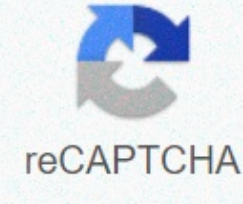




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Hunting Quarter Road, Poolesville, MD 20837 (410) 356-9272 Near the Potomac River in western Montgomery County, McKee-Beshers Wildlife Management Area is a 2,000-acre state-owned hunting area with a mix of forest, fields, wooded bottom lands and managed wetland seizures. Known as Hughes Hollow, the area is the WMA section next to the largest seizure site; it is located near the intersection of Hughes Road and Hunting Quarter Road (see trail map on the left). WMA is located next to the C&O Canal National Historic Park along the Potomac coastline to the south and borders the 1,200-acre Seneca Creek State Park to the east. McKee-Beshers is known among Maryland birdwatchers as an exceptionally productive bird spot, and in fact it's an #2 eBird hotspot in Montgomery County, another only of the nearby Violette's Lock area on the C&O Channel. McKee-Beshers provides such strategic location and excellent resource management, providing habitat in the diversity of wild species and birds. Biologists deliberately flood forest areas during autumn and winter to create greenwood tanks that attract colorful wood ducks, as well as other waterfowl that move or spend the winter here. Footprints squirm through forested bottoms for miles (see trail map on the link on the left). There are several car parks that facilitate access to all areas of the WMA. Please note that roads and paths can be underwater at any time of the year and especially after heavy rain or snowfall. The unavoidable Hunting Quarter Road is parallel to jokitie for about half and a half kilometres. Hunting Quarter Road has dirt, gravel and ash surfaces and is mainly used by hunters. The proportion close to the large seizure of McKee-Beshers is very rough, and bird rakes driving conventional cars should not try to drive it – park and walk. The rough part can be seen well on the dove hunting map . However, hunting quarter road can be used to walk productively and offers excellent birdwatching. In the first 100 meters, you can get close-ups north of the great seizure of McKee-Beshers. McKee-Beshers WMA is planted with acres of sunflowers each year to attract game birds. Sunflowers also attract native animals and other pollinators, and of course seeds are consumed not only by game birds, but also by many birds. Every July, these magnificent fields in full bloom also attract photographers, garden enthusiasts and tourists. An excellent map of sunflower fields and McKee-Beshers roads is available the map can change annually because the sunflower beds rotate. Birdwatching: More than 245 bird species have been reported McKee-Beshers WMA's eBird (note that the eBird hotspot is called Hughes Hollow – McKee-Beshers WMA). Around the seizures in the Hughes Hollow area there are good places to watch a variety of water and paints. In late spring, you can scan the water for pied-billed grebes, green-winged and blue-winged Mallard. and Hooded Merganser. The house near Wren and warblers has a good habitat for migration. In late spring, Gravel and Common Gallinule are regular and Virginia Rail is random. Bittern, Warbling Vireo, Yellow and Prothonotary Warblers are the least bittern, and both orioles are annual nesters. Red-bean hawks and barred owls are also multiplying and are year-round residents. Look for redheaded lollipops in the autumn and winter months. If time permits, walking southeast outside the dips will lead to a combination of forest, hedges and open arable areas, which can be productive during spring and autumn migration to various paints, and is highly recommended. Special features: McKee-Beshers WMA has become famous for its stunning mid-summer shows about flowering sunflowers. Sunflowers are planted in fields that are treated for diving hunting. For more information about the location of the fields, including the map and flowering times, . ■ McKee-Beshers and other Montgomery County countries are part of the National Audubon Society's designated important bird area of the Lower C&O Canal. ■ local chapter of the Maryland Orthological Society is the Montgomery Bird Club, which offers field trips and meetings with informative programs that are all free and open to the public. ■ The Montgomery Bird Club has released birder's guide to Montgomery County, Maryland; This comprehensive, detailed printed book covers 17 large bird places as well as 18 small treasures in the province. If you want to order, see . Uncoated lots in several places; see the route map and the map of the sunflower fields. Directions: I-495/DC Beltway: Take exit 39 MD Route 190 / River Road west towards the city of Potomac. Drive about 11 miles to the T junction where River Road meets MD Route 112/Seneca Road. Turn left to continue on River Road 7km to Hughes Road. Turn left on Hughes Road. Hughes Road will soon turn (less than 0.1 miles) left onto Hunting Quarter Road, drive about 0.2 kilometres and park on the right plot. This is the car park that is most convenient to explore the productive Hughes Hollow area; There are more parking lots in the McKee-Beshers area. See the trail map on the link from the left or the doven map and other parking areas, but avoid the rough part of Hunting Quarter Road East of Hughes Hollow (shown on the hunting map of the dove). Nearby destinations: Montgomery County: