

# 2022 Homer Shorebird Festival

## Alaska Geographic & USFWS Trip Itinerary

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<https://kachemakshorebird.org/2022-program-of-events-and-registration/>

### **Thursday, May 5**

- 9:30** Meet at Alaska Geographic Office | 241 N. C St.  
Introductions, pack up, and pack van
- 10:30** Depart Anchorage
- 12:30** Lunch along the way
- 3:30** Arrive in Homer  
Settle into accommodation (dry cabins)
- 5:00 – 7:00** *Bird Painting Art Workshop for Teens | ANMWR VC, 95 Sterling Hwy - Back patio*  
Arrive in time for a 5 pm start  
Join other teens for this social event as they paint their favorite birds on a canvas or pottery piece while enjoying snacks and bubbly drinks.
- 7:00** Head back to camp, Dinner

### **Friday, May 6**

- 8:00** Breakfast Pack lunch
- 10:00 - 4:00** *Gulls & Glacier Boat Tour | Harbor Ramp 2, True North Kayak Adventures Office*  
Arrive in time for a 10 am departure  
Bring lunch, water, and warm layers & rain gear  
With your naturalist guide, cruise to Gull Island via water taxi to check out over 10,000 nesting birds including Black-legged Kittiwakes, Common Murres and Puffins. From there we'll head to Glacier Spit Trailhead to hike up to Glacier Lake, learning about the fascinating glaciology of Kachemak Bay. There will be a geological mystery to solve, as well as snacks and hot drinks.
- 12:00** Eat packed lunch
- 4:00 - 6:00** First Friday Family at the Pratt Museum  
May 6 is the opening of a month-long special Shorebird Festival exhibit "A Moveable Feast", that celebrates Kachemak Bay as a place for migrating birds to rest and refuel. Get a closer look at birds from the museum's natural history collection and bird art. There will be supplies on hand to make drawings and then your work will be added to this exhibit! Posters and information will be available about local bird research and citizen science opportunities. You can also tour the Museum to view other local birds on display as well as go birding on the Pratt Museum and Park trails.
- 6:00** Dinner @ Camp and chill

## **Saturday, May 7**

**9:00 - 2:00** *Kayak with Birds & Wildlife | Harbor Ramp 2, True North Kayak Adventures Office*

Arrive in time for a 10am departure

Wear warm, layered clothes and bring raingear, and bring water and lunch

No facilities

Enjoy a scenic water taxi ride to Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge's Yukon Island, disembark and paddle around the Island, watching for sea ducks, shorebirds, eagles and sea otters. Light snacks and hot drinks provided.

**3:00 – 5:00** *Bird Photography Walk for Teens | Meet at ANMWR VC Back Patio, 95 Sterling Hwy & then we'll head to Beluga Slough Trail*

Arrive in time for a 3 pm start

Teen birders are invited to join U.U. Fish and Wildlife Service Rangers Katey and Lisa during this bird photography hike. Participants will learn tips for taking pictures of birds while also trying their hand at taking photos of birds using a variety of photography tools from smart phones (and attachments) to high-end cameras. \*This event fulfills one of the Junior Birder requirements.

**5:00** Relax/snack

**6:00** *Premier of Refuge Alaska Film Fest | Homer High School Auditorium*

Screening *Refuge Alaska*, *Izembek: Where Life Abounds*, and *Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge*.

**7:00** Dinner

## **Sunday, May 8**

**8:30 - 9:30** Wake up, pack Breakfast, make Lunch for trip home

**10:00 – 10:30** Depart Homer

**12:00** Lunch along the way

**4:00** Arrive back in Anchorage