Monhegan Island
Migration Hotspot and Maine Escape

Tour Special Features

Unique Habitats

Fabulous Birds

Fine Food

Beautiful Parks

Wild Landscapes

Comfortable Hotels

Small Groups!
Great Leaders!
Interesting People!

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Tour Leader

As early as high school, Jim Sherwonit fell in love with the woods and with birding. He started birding more seriously in 2010 after his first EcoTravel trip and has participated (as traveler, driver, and co-leader) in over 30 trips. He is a professional engineer and has been managing the local office for a major transportation engineering firm for over 30 years. Jim has an enthusiasm for conservation, all things nature, and is an avid photographer. As he says, “Any day spent in the woods is a good day.”

Island Migration!

Existing peacefully ten miles off the southern coast of Maine, Monhegan Island is well known as a modern-day fishing village and artists’ haven; to birders, it is better known as one of the finest migrant and vagrant traps on the North Atlantic Coast. Only one square mile in area, this 700-acre island is laced with 17 miles of trails that wind through magnificent cathedral forest to majestic headland cliffs and beautiful coves. A dirt road running through the center of the village conveniently connects the prime birding spots of The Ice Pond, The Meadow, and Lobster Cove. Participants spend the entire time on foot, since there are no cars or paved roads on the island. Fear not, though: there are enough Adirondack chairs set out on our hotel’s porch for those who want to just sit back, relax, and catch up with the group later.

For more than 100 years, Monhegan has been a summer haven for artists and other visitors who appreciate its isolation, the beauty of its wilderness areas, its quiet relaxed atmosphere, and its unhurried pace. The island’s phenomenal scenery has been the subject of many works by legendary artists, including James Fitzgerald and Jamie Wyeth. Residents and visitors alike work to see that the wildlands will remain wild and that the fragile ecology will not be endangered. The mantra here regarding litter is "pack it in, pack it out!"

Most songbirds are nocturnal migrants, so we will spend much of the day searching for overnight arrivals. If we get lucky with the passage of a cold front and resultant northwest winds pushing migrants offshore, the island could be teeming with birds in a relatively confined area. One of the dirt roads is famous for its ability to attract Lark and Clay-colored sparrows. You’ll have the option to come and go with the group, or wander off on the many trails that traverse the island; the ones that take you to the 180-foot Whitehead and Blackhead cliffs overlooking the Atlantic are spectacular!

General Information

Main Tour Cost: $1,298.
With Member Discount: $1,098.
Single Room Supplement: $265.
Single rooms may be available, but are not guaranteed.

Prices are based upon a minimum number of five paying participants traveling together.

For a Detailed Itinerary and More Information:
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