

HAWKS & Hot Chocolate

Welcome to Hawks & Hot Chocolate! Hosted by Portland Audubon and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, this event was created to help people see and appreciate the amazing raptors that we share our environment with, and be inspired to help protect them.

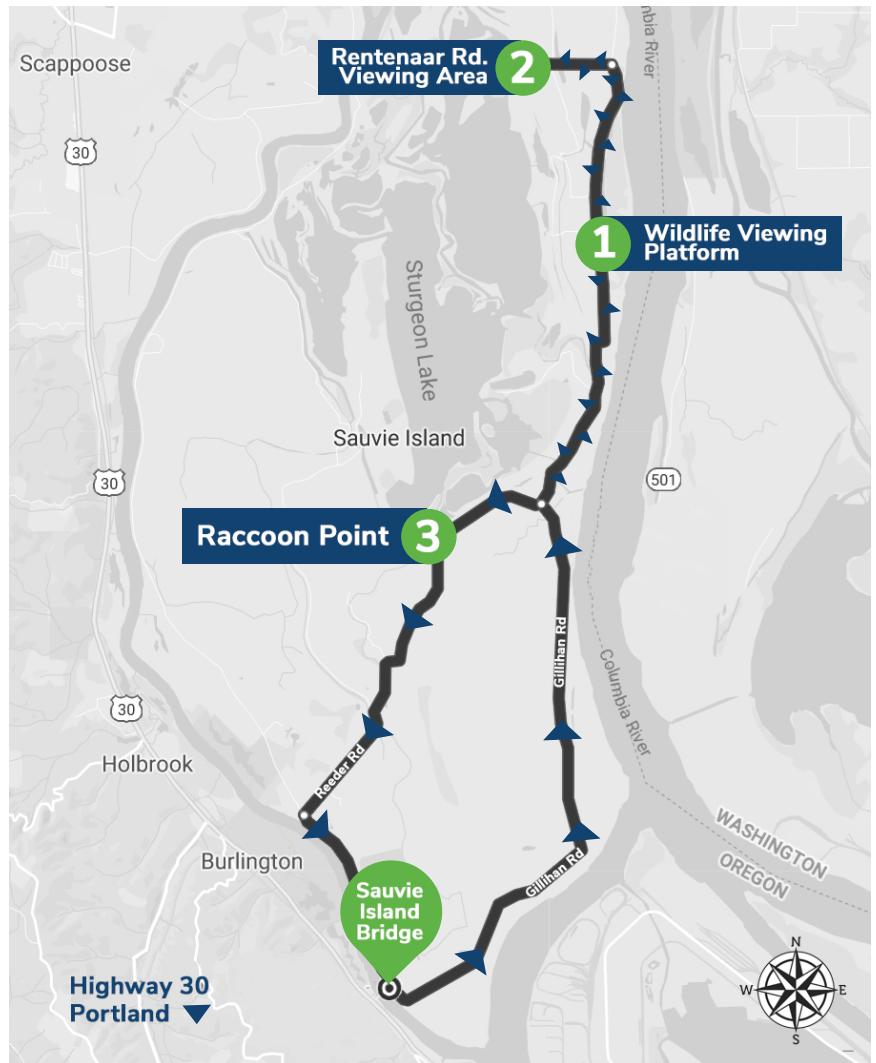
Directions

Please purchase an ODFW parking pass online. If you are unable to, you can buy one at Cracker Barrel Grocery near the Sauvie Island Bridge or the Reeder Beach RV Park on Reeder Road

- **Stop 1 Wildlife Viewing Platform**
After crossing the Sauvie Island bridge, take your first immediate left to circle under the bridge onto Gillihan Rd. Follow Gillihan Rd. for 6 miles until you reach a stop sign at Reeder Rd. Take a right and follow Reeder Rd. for 2.8 miles until you see a large ODFW parking area on the left.
- **Stop 2 Rentenaar Road**
Take a left out of the ODFW parking lot to continue North on Reeder Rd. Travel for 1.8 miles until turning left on Rentenaar Rd. Follow this one-lane gravel road for 1 mile until you reach the parking lot at the end of the road.
- **Stop 3 Raccoon Point**
Drive back to Reeder Rd and take a right, heading south. Continue for 2.8 miles, staying to the right at the intersection with Gillihan Rd. Continue for another 2.9 miles until you see the large parking lot for Raccoon Point on your right, across from the dog kennel.

Heading Home

Take a right out of the Raccoon Point parking lot to continue south for 3.2 miles on Reeder Rd. At the stop sign, take a left onto Sauvie Island Road, following this road for 1.7 miles until you reach the bridge. Congratulations! You've finished!



A note on parking: All three of these locations have limited parking. Once they are full, volunteers will need to turn vehicles away in order to keep roads clear. Please park only in designated areas, and if one area is full, try one of the other locations.

Helping Raptors

Portland Audubon and ODFW are committed to helping protect these charismatic birds. ODFW manages important habitat and wildlife populations, while Portland Audubon advocates for species and habitat protections, including the use of non-lead ammunition. Portland Audubon also operates the Wildlife Care Center, a hospital for injured wildlife, where we treat hundreds of injured raptors each year.

Want to Get Involved?

Head over to audubonportland.org/take-action/ to get involved in our conservation work, and visit dfw.state.or.us/ to learn more about wildlife and ODFW.



Most Common Raptors on Sauvie Island

Raptors are birds of prey, who survive by eating everything from rodents to birds to frogs and even insects! Throughout the year on Sauvie Island, visitors can see a large array of birds of prey including hawks, eagles, falcons, osprey, and owls. Here are the four most common raptors on Sauvie Island in winter.



Red-tailed Hawk

The most common large hawk on the island. Young birds have brown tails, while adults have red tails. Most show a dark head, light chest, and streaked belly pattern.



Bald Eagle (Juvenile)

Only Bald Eagles 4 years and older have a white head and tail. Younger birds are brown with variable white marks, especially the under wings.



American Kestrel

These small falcons like to perch on wires. They bob their tails and commonly hover while hunting. Look for the double sideburns on the face.



Northern Harrier

Flies low over fields and marshes. Bold white patch on rump. Wings held in a "V" formation during flight.

Other Sauvie Island Favorites



Sandhill Cranes



Snow Geese



Great Blue Heron



Great Egret



Tundra Swan