



DREDGED
MATERIAL
MANAGEMENT
PROGRAM

Maryland Port Administration

Birding Tour Safety Guidelines

Making the Most of your MPA Birding Tour

Registration

Please note that the group size is limited by the boat, bus, and tour guide capacity, so only those pre-registered will be allowed to join a tour.

The Terrain You Will Encounter

Participants must be prepared to board a boat/bus, climb a few steps, and walk relatively long distances on unpaved roads with rock, gravel, or mud with the potential of crossing shallow water. Birding Tours require the ability to walk on these uneven surfaces. This walk may traverse several miles of bumpy terrain. We recommend bringing telescopes, binoculars, water, and adequate sun and bug protection. For your safety, please wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes. Open-toe shoes, sandals, or thin-soled sneakers are not permitted. High visibility vests (provided) must be worn at all times both inside and outside of the vehicle. For tours that require site access by boat, all participants are required to wear a life jacket (provided) while on the boat.

Site Rules

- Maryland Port Administration Dredged Material Containment Facilities are construction zones, and your safety is our number one priority. Some areas of the site might have public access restrictions, which we ask participants to respect. Participants will not be allowed in areas designated as active construction zones.
- The tour group must stay together at all times.

- MPA birding tours are family-friendly events; we ask participants to respect others on the tour.
- Please help us keep the tour areas beautiful by not littering, and by leaving nature where you find it.
- We ask tour participants to not collect plants or animals, either alive or dead (they're still important for the ecosystem).

The Following Are Not Permitted:

- Smoking
- Fires
- Alcohol
- Drugs
- Weapons
- Illegal activities
- Swimming/ wading
- Skateboarding/ skating
- ATVs, bicycles, or horses
- Motorized boats
- Digging
- Pets other than trained service animals (as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act)

We ask that all visitors follow our site rules in order to ensure that Maryland Port Administration sites remain safe and protected for our resident wildlife and other visitors enjoying the site.