



Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest- Ethical Guidelines for Mindful Birders

1. Are you aware of the “bird” in birding? – Birds are aware you are there!
 - a. Wear muted, quiet clothing
 - b. Silence is golden! Talk in whispers
 - c. Walk quietly, move slowly
 - d. Turn your cell phone to vibrate- or turn it off!
2. Migrant Birds need rest and food- it’s been a long journey!
3. Do not disrupt animals and their habitats. Disturbances can prevent safe nest keeping and enable predation. Stay on designated paths, walk single-file.
4. Park lawfully if birding by vehicle.
5. Lasers and call backs are prohibited on festival trips- it’s distressing for the birds!
6. We recommend bringing guide-books, a notebook or journal, a pen or pencil, binoculars, water, and a bag or pack to easily carry your items.
7. Have a question about ethical birding? Review the ABA Code of Ethics
8. Our bird outings are led by volunteers- respect your guide and thank them for their time!

Find the ABA Code of ethics on our website- www.LeavenworthSpringBirdFest.org