



# *Wings Over Muscatatuck*

*Migratory Bird Festival*

*May 8-10, 2015*

*A Festival Celebrating Birds and the Natural Environment*

**Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge, Seymour, Indiana**

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## 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. Members of the Muscatatuck Wildlife Society will also host a native flower sale. All proceeds go to the Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge.

**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 17th Annual Wings Over Muscatatuck Migratory Bird Festival will be held Friday, May 8 and Saturday, May 9, at the Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge, in Seymour. Activities for Sunday, May 10, will be held at Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge, near Madison.*

## Friday, May 8

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 9

6 a.m. to 8 a.m. - Breakfast with the Birds. - *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.*

Beginning at 8:30 a.m.- Bird Banding. - *Dr. Ron Weiss of Chipper Woods Bird Observatory will be banding by Visitor Center.*

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 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 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. - More Children's Activities -** *Includes Critter Face Painting; Exploring Owl Pellets; The Life Cycle of Butterflies and Live Indiana Snakes. Also visit the Nature Discovery Area.*

**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.*

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11 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Lunch Available.



2014 Junior Duck Stamp Winner,  
Shelby Gulley, Wingate

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

12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Flying Flowers, All About Monarch Butterflies. - *Learn about these beautiful flyers.*

1:30 p.m. 2:30 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 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.**

# 2015 EVENTS

**APRIL 18** - Family Fishing Workshop

**APRIL 25** - Earth Day Volunteer Work Day

**MAY 9** - May Day Bird Count



**JUNE 6** - Take A Kid Fishing Event

**JUNE 13** - Project WILD Workshop, for teachers/youth leaders.

**JULY 11** - Butterfly Count

**JULY 20-24** - Junior Master Naturalist Class

**SEPTEMBER 26** - National Public Lands Day Cleanup

**OCTOBER 10** - Log Cabin Day Festival, Myers Cabin

**OCTOBER 11**- Big Sit Bird Count

**OCTOBER 11-17**- National Wildlife Refuge Week

**OCTOBER 16-17** - Indiana Master Naturalist Conference

**NOVEMBER 21-22** - Bookstore Open House



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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

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 8.**

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. Thursday, May 7 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.**



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