

**Winter 2025 CBC Birding Weekend Trip Driving Directions**  
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- A. ALL TRIPS MEET IN THE HOTEL LOBBY.**
- B. CONFIRM WITH THE LEADER WHERE YOU WILL MEET YOU IF YOU LEAVE BEFORE THE GROUP.**

**Start all trips at 218-298 Islander Drive, intersection with Emerald Drive. It's [34.660244, -77.056192](tel:34.660244,-77.056192).**

**Trip 1, 8, 19, 27 - North River Wetland Preserve.** From starting point, turn left onto Emerald Drive. Cross the causeway; turn right on Hwy. 24, the first big intersection. After another 16.2 miles, merge onto Arendell St, Hwy 70. Keep going east through Morehead City. After 12.8 miles stay on Hwy 70 as it turns right. The entrance is on the left, another 5.6 miles. Car pool from hotel as much as possible; limited parking outside of locked gate.

**Trip 2, 9, 20, 28- Fort Macon State Park.** From starting point, turn right onto Emerald Drive. Continue straight ahead, make no turns for 22.0 miles to the parking lot.

**Trips 3, 10, 21, 29 - Hoop Pole Creek & Calico Creek.** From starting point, turn right onto Emerald Drive. Continue straight ahead for 17.6 miles. Turn left, go 100 yards to the parking area. There is a Food Lion nearby.

**Trip 4, 11, 22, 30 - Cedar Point Tideland Trail & Emerald Isle Woods.** From starting point, turn left onto Emerald Drive. Cross the causeway, cross Hwy 24 (big intersection). Continue straight another 0.7 miles, turn left onto VFW Road (old NC 58). In 0.5 miles turn left onto Croatan Forest Road. The parking lot is 0.8 miles.

**Trips 5, 12, 23, 31 - Patsy Pond and Gallants Channel.** From starting point, turn left onto Emerald Drive. Cross the causeway; turn right on Hwy. 24, the first big intersection. After another 6.4 miles turn left into small parking lot.

**Trip 6 - Shorebird Workshop.** At Atlantic Beach Pier. See Trip 13 (Oceana Pier)

**Trip 13, 32 - Atlantic Beach Pier.** (Oceana Pier) From starting point, turn right onto Emerald Drive. Continue straight ahead, make no turns for 19.0 miles. Turn right onto Oceana Drive. Go straight ahead as far as you can and park. Access is free.

**Trip 14, 33 - Rachel Carson and Bird Shoal.** From starting point, turn left onto Emerald Drive. Cross the causeway; turn right on Hwy. 24, the first big intersection. After another 16.2 miles, merge onto Arendell St, Hwy 70. Keep going east through Morehead City. After 7.9 miles turn right onto Turner Street. Follow Turner to the end, 0.7 miles. Turn left and proceed 0.2 miles to the ferry dock, 610 Front Street, Beaufort, NC 28516. (Island Ferry Adventures)

**Trip 16, 35 - Shackleford Banks East.** From starting point, turn left onto Emerald Drive. Cross the causeway; turn right on Hwy. 24, the first big intersection. After another 16.2 miles, merge onto Arendell St, Hwy 70. Keep going east through Morehead City. After 12.8 miles stay on

Hwy 70 as it turns right. After 5.0 miles turn right onto Harkers Island Road. Stay on this for 8.7 miles all the way to its end at the parking lot for Harkers Island Visitor Center and Island Express Ferry Service.

**Trip 17, 36 - Cedar Island.** From starting point, turn left onto Emerald Drive. Cross the causeway; turn right on Hwy. 24, the first big intersection. After another 16.2 miles, merge onto Arendell St, Hwy 70. Keep going east through Morehead City. After 12.8 miles turn right, still following Hwy 70. Stay on Hwy 70 for 29.0 miles, to the intersection on the right with NC 1388. Turn right, proceed to the parking lot, 1.9 miles, on the left. 879 Lola Rd Cedar Island.

**Trip 25- Birding 101, Day 1 - Day 10,000.** Meet in Lobby.

**Trip 37- Rarities Chase.** Meet in Lobby.