



Wings Over Muscatatuck

Migratory Bird Festival

May 13-14, 2016

Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge, Seymour, Indiana
Celebrating 50 Years 1966-2016

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A Festival Celebrating Birds and the Natural Environment

The 2016 festival celebrates 100 years of bird conservation with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.



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

General Information

- * **Plant sale** - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- * **Silent Auction**
- * **Refreshments:** Morning muffins and lunch available.
- * **Nature Bookstore:** Nature items and an array of books.
- * **Exhibits:** Vendors offering wildlife-related items for sale.
- * **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

The 18th Annual Wings Over Muscatatuck Migratory Bird Festival will be held Friday, May 13 and Saturday, May 14, at the Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge, in Seymour. Activities for Sunday, May 15, will be held at Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge, near Madison.

Friday, May 13

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

2 p.m. to 3 p.m. - Big Tree Walk (Birds provided).

8 p.m. - Calls of Indiana Frogs and Toads

9 p.m. - Owl Prowl



Saturday, May 14

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

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

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - *Native Plant Sale - Held outside the Visitor Center.*

Morning - 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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8:30 a.m. to 10 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.*

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.*



10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Paint the Wild Event with Southern Indiana Center for the Arts - *Guided nature picture painting with all supplies provided. \$15 fee and advance registration preferred.*

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Children's Activities - *Includes Critter Face Painting; Exploring Owl Pellets; The Life Cycle of Butterflies and Live Indiana Snakes. Also visit the Nature L*



10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Children's Birding Activities by Greater Seymour Chamber of Commerce Environmental and Recycling Committee.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Hover Ball Archery - *Event Open to all ages, courtesy of Fish and Wildlife.*

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.*

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - Bird Cake Walk with Muscatatuck Wildlife Society.

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11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Bird Calling Contest. - *Bring your best bird call and win great prizes. Theatrics are encouraged*



2014 Junior Duck Stamp Winner,
Shelby Gullely, Wingate

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Lunch

12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. - Junior Duck Stamp Awards Ceremony. - *Muscatatuck hosts and manages the Indiana Junior Duck*

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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. - Flying Flowers, All About Monarch Butterflies. - *Learn about these beautiful flyers with Peggy Stark.*



1:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. - Owls of Indiana. *See and learn about Indiana's owls with DNR staff.*

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

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 15

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.*

2016 Events

APRIL 16 - Family Fishing Workshop

APRIL 23 - Earth Day Volunteer Work Day

APRIL 30 - Celebrate Pollinators

MAY 14 - May Day Bird Count

JUNE 4 - Take A Kid Fishing Event

JUNE 11 - Nature Play Day

JULY 11 - Butterfly Count

JULY 11-15 - Junior Master Naturalist Class

SEPTEMBER 17 - 50th Anniversary Celebration

SEPTEMBER 24 - National Public Lands Day Cleanup

OCTOBER 8- Log Cabin Day Festival, Myers Cabin

OCTOBER 9 - Big Sit Bird Count

OCTOBER 9-15 - National Wildlife Refuge Week

NOVEMBER 19-20 - Bookstore Open House



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2016 marks the 50th Anniversary of The Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge, which was established to provide resting and feeding areas for waterfowl. 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

Five 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 13.**

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

Check which trip you would like to attend:

FRIDAY 8 a.m. to Noon _____

(Notify by 3 p.m. May 12 for Friday tour)

SATURDAY TRIPS

8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. _____

2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. _____

10:30 a.m. to Noon _____

4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Number in Party _____

Email _____

Pre-registration required for 8 a.m. to Noon Sunday tour of Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge. To register, call 812-522-4352 extension 12.



The Muscatatuck Wildlife Society
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