

Sharp's at Waterford Farm Visitation Protocol



4003 Jennings Chapel Road
Brookeville MD, 20833



Overview

Visitors **MUST** read this entire power point prior to their first visit.

- The Sharp's at Waterford Farm *shorebird* and *waterfowl* habitats are on private property.
 - Do not wander from the viewing areas.
 - The farm lane is one-way (Caution: farmer drives both ways).
- Due to various factors, the presence of mud at the shorebird habitat is not guaranteed.
- All visitors must be Howard County Bird Club (HCBC) members. Those under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

Operating Hours and Dates:

HCBC members may enter during the hours of **7:00 AM to 5:00 PM** within the following dates:

- **February 1 through 28: Sundays only (M-Sat. no access)**
 - Only the Upper Driveway pond is open for **drive-through waterfowl** viewing. Enter, observe, exit. Do not stop at the barn to sign-in or enter observations.
- **April 1 through June 15 and July 15 through September 30.**
 - One of five potential *shorebird* habitats will be available for viewing.
 - The designated habitat will be listed on the dry erase board in the barn.
 - A map and directions to walk to the viewing area will also be posted.
 - On the first Wednesday of the month, visitors may arrive half an hour before sunrise.





Entrance along
Jennings Chapel Rd.



Continue down the
one-way farm lane



During February (**Sundays only**), park at the first pullover on the left for drive through *waterfowl* viewing. The pond is also on your left.



April 1 through June 15 and July 15 through September 30, continue down the farm lane. Turn left at the fork in the road.



