

# Driving Tour to Jack Park's Bluebird Trail

**Sunday, May 25, 2014**

**(We plan to go rain or shine)**

**Call 780-965-7397 if you have questions.**

## Travel Options

1. Meet at the store at 10 am and travel by car from there (if you need a ride, please let Jan or Dave know). Our goal is to be at the bluebird trail by 11 am or shortly after. Or....
2. Meet at point "B" on the maps

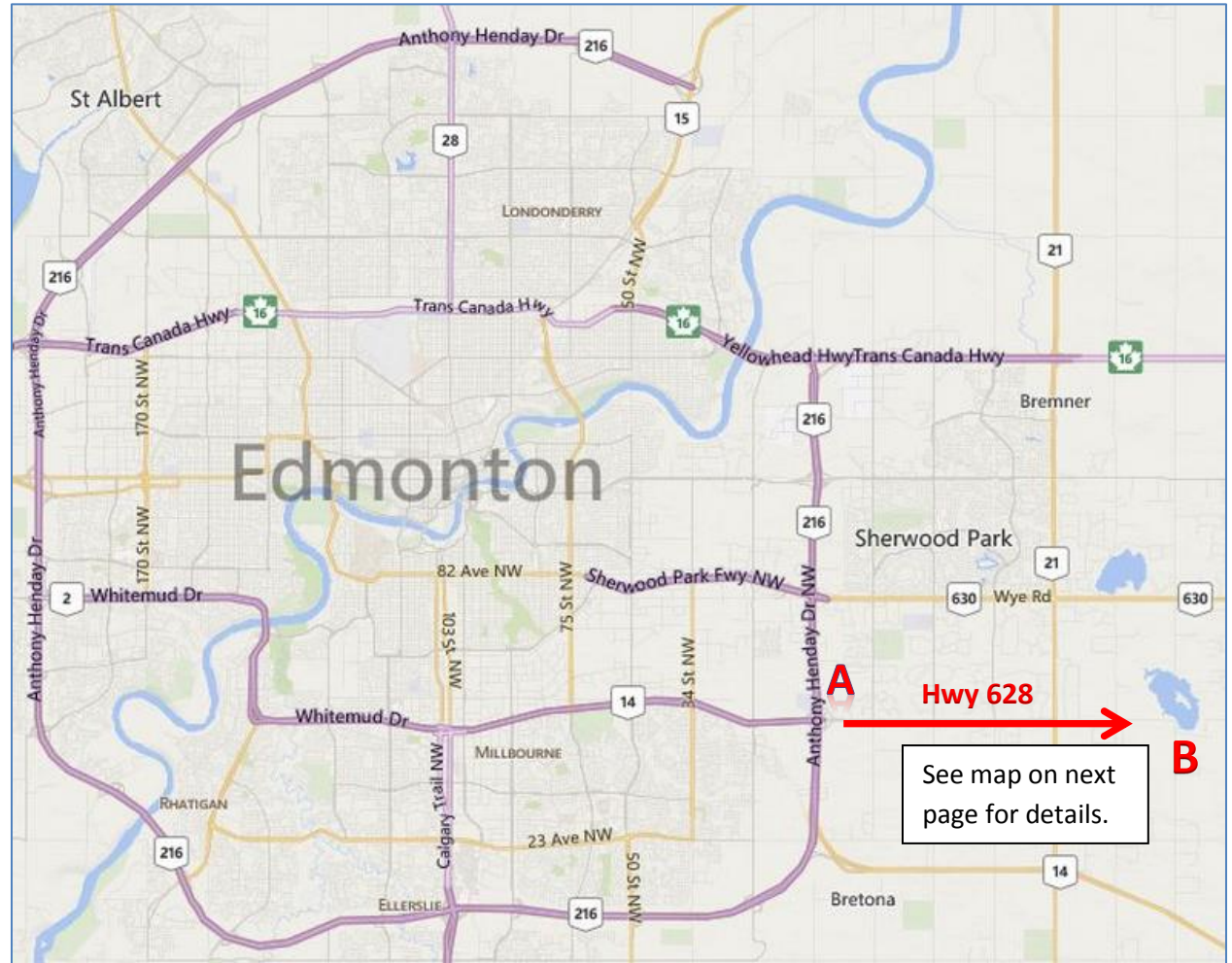
We plan to return to the store by 3 pm or earlier, depending on conditions. See next page re lunch.

## What to bring

Good footwear, a hat and clothing suitable to the weather, camera, binoculars if you have them.

## Driving Instructions

From the intersection of the Whitemud and Anthony Henday on the east side of Edmonton (A), travel east on Hwy 628 (may also be called Township Road 522 at this point). When you get to the intersection of Hwy 628 and 21 keep going east (straight). The road number changes from 628 to Township Road 522.



Travel east on Township road 522 till you come to a turn in the road that curves south (RR 224). Continue a short distance and then turn left on Twp Rd 522 (around the bottom of Big Island Lake). As soon as you turn left onto 522, pull over in a safe spot and wait for everyone to arrive (red "B").

If you need assistance, phone Jan or Dave on their cell at 780-965-7397. We expect to be at this location by 11:00 am. Jack will talk with us about the Bluebirds before we proceed to look at them. You are welcome to return at any time. See the below for a map of the full trail.

### Lunch?

Bring a lunch if you like, or join others at **Country Boyz** restaurant located on Wye Road at Range Road 221 after we travel the trail, see the red pin on the map below. Click [here](http://www.countryboyzrestaurant.com/Menus.html) for their menu. (<http://www.countryboyzrestaurant.com/Menus.html>)

If we don't cover the whole trail on Sunday, you are welcome to continue on yourself. Starting where we began at Big Island Lake (or anywhere along Twp Rd 522) travel east on Twp Rd 522 all the way to Rge Rd 213. Turn right (south) on Rge Rd 213 and along to Twp Rd 520 (also signed as Hwy 629). Turn right (west) onto 520/629. This portion of the trail ends at around Rge Rd 215.

**All events on this tour are at your own risk.**



**Jack Park** is a self-taught birder, coordinator of the Breeding Bird Survey for Alberta since 1971, and he has looked after this Mountain Bluebird nest box trail since 1974. Jack is able to identify over 130 birds by song and hundreds more by sight. For many years Jack was a staff member with the Wildbird General Store. He received the Loran L. Goulden Memorial award in 1993 which recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to natural history in Alberta. We are proud to have Jack as one of our founding staff members. He has been with Wild Birds Unlimited, Edmonton since July, 2012.

