



Wings Over

Muscatatuck

Migratory Bird Festival

May 10-12, 2024

Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge, Seymour, Indiana

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The 24th Annual Wings Over Muscatatuck Migratory Bird Festival will be held Friday and Saturday, May 10 and 11, at the Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge, in Seymour. Sunday events will be held at the Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge.

General Information

- * **Tours:** All tours start at the Visitor Center except for the Big Oaks tour on Sunday, which starts at the Big Oaks office.
- * **Plant sale** - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday
- * **Silent Auction** - Ends at 3 p.m. Saturday
- * **Refreshments:** Saturday muffins and lunch available.
- * **Nature Bookstore:** Nature items and an array of books.
- * **Exhibits:** Various booths.
- * **Lodging:** 11 properties within 4 miles of the Refuge.

Directions

From Louisville - Take I-65 North to U.S. 50 East (Exit 50A), travel on U.S. 50 east for approximately 3 miles to entrance to the Refuge.

From Indianapolis - Take I-65 South to U.S. 50 East (Exit 50A), travel on U.S. 50 east. Refuge entrance is approximately 3 miles from exit of I-65 on U.S. 50.

From Cincinnati - Travel U.S. 50 west to the Refuge entrance.

Schedule of Events

Friday, May 10

8 a.m. to Noon - Guided Birding Trip in Van with David Crouch on Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge - Advance registration is required and can be made by emailing Muscatatuck@fws.gov or calling 812-522-4352 ext. 12.



Saturday, May 11

7:30 a.m. - Morning Muffins - Continental breakfast outside Visitor Center.

8 a.m. to 10 a.m. - Morning Bird Hike - Birders of all abilities are invited for an easy bird identification walk with Larry McIntosh.

8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. - Birdhouse Building for Kids

9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. - Muscatatuck Management Tour with Angela VanWinden - Space is limited. Pre-registration is required by calling 812-522-4352 ext. 12.

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Native Plant Sale - Held outside the Visitor Center.

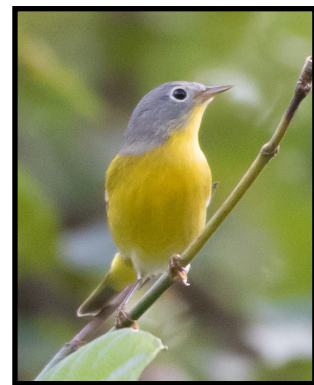
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Silent Auction - Held outside the Visitor Center.

9 a.m. to 11 a.m. - Plein Air Painting with Kay Fox. \$35. Limited Space Available. RSVP by texting 812-216-5969.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Children's Activities - Includes Face Painting, Scavenger Hunt, Migratory Bird Activities

10 a.m. to 11 a.m. - Crane Program by Lauren Benedict, International Crane Foundation. Lauren will talk about sandhill cranes, whooping cranes and the reintroduction program.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Rock Painting by Southern Indiana Center for the Arts - Open to Children and Adults. Fee Charged. RSVP to 812-522-2278.



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11 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Lunch

11 a.m. - Bird Cake Walk - Here's your chance to win a delicious cake while listening to bird related music. Limited one cake per family.



Noon to 1 p.m. - Wetland/Woods Walk with Dave Coppert. Short, easy hike.

12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. -

Junior Duck Stamp Awards Ceremony - Muscatatuck hosts and manages the Indiana Junior Duck Stamp conservation art contest for students in grades K-12. State winners will receive their awards.

1:30 p.m. 3 p.m. - Hawks and Owls of Indiana - See and learn about Indiana's owls with DNR staff. Free will donation appreciated.

3 p.m. to 4 p.m. – Guided Tour of Muscatatuck Closed Area - Travel by van with a Refuge guide to the closed area. Bring binoculars. Pre-register by calling 812-522-4352 ext. 12. Space is limited.

Sunday, May 12

8 a.m. to Noon - Guided Tour of Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge near Madison, Indiana -

Pre-registration required. Tour begins at 8 a.m. at the Big Oaks Refuge near Madison. Big Oaks, a 50,000 acre refuge is home to many uncommon birds and plants. Call 812-522-4352 extension 12



2024 Events

Nature Time Pre-school Program– 2nd Wed. of month
from 9:30 am-11 am at Refuge Visitor Center.

June 1- Family Fishing Day- 10 am- 3 pm-Visitor Center. Fishing lessons with equipment provided, fly fishing/fly-tying demonstrations, cane pole making, and activities for children

July 6- Pollinator Festival- Information, children's activities

July 27- Butterfly Count– 9 am at Visitor Center

August 17- Big Tree Hike- 10 am at Visitor Center

Sept. 28- National Public Lands Day Cleanup-
10 am-2 pm



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