

Join us to celebrate the Tundra Swans on Saturday, March 20!

There are hundreds of swans that migrate through the Pend Oreille River Valley in February and March on their trip to their breeding grounds, resting and feeding on Calispel Lake, designated an Important Birding Area.

The day witnessing this beautiful spectacle is co-hosted by the Natural Resources Department of the Kalispel Tribe of Indians and the Pend Oreille River Tourism Alliance (PORTA).



We will gather at the Camas Wellness Center on LeClerc Road in Usk and travel via bus to Calispel Lake at 10 a.m. The owners of the Duck Club have graciously afforded us access to the site.

We will return to the Camas Wellness Center for lunch by noon.

Register by PayPal on the PORTA website: www.porta-us.com: \$10 for adults. \$5 for children under 12 years of age. Lunch is included. Seating is limited, so reserve a spot soon!

Presenters during lunch are:

Christi Norman, Audubon Washington's Birding Trail Director. She created and manages the Great Washington State Birding Trail, a statewide system of nature tourism that includes seven self-guided driving loops for bird watching with the goal of habitat conservation by creating local economic incentives in rural Washington. She co-received with the Coulee Corridor Scenic Byway, a prestigious AASHTO award for *The Great Washington State Birding Trail Map* at the 2007 National Scenic Byway Conference

Ray Entz, Natural Resources Department. Kalispel Tribe of Indians

Martha Jordan, "The Swan Lady" The Trumpeter Swan Society Board, Hines Marsh Restoration (Long Beach Peninsula). Come, share and learn the facts, myths, and legends of Washington's white birds of winter. Martha Jordan is a well-known biologist, and will present a program about our native trumpeter and tundra swans. She is director of the Washington Swan Working Group, an Affiliate of the Trumpeter Swan Society – a non-profit organization dedicated to assuring the vitality and welfare of wild swan populations.

Bart George, Resources Biologist, Pend Oreille County PUD. Survey of osprey, Eagle, Great Blue Heron and Cormorant along the Pend Oreille River.

Free skiing, cross-country and alpine, and free rentals are offered by 49 Degrees North, Chewelah. Please register your preferences by emailing susan@porta-us.com.

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