

**Guide to the
2018 Marsh
Madness
Sandhill Crane
Festival**



Presented by the Friends of Goose Pond

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Welcome to the 2018 Marsh Madness Sandhill Crane Festival. Marsh Madness is a community-based bird festival celebrating Greene County's abundant natural resources, especially the annual spring migration of Sandhill Cranes and waterfowl to the area.

Marsh Madness has something to offer for almost everyone. There are guided bus tours, self-guided driving tours, an Arts & Crafts fair, kids' activities, speakers and presentations, exhibitors, live birds of prey from The Dwight Chamberlain Raptor Center at Hardy Lake SRA, and live reptiles from the Wabash Valley Herpetological Society.

A festival such as this doesn't happen without the support of the community. The planning committee wishes to thank the following for their support.

Bill & Theresa Gray

Jerry & Gayle Margraf





Timothy K. Meek

Welch and Cornett Funeral Homes





Select Insurance – Mike & Jane Steward



In addition to financial support, it takes an army of volunteers and other contributors to make Marsh Madness happen. They include:

Friends of Goose Pond

City of Linton

Sassafras Audubon Soc.

**Indiana
Audubon Soc.**

Linton First Christian Church

Indiana Dept. of Natural Resources Div. of Fish & Wildlife

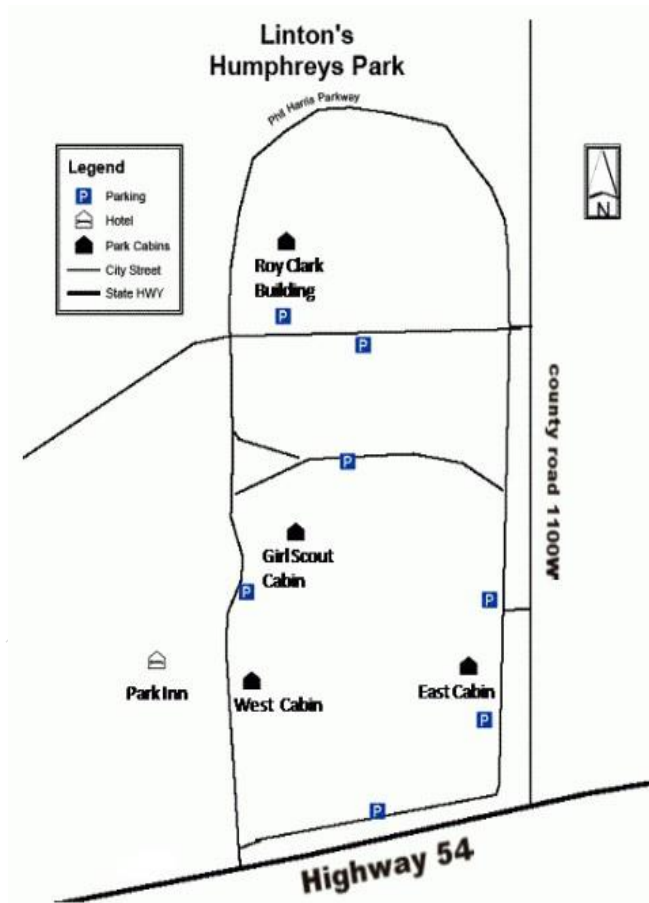
A special thanks to Linton Elks Lodge 866

for their hospitality.

Most importantly the planning committee wants to thank you, the festival attendee, for your interest and

support. We hope you enjoy the 2018 Marsh Madness Sandhill Crane Festival. Thanks again. Enjoy your visit to Greene County Indiana. We hope to see you again.

Marsh Madness Planning Committee



Bus Tour Schedule

All buses arrive and depart from the East Cabin in Humphreys Park. There will be exhibitors set up in the East Cabin. Stop in and check them out while waiting on the buses.

Bus	Departure	Return
1	8:30	10:00
2	9:30	11:00
3	10:30	12:00
1	11:00	12:30
2	12:00	1:30
3	1:00	2:30
1	1:30	3:00
2	2:00	3:30
3	3:00	4:30
1	3:30	5:00

Schedule of Events

Friday March 2nd, 2018

Venue: Carnegie Heritage & Arts Center

**Marsh Madness Sandhill Crane Festival
Photography Exhibit.**

All photos have been taken at Goose Pond FWA.
Photographers to include John Maxwell, Marty Jones, John Adams, and others. . The exhibit will run from March 2nd to March 31, 2018.

Venue: Linton Elks SR 54 E.

2018 Marsh Madness Kickoff Banquet

5:00PM Doors open.

Cash Bar open.

5:50PM Welcome comments – Dane Strahle
President, Friends of Goose Pond

6:00PM Buffet dinner line opens.

7:30PM **Keynote Speaker Lizzie Condon**
International Crane Foundation

8:00PM Live Auction with Auctioneer
Brian woods.

9:00PM Closing remarks and auction checkout

Saturday March 3rd, 2018

**Venue: Roy Clark Community Building in
Humphreys Park**

7:30AM – 7:00PM	Self-guided driving tours (see map)
8:00AM – 4:00PM	Fish King Concessions by Trent Wilkes
9:00AM – 4:00PM	Art & Craft Fair
10:00AM – 4:00PM	Live Birds of Prey Program
10:00AM – 10:45AM	Hardy Lake Birds of Prey Program
10:00AM – 4:00PM	Wabash Valley Herpetological Society Live Reptile & Amphibian Display
2:00PM – 2:45 PM	Hardy Lake Birds of Prey Program

**FESTIVAL ADMISSION TICKETS ARE
REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING
CABIN PRESENTATIONS AND
ACTIVITIES**

Venue: Girl Scout Cabin in Humphreys Park

11:00AM – 11:45 AM	An Owl Pellet Activity for Kids Young and Old. Amy Kearns. Join Amy for a hands-on investigation of the diet of the barn owl. Become a bio-detective as you dissect an
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owl pellet and identify their favorite prey.

12:00PM – 12:45 PM

The Mammals of Goose Pond FWA. George Sly. It is no secret that GPFWA has become a prime destination for birders and waterfowl hunters. Join us for an introduction to some of the properties' less well known animal inhabitants.

1:00PM – 1:45PM

Saving a Species: Whooping Crane Conservation. James Kawlewski. The Whooping Crane recovery is one of conservation's success stories. Facing extinction in the 1940's, the species has recovered to about 500 birds in the wild today. James will inform us about the global work of the Intl. Crane Foundation and the management of the eastern migratory population of Whooping Cranes.

Venue: East Cabin in Humphreys Park

8:30AM – 5:30PM

Bus Tours of Area (*Refer to bus schedule in this guide*)

9:00AM – 5:00PM

Also at the East Cabin, *Goose Pond: The Story of a Wetland and its Neighbors*. This award winning

documentary by Bill Barnes will play throughout the day.

Venue: West Cabin in Humphreys Park

9:00AM – 3:00PM Kids’ Activities, Bird House Construction. *Open to kids 12 & under who are accompanied by an adult.*

Venue: Carnegie Heritage and