

Lick Run Greenway



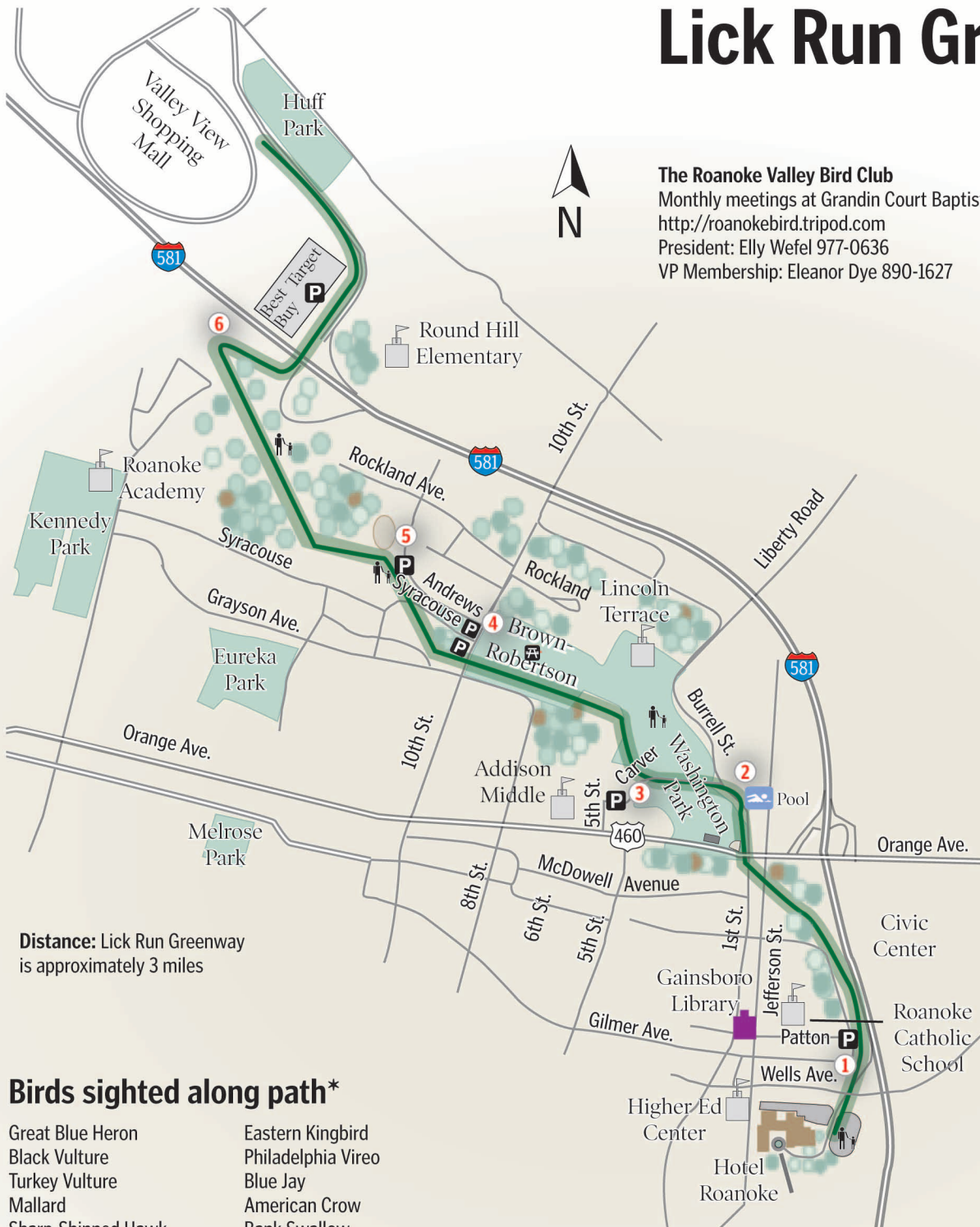
The Roanoke Valley Bird Club

Monthly meetings at Grandin Court Baptist Church

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Distance: Lick Run Greenway is approximately 3 miles

Birds sighted along path*

Great Blue Heron
Black Vulture
Turkey Vulture
Mallard
Sharp-Shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk
Broad-winged Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
American Kestrel
Killdeer
Ring-billed Gull
Rock Dove
Mourning Dove
Barrred Owl
Chimney Swift
Belted Kingfisher
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Downy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Least Flycatcher
Eastern Phoebe

Eastern Kingbird
Philadelphia Vireo
Blue Jay
American Crow
Bank Swallow
Carolina Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
Brown Creeper
Carolina Wren
House Wren
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Golden-crowned Kinglet
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Eastern Bluebird
Wood Thrush
American Robin
Gray Catbird
Northern Mockingbird
Brown Thrasher
Cedar Waxwing
European Starling

Chestnut-sided Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Black-throated Green Warbler
Prairie Warbler
Palm Warbler
Black-and-white Warbler
American Redstart
Common Yellowthroat
Scarlet Tanager
Eastern Towhee
Chipping Sparrow
Song Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
Northern Cardinal
Indigo Bunting
Red-winged Blackbird

Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird
Baltimore Oriole
House Finch
American Goldfinch
House Sparrow

*Sighting list compiled from personal observations by Rupert Cutler, 2006-2007

Sources: Roanoke Valley Bird Club, Roanoke City Department of Parks and Recreation

1 On 2nd Street NW, paralleling the greenway, between Gilmer and Patton. Kingfishers patrol the creek in the stone-lined channel. The best birding in this section begins at Walker Avenue (at the back entrance/exit to the civic center) in the trees across the creek from the trail, on to Orange Avenue. Barred owls and Cooper's and sharp-shinned hawks have been seen in the trees near the highway.

2 On Carver Avenue NW, off Burrell Street near the Booker T. Washington Park pool. Check the stand of pin oaks near the small picnic shelter for flickers, flycatchers and bluebirds. Look for killdeer on the baseball field in the lower part of the park.

3 On Carver Avenue NW, off Orange Avenue behind Addison Middle School. This is the closest parking to the best birding places in this stretch of the greenway, in the woods behind Addison School and on along the trail into the woods and along the creek to the beginning of Brown-Robertson Park. Redstarts and warblers including chestnut-sided, yellow-rumped, black-throated green, prairie, palm, and black-and-white have been seen here.

4 On 10th Street NW near the Lick Run Greenway and Brown-Robertson Park signs, across from the Pure gas station. Scan the sky for raptors and gulls. Carolina wrens let you know they are around.

5 On Andrews Road NW where the greenway crosses the road. There is a small cattail marsh a short distance from this parking place (toward Valley View Mall) where yellowthroats have been seen.

6 At the Valley View Mall lot in front of Best Buy where the Lick Run Greenway trail begins/ends. As soon as the trail crosses I-581 and drops down close to the creek, there is a pool in the creek where mallards have been seen.