

Lilypons Water Gardens
Date: Saturday, July 19, 2008
Time: 8:00 AM

July is summer time and we realize that many members go away during the summer. However for those of us who stay around the area, we thought we would have a summer outing to the Lilypons Water Gardens in Maryland on Saturday, July 19th. We plan to arrive when the gardens open at 9:30 AM at which that time there should be a lot of Egrets and Herons. Once the crowds start to arrive, the larger birds tend to fly off for other areas of the gardens. By the time the sun has gotten higher in the sky, water lilies, snakes and other 'pond critters' are the things to capture your eye.

"Lilypons Water Gardens is set up and geared towards people who wish to build their own water gardens. However, with its large amount of water lilies and abundance of plants, birds and other animals it is quickly becoming a hot spot for birding and photography. Located on 300 acres of land in Buckeystown, Maryland, Lilypons contains over 50 ponds with different types and colors of Water Lilies, bog plans and fish."

Come prepared with boots or waterproof shoes and plenty of bug spray. Sandals are definitely not recommended since there are some snakes and snapping turtles around the ponds. These can be great for photographs but you don't want to step on one.

We will meet at the Vienna Metro Parking lot at 8:00 am and plan to leave by 8:15 am. Anyone wanting to join up at Lilypons can meet us there at the entrance at 9:30 AM.

Directions: Take I-270 North to MD-80 exit, EXIT 26, toward Urbana/Buckeystown. Turn Right on MD-80 W/fingerboard RD. Turn Left onto Park Mills Road, Turn Right onto Lily Pons Road. Lilypons Water Gardens is located at 6800 Lily Pons Road, Adamstown Maryland.

Please let Martin Fish know if you are planning to attend at fishmp@aol.com or call at 703-969-8907. Hope to see you there.