

*16th Annual*

*Wings Over  
Muscatatuck  
Migratory Bird Festival*

*May 9-11, 2014*

*A Festival Celebrating Birds and the Natural Environment*

*Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge, Seymour, Indiana*

Indigo Bunting photo by Mark Trabue



# Wings Over Muscatatuck

## Migratory Bird Festival

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This event sponsored by the Muscatatuck Wildlife Society, the Jackson County Visitor Center and the Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge.

### *General Information*

**Silent Auction and Plant Sale:** Be sure to stop by and see the great items available for silent bidding. Auction results will be announced at 3:30 p.m. Members of the Muscatatuck Wildlife Society will also host a native flower sale. All proceeds go to the Muscatatuck Wildlife Society.

**Refreshments:** Breakfast and lunch are available at the Refuge.

**Nature Bookstore:** Non-profit Refuge bookstore offers nature gift items and an array of books.

**Exhibits:** Vendors offering wildlife-related items for sale.

**Lodging:** Jackson County features 11 lodging 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

*The 16th Annual Wings Over Muscatatuck Migratory Bird Festival will be held Friday, May 9 and Saturday, May 10, at the Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge, in Seymour. Activities for Sunday, May 11, will be held at Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge, near Madison.*

## Friday, May 9

**8 a.m. to Noon - Guided Birding Trip on Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge. - *Advance registration required and space is limited.***

**1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. - Big Tree Walk (Birds provided).**

**7 p.m. - Whooping Crane Reintroduction Program by Dan Kaiser.**



## Saturday, May 10

**6 a.m. to 8 a.m. - Breakfast with the Birds. - *Continental breakfast outside Visitor Center.***

**6:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. - Guided Tour of Muscatatuck Closed Area - (With pre-registration or day of event when available). - *Travel by van with a Refuge guide to the closed area and other interesting birding spots. Bring binoculars.***

**8 a.m. to 10 a.m. - Morning Bird Walk. - *Birders of all abilities are invited to join David Crouch for an easy bird identification walk.***

**Beginning at 8:30 a.m.- Bird Banding. - *Dr. Ron Weiss of Chipper Woods Bird Observatory.***

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

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**9 a.m. to Noon - Children's Birding Activities by Greater Seymour Chamber of Commerce Environmental and Recycling Committee.**

**9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. - Hawks and Eagles of Indiana with Indiana DNR staff. - *Meet live hawks and eagles who reside at Chamberlain Raptor Rehabilitation Center.***



**10:30 a.m. to Noon - Guided Tour of Muscatatuck Closed Area - (With pre-registration or day of event when available). - *Travel by van with a Refuge guide to the closed area. Bring binoculars.***

**11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. - Bird Calling Contest. - *Bring your best bird call and win great prizes. Theatrics are encouraged.***

**11 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Lunch provided by Mercy Rescue and Adoption.**

**11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. - Bird Stories - *Hear local storyteller Sharon Kirk Clifton bring bird stories to life.***

**Noon to 3 p.m. - Junior Birder Activities - *Hands-on, interactive activities for youngsters involves learning about birds.***

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12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Junior Duck Stamp Awards



2013 Junior Duck Stamp Winner,  
Taylor Bone, Veedersburg

*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.*

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

**Owls of Indiana.** - *Learn about these nocturnal hunters with Indiana DNR staff from Hardy Lake Reservoir.*

**2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. - Animal Tracking Walk.** - *See and learn about various animal tracks and make plasters casts of tracks. (weather permitting)*

**2:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. - Nature Discovery Area Dedication.** - *Muscatatuck's newest addition will be unveiled during a ribbon cutting ceremony.*

**2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. - Guided Tour of Muscatatuck Closed Area** - (With pre-registration or day of event when available).

**3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. - Big Tree Walk (Birds Provided)**

**4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. - Guided Tour of Muscatatuck Closed Area** - (With pre-registration or day of event when available).

## Sunday, May 11

**8 a.m. to Noon - Guided Tour of Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge near Madison, Indiana.** *Pre-registration required. Big Oaks, a 50,000 acre refuge, is home to many uncommon birds and plants* **Call 812-522-4352 extension 12 to register. Trip will leave from Big Oaks office.**

# 2014 Events

**APRIL 12** - Project WILD Workshop for Educators

**April 19** - Family Fishing Workshop

**APRIL 26** - Earth Day Volunteer Work Day

**JUNE 7** - Take A Kid Fishing Event, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**JULY 12** - Butterfly Count

**JULY 21-25** - Junior Master Naturalist Class

**SEPTEMBER 27** - National Public Lands Day Cleanup

**OCTOBER 11** - Log Cabin Day Festival, Myers Cabin, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**OCTOBER 12-** Big Sit Bird Count

**OCTOBER 12-18-** National Wildlife Refuge Week - Refuge closed area open to visitors.



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[www.facebook.com/MuscatatuckNWR](https://www.facebook.com/MuscatatuckNWR)



*The Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge was established as a Refuge in 1966 to provide resting and feeding areas for waterfowl during their annual migrations. The Refuge has more than 7,000 acres and almost 300 species of birds have been found there.*

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## Registration Form

For Field Trips

Six guided field trips will be offered into the closed area of the Refuge during the weekend. **Space is limited.** Meet at the Refuge Visitor Center. Trips by van will leave at stated times. **Reservations for Saturday trips must be submitted by 3 p.m. Friday, May 9.**

Return registration form to:

Jackson County Visitor Center c/o Jane Hays

P.O. Box 607, Seymour, IN 47274

Call 888-524-1914, or email [jane@jacksoncountyin.com](mailto:jane@jacksoncountyin.com)

**Check which trip you would like to attend:**

**FRIDAY** 8 a.m. to Noon \_\_\_\_\_

(Notify by 3 p.m. May 8 for Friday tour)

### SATURDAY TRIPS

6:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_

2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_

8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_

4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_

10:30 a.m. to Noon \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Number in Party \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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