the low 70s. Come prepared for chilly mornings (layers, hat & gloves); and for wind and rain (fyi - birding can be very good in such conditions!); and for some warm weather. A sun hat, sunglasses, water bottle, sunscreen, and rain gear are all highly recommended. Sturdy, waterproof shoes or boots are a good idea as there are rocky trails as well as gravel and dirt paths. You may be most comfortable in long pants – both for sun protection and to minimize insects– which are fairly minimal on the island in spring.



Pace & Itinerary - We maximize time in the field, including: optional birding before breakfast; birding walks between breakfast & lunch; a midday siesta w/ picnic lunch on your own; and birding mid-afternoon until dinner(on your own). Hiking is mostly flat on gravel roads, but we'll also explore rocky, coastal trails, and steeper terrain. We'll offer options to hike several miles some days, but the best birding is generally along the gravel roads in town. All outings are optional - just let a guide know your plans :)

Birding on Monhegan is weather-dependent. Be prepared for slow times and/or overwhelming bird numbers. The island is perfect for relaxed birding and studying birds at close range. We like to slow down and take the time to look at and enjoy common birds. There are also ample opportunities to get familiar with island plants, insects, geology, culture and more! Dan & Phil will carry identification guides and a quality spotting scope to share.



This cozy island encourages moving at your own pace, stopping and taking pictures, or sitting by the sea. For those seeking a diversity of birds and studying the finer points of plumage and behavior, we'll do that, too. If we experience a migration "fallout" the island could have too many birds to catch up with! Watching the daily ebb and flow of the migrants is a treat. On the final day, we'll have breakfast, pack up and check out with some time for relaxed birding before our 12:30pm boat - where we may get to spot marine mammals or - more birds!

Trip Cancellation Policy (read carefully)

- Cancellations 60 days or more before the trip receive a full refund minus a \$50 admin fee.
- Cancellations 60-31 days before the trip receive a 50% refund (minus a \$50 admin fee)
- Cancellations 30 or fewer days before the trip receive no refund or credit as we're unable to recoup losses on lodging, meals and transport.
- ***We highly recommend you purchase your own trip cancellation insurance policy.***

What to Pack?

Toiletries / Medications

Sunglasses/Sunblock

Binoculars/Camera (& accessories)

Clothing - enough layers to keep warm & dry. It tends to be chilly and can be quite wet in spring.

Cash - can come in handy for island purchases as well as housekeeping & guide/room tips*

Optional: Hiking Poles (for maintaining balance on rocky/steep terrain) / Journal & colored pencils/paints

We look forward to seeing you all in May!

Your Birding Guides

Dan Gardoqui & Phil Brown



Any Questions?

Please email dan@thecenterforwildlife.org or call him at 207-361-1400 x106

