

Sunday, Oct 20, 2024

T Sun Dunedin Hammock Bird Banding

Address is: Dunedin Hammock Park, 1900 San Mateo Drive, Dunedin FL

Time: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Limited to 20 participants. No parking fee. Trip fee: \$25

Leaders: Jim McGinity, licensed Bander, Steve Aversa 727-218-7938, Paul Trunk 727-430-0368

Come learn about bird banding, observe how ornithologists use it to learn about and conserve migratory birds, and enjoy our fall migratory birds while birding this 100-acre city park. The hammock's hardwoods and sabal palms attract numerous resident and migratory species. The Fern Trail in particular is known for having banner days in fall migration. You will observe the banding station action, seeing some of the local migrants up close while researchers measure, weigh and band them. Some participants will get a chance to release banded birds! You will also walk sections of the park and boardwalk to see what else is lurking in the bushes, along the stream, or zipping through the trees overhead. Warblers, vireos and thrushes are all good bets in the bushes, Golden-winged, Bay-breasted, Kentucky, Blackburnian, Canada and Cerulean warblers have been seen here, along with Baltimore Oriole, Black-billed Cuckoo, Veery, Wood Thrush and Scarlet Tanager. Herons, egrets, and night-herons wade the tidal stream. Osprey and Barred Owl occur year round, and winter brings ducks, rails, sandpipers and a multitude of sparrows. Raptors scan for the unwary over the open fields. The walk is easy, flat, not more than 2 miles. Parts are shaded, some is boardwalk.

Directions:

Take Hillsborough Ave/Rt 92 West to Curlew Rd/Rt 586. (Note, this is a main street through town, but mostly 3 or 4 lanes wide and usually moves fairly well.)

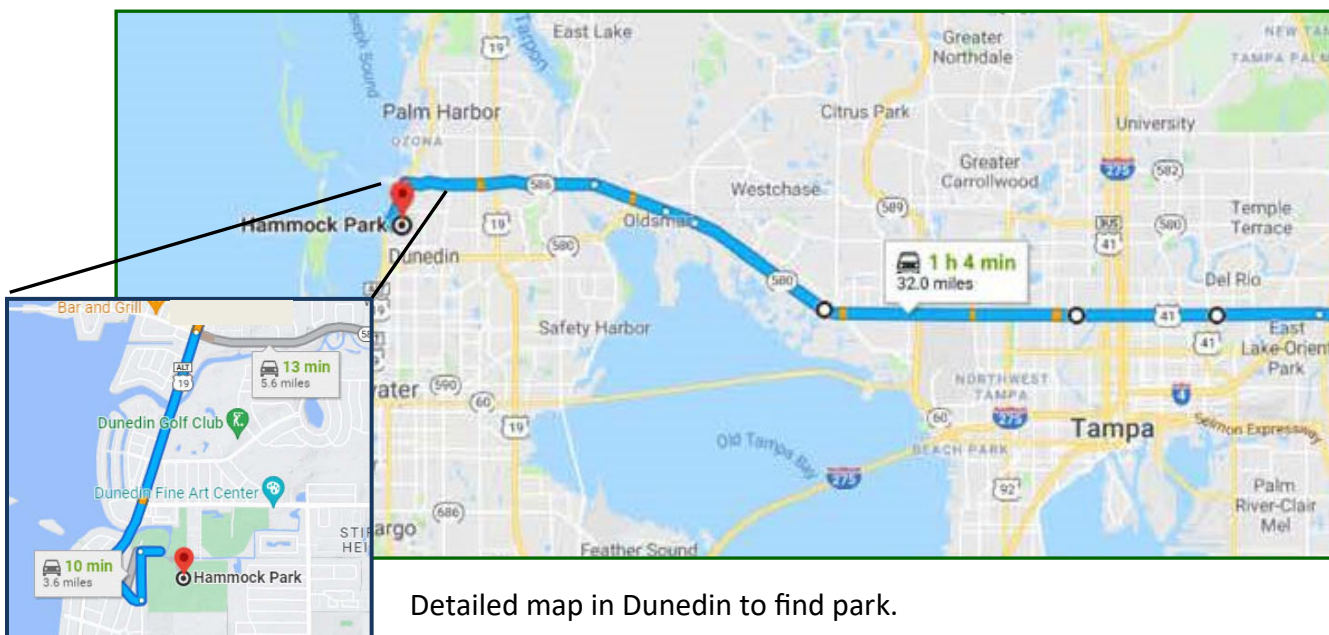
Bear Left onto Curlew Rd, continue 5 miles to Rt Alternate 19.

Turn Left/South on Rt 19, continue 1.1 miles to Mira Vista Drive.

Turn Left/East onto Mira Vista, then Left/North onto Douglas.

Entrance to park is at end of Douglas Dr.

Park behind the St Andrews Chapel/Butterfly Garden and walk to the Kettles Trail.



Detailed map in Dunedin to find park.