Black Hill Regional Park, Blue Mash Nature Trail, C&O Canal – Pennyfield, Violette's & Riley's Locks, Little Bennett Regional Park, Lois Y. Green Conservation Park, Rock Creek Regional Park – Lake Needwood, Rock Creek Regional Park – Meadowside Nature Center & Lake Frank, Seneca Creek State Park, Wheaton Regional Park – Brookside Gardens, Brookside Nature Center, Pine Lake Area Habitats: Ostromothnian Deciduous Trees Agricultural or set-up fields Sold fields, Shredded forested marshEs Or flooded areas Which water lake, lake or reservoirMud Flats (tidal or reservoirMud Flats) Non-Tidal)Rivers & Streams Features: FishingFree - No Entry FeeHiking/Walking TrailsHuntingNative Plant Garden or Meadow/Pollinator PlantsParkingPets AllowedWater View Type: Audubo's Important Bird AreasC&O Canal Access Forest Areas Rivers of the West's Coastal Waterways McKee-Beshers Wildlife Management Area is a 2,000-acre wildlife area near the Potomac River. It is managed by the state of Maryland and has forests, fields and wetlands. Part of the area is limited to the National Historic Park of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. McKee-Beshers has some hiking trails and wildlife (of course), but sunflower fields are the main attraction for photographers. Several different sunflower is planted each summer and this is a great place to photograph these beautiful flowers. Typically, sunflowers bloom in late July and early August. Check their website in the summer and you'll find details on when the flowers will bloom and how long it is expected to last. In August, I made a trip to McKee-Beshin. Unfortunately, I was about a week late for the peak of flowering, but there were still several sunflower to photograph. However, with bad timing, I couldn't get pictures of whole flowering flowers. ... see more about maryland's best photo spots Before your visit, I also recommend visiting the McKee-Beshers website on a map showing the locations of sunflower fields. Here's the general map of the area. For the sunflower season 2017, their website had a map showing the exact location of the sunflower fields. There are a few different parking areas. The parking lots aren't huge, and sunflower flowering is a busy time of year here, so the larvae can fill up. If you park on a lower lot at the end of Sycamore Landing Road, you have easy access to the path of the old canal, which is also worth exploring. Along Canal Getting There, one of the reasons for the popularity of the McKee-Beshers Wildlife Management Area is that it is close to both Baltimore and Washington DC. It's only about an hour's drive from both towns, but the location along the potomac river feels quite peaceful The main parking area of the river road is at the following GPS coordinates: 39.081343, -77.372962. If you turn towards the river on Hunting Quarter Road, there are also some other car parks, but some parts of Hunting Quarter Road are rugged. The parking lot on Sycamore Landing Road, which I mentioned earlier, is at these coordinates: 39.074897, -77.420061. And to get to that lot, you pass another small parking lot on Sycamore Landing Road. Tips for photographing sunflowers If you're going to photograph beautiful sunflowers in the McKee-Beshers Wildlife Management Area, here are some tips. Wear long trousers – Although sunflowers bloom in July and August, it's a good idea to wear long pants instead of shorts. It is likely that you will walk between sunflowers, and they are very close to each other. The use of long trousers is recommended between prickly stalls and bugs. That Bug Spray - There are a lot of bugs here. Be ready by bringing bug spray. Don't arrive too early in the morning – Sunflower fields are surrounded by other areas of the natural care area, and most are forests. I arrived shortly after sunrise, and although the sun was up, most of the sunflowers were still shaded by nearby trees. I hadn't thought about the trees blocking the sun and of course you want the flowers to be in the sun so they open as much as possible. After being there for about an hour, it got a lot better. Also in the area When you are in the area, you may want to visit some of these other places as well (all the places listed below are less than an hour's drive away). Great Falls Park – Great Falls Park is managed by the National Park Service and is located across the Potomac in McLean, Virginia. There are three different views that give you a nice view of the big falls, rough area rapids and small waterfalls on the Potomac. Check out our guide to photographing Great Falls Park. Olmsted Island – Olmsted Island also offers views of the major falls, but it offers access from the Maryland side of potomac. Scott's Run Nature Preserve – Scott's Run Nature Preserve is located in McLean, Virginia, just a few miles from Great Falls Park. This is a great place to hike and film. There are several paths that run through the forest, along the Potomac and along Scott's Run. See our guide to photographing Scott's Run Nature Preserve. Monocacy Aqueduct – Monocacy Aqueduct is the largest water channel in the C & O Canal and is run as part of the National History Park. There is a car park near the Monocacy River with good access. The photos in this post are processed with the Landscape Legend Lightroom Presets preset. Click here for more information about the Landscape Legend legend. Legend.