

Come and see Swan Lake on Saturday, March 17!

Spring brings hundreds of swans through the Pend Oreille River Valley. They are on their trip to breeding grounds, resting and feeding on Calispell Lake, designated an Important Birding Area.

Join us to witness this beautiful spectacle on March 17.

The event 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 Calispell 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!

Ray Entz, Director, Wildlife and Terrestrial Resources, Natural Resources Department, Kalispel Tribe of Indians, will emcee the event.

Presenters during lunch are:

Martha Jordan, "*The Swan Lady*" Martha Jordan is a well-known wildlife biologist, and will present a program about our native trumpeter and tundra swans titled "Journey of the Swans".

Since 1979, Martha has worked to organize volunteers to survey trumpeters throughout western Washington and is an expert on Trumpeter Swan distribution in that region. Martha has worked with state agencies both as a volunteer and as a consultant biologist and is currently working on a variety of projects including mapping agricultural land in western Washington and overlaying Trumpeter and Tundra Swan locations, work with the swan lead-poisoning issue and active with Get the Lead Out campaign to halt the use of lead shot. She initiated the Washington State Working Group to assist in swan survey work to develop educational programs for the public and to generate both public and private interest in trumpeters. Martha has contributed opinions to the North American Management Plan for trumpeters in the Pacific Flyway, has written the Society's swan identification brochure and has organized three Society conferences.

Bart George, Wildlife Biologist III, Kalispel Tribe of Indians. Bart will speak about the Selkirk Mountains Forest Carnivore Survey Update.

Mike Lithgow, Director, Pend Oreille County Community Planning Department. Mike will share the exciting evolution of the Pend Oreille River Water Trail project called "Birds on the Water".

Visit our website http://www.porta-us.com/pages/activities/tundra_swan_day.asp for downloads of the *Agenda, Map, Lodging, What to Bring List*, and *links*.