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Dave Kiehm To Lead OCCA-Sponsored Nature Walk in Milford

MILFORD – Artist Dave Kiehm will lead a bird walk in the Milford State Forest this Saturday, August 7 as the Otsego County Conservation Association 2010 Nature Walk series continues.

Kiehm’s two-hour hike, titled “Summer Birds and Neo-Tropics at Milford State Forest,” will begin at 9 a.m. sharp at the DEC warehouse on Kelly Corners Road (about ½ mile south of its intersection with State Land Road). Participants will look for the summer birds and neo-tropics that frequent the area, are encouraged to bring binoculars and are cautioned to choose footwear appropriate for tall, wet grass. For more information, contact Kiehm – a vice president of the Delaware-Otsego Audubon Society Board of Directors who has led field trips and bird walks throughout the region – at dave@deadriftstudio.com

Since 2001, OCCA has organized nature walks on local trails. This year’s schedule is comprised of nine trails throughout Otsego County – including four state parks – several of which are featured in the OCCA publication “Otsego Walks & Paddles.” Other upcoming dates, venues and hike leaders for 2010 are: August 15, A Walk in the Clouds at Betty and Wilbur Davis State Park with Joe Ritton; September 11, Nature Walk at Lordsland Preserve with former OCCA Board member Dick deRosa; and October 24, Robert V. Riddell State Park Hike to Mud Lake with Patricia Riddell Kent and Steve Kent. For complete details on each of the walks, including start times and directions, visit http://occainfo.org/documents/NatureWalksposter2010_000.pdf. For more information, e-mail admin@occainfo.org.

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