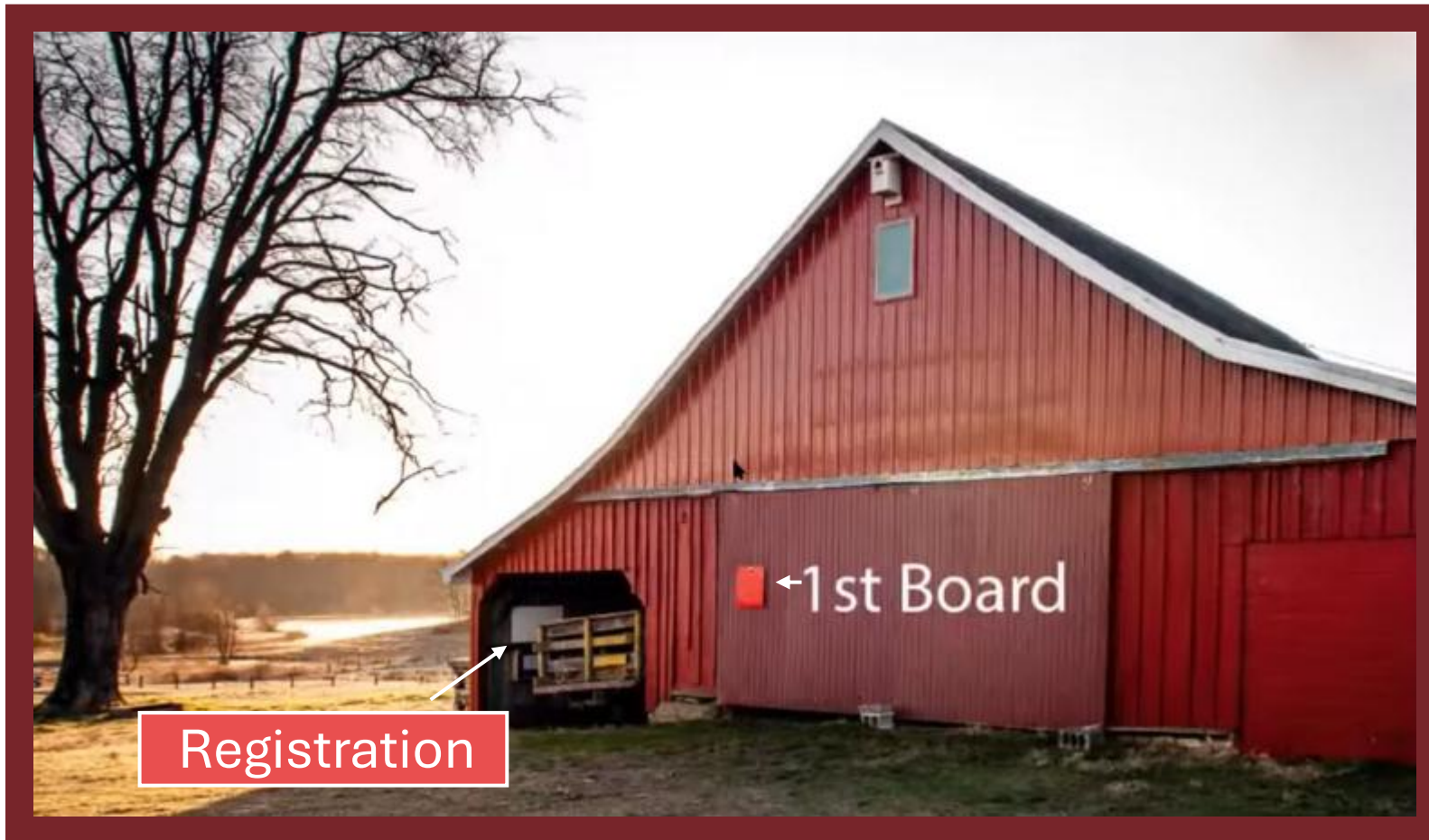
Parking

Continue down the one-way lane. Park behind the red barn on the right.



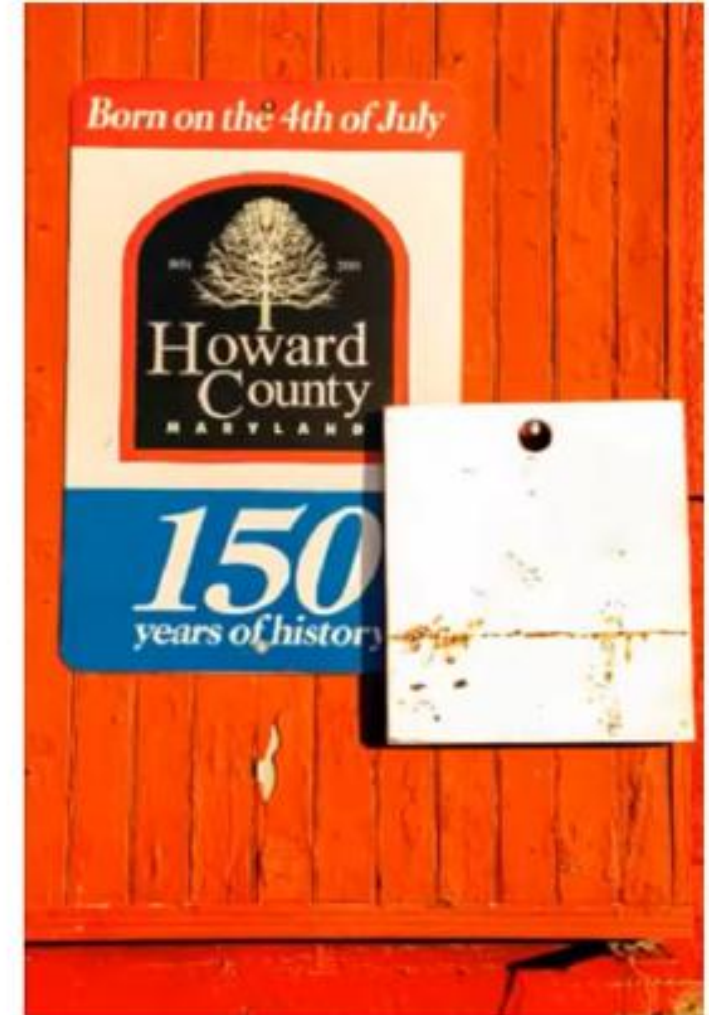
****Please
drive slowly and be
mindful of animals,
people, and
farm equipment**

Sign-in Instructions



April 1 to June 15 and July 15 to Sept. 30, members must sign-in inside the barn and flip over the red boards to white on both ends of the barn. This is to indicate a birder is on the property. The dry erase board will indicate which of the shorebird habitats is open for viewing. **Only 1 will be open at a time.** In the rare case that the sign-in box is locked, or there is a closure message on the dry erase board, the site is closed due to agricultural spraying.
In February (Sundays only) **Do not park or sign in at the red barn.**

Second board to be flipped on the opposite side of the barn





Exit Instructions

- After visiting the open site, if you are the last birder on the property, flip both white boards back to red.
- List e-bird location as “Waterford Farm (private property, owner requires all visitors to be Howard County Bird Club members and to sign in; strict visitation protocols enforced).
- Sign out and record any shorebirds on the data sheets.
- Exit by continuing down the one-way lane ~0.75 miles to reach Jennings Chapel Road.