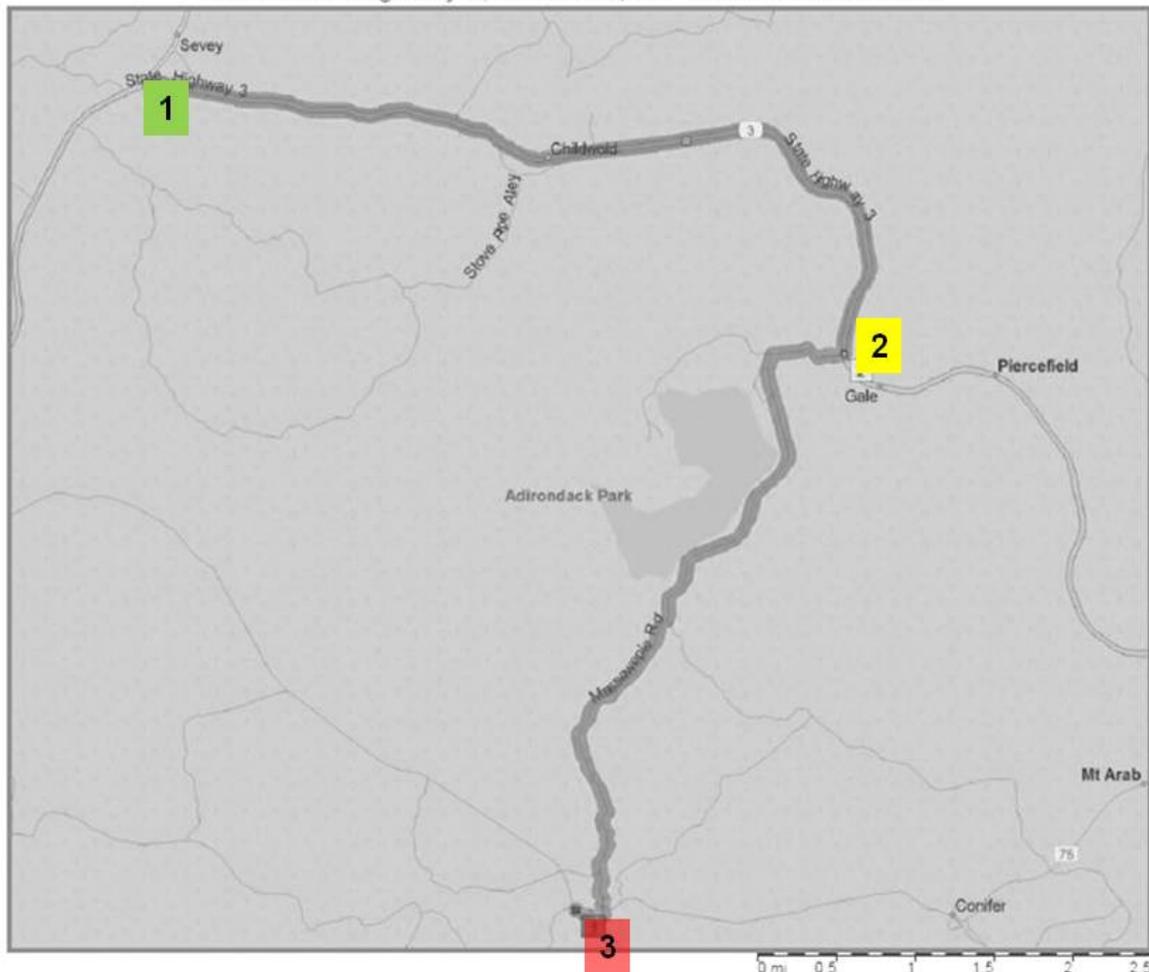


**SOAR - "Birds of Northern New York" – Joan Collins
Field Trip to Massawepie Mire**

8899 State Highway 3, Childwold, NY 12922 to near Conifer



Date: Tuesday, September 20, 2011 (rain date of September 21)

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Distance: Approximately 3 to 4 miles round trip on level terrain

Bring: Water, lunch, sunscreen, binoculars, (camera and field guide for birds – optional), hat, waterproof jacket, and wear sturdy shoes (preferably hiking shoes). (Leaders will bring their scopes!)

Leaders: Joan Collins (315) 244-7127 cell; (518) 624-5528 home, & Mary Beth Warburton

Massawepie Mire is the largest bog (actually a fen!) in New York. The hike is on a level dirt road (formerly a railroad bed) that leads into the open mire. We will be looking for year-round birds (including several boreal species) in addition to watching for migrant species.

Our meeting location will be the Massawepie Boy Scout sign (on right) on Route 3 a few minutes before 10 a.m. Directions: **1** From the intersection of Route 56 and Route 3, take Route 3 east (toward Tupper Lake) for approximately 5.8 miles to Massawepie Road on the right. **2** This is our meeting location. After we are all together, we'll drop some cars off at a parking area roughly 1 mile down Massawepie Rd. and car-pool to the mire. From the car-drop parking area, we will continue the drive for ~ 3.6 miles to a 4-way intersection. **3** At the intersection, we will turn right and go 2 tenths of a mile to a "Y" intersection and park on the right.