

# OKLAHOMA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY CALL TO 2020 Spring MEETING



May 8-10, 2020  
Black Mesa State Park  
County Rd 325  
Kenton, OK 73946

## Meeting Announcement

The 2020 Spring meeting of the Oklahoma Ornithological Society (OOS) will be held May 8-10 at Black Mesa State Park near Kenton, OK. The keynote address at the Saturday night banquet will be given by Allison Pierce and is entitled, **“Shorebirds without a shore: new insights into the ecology of Mountain Plovers”**. Allison Pierce is a PhD student at the University of Colorado Denver, and her broad research interests include animal population dynamics and behavioral ecology. Currently, her research focuses on migratory ecology and demography of an inland breeding shorebird of conservation interest, the Mountain Plover. As part of this research, one of her projects focuses on tracking individual plover migration movements using GPS data loggers in collaboration with the Migratory Connectivity Project and the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center.

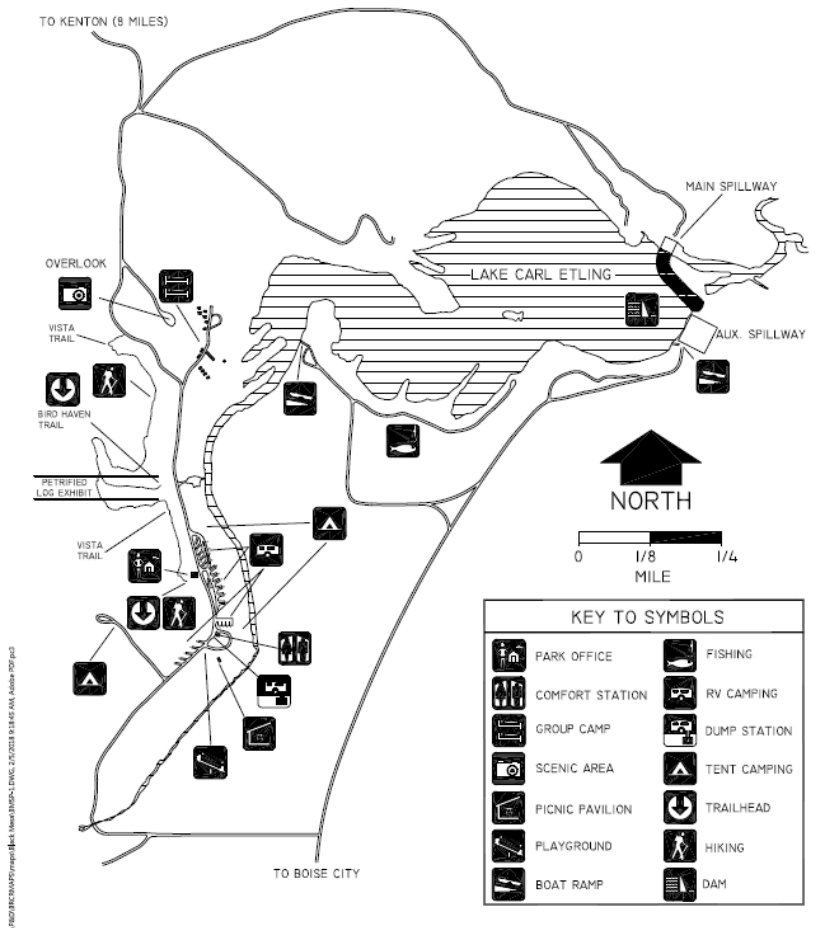
All meeting activities will be held at the Community Building at Black Mesa State Park (adjacent to Lake Carl Etling, not the actual Black Mesa peak). OOS has reserved the group camp, and free lodging is available to those interested on a first come first serve basis (~50 beds available). The lodging is bunkhouse style (no heat/AC), and you will need to bring your own bedding.

For hotel lodging, the Townsman in Boise City (580-544-2506) is available, as well as various Bed and Breakfast locations near Kenton. Primitive camping is also available at the state park (with restroom and showers available).

Planned field trips consist of tours of the Kenton and Black Mesa area on Saturday morning. Saturday lunch is on your own; Boise City has a few cafes and there is a kitchen in group camp for those who would like to cook and have lunch at the state park. Catering for the Saturday night banquet will be provided by the Rabbit Ear Cafe and consists of Mexican food such as fajitas, enchiladas, vegetarian options, etc.

**Please register for the OOS spring meeting through the normal OOS channels online at [okbirds.org](http://okbirds.org), or by mail using the registration form on the last page.**

## BLACK MESA STATE PARK



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### FRIDAY MAY 8

**5:00 PM- 8:00 PM..... Registration** at Black Mesa State Park (adjacent to Lake Carl Etling).

### SATURDAY MAY 9

**7:00 AM – 12:00 PM..... Field Trip to Black Mesa area** (Leader: Jimmy Woodard et al.). Meet at Community Building and split into smaller groups.

**12:00 PM - 1:00 PM.....Lunch:** On your own. Full kitchen at community building is also available to those who wish to cook.

**1:00 PM – 3:00 PM..... Board Meeting**

**1:00 PM – 5:15 PM... Silent Auction**

**5:30 PM – 8:00 PM..... Dinner and Keynote Speaker, 5:30 – 8:00 pm.** Keynote address given by Allison Pierce. Program title is “Shorebirds without a shore: new insights into the ecology of Mountain Plovers”.

**8:00 PM – 8:30 PM.....** Species List, and announce Sunday morning field trip itinerary.

### SUNDAY MAY 10

**Field Trip (Optional)....Field trip to Keyes, OK.** Leader: Jeff Tibbits. Departure time TBD at the meeting. Search for Mountain Plovers in the plowed fields near Keyes.

For questions, contact Jeff Tibbits at (405-535-7382) or [jeff.tibbits@odwc.ok.gov](mailto:jeff.tibbits@odwc.ok.gov)

## Fall 2019 OOS Meeting --- Registration Form

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Registration # \_\_\_\_\_ @\$15/person total amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Registration (Student) # \_\_\_\_\_ @\$5/person total amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Evening Dinner (Fajitas/Enchiladas) # \_\_\_\_\_ @\$15/person total amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Evening Dinner (Vegetarian) # \_\_\_\_\_ @\$15/person total amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan on staying at the group camp bunkhouses? \_\_\_\_\_ YES or \_\_\_\_\_ NO

**TOTAL REGISTRATIONS/MEALS/DONATIONS \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE LET US KNOW YOUR BANQUET CHOICES BY APRIL 29 WE NEED A FIRM HEADCOUNT TO NOTIFY THE CATERERS FOR PLANNING PURPOSES FOR THE SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET. You may still register for the meeting and pay for the banquet on site when you arrive.**

You can send the registration/banquet form with payment (made out to OOS) to:

Nadine Varner

7845 NE 18<sup>th</sup> St.

Oklahoma City, OK 73131

You may also register using PayPal on the OOS website at [www.okbirds.org](http://www.okbirds.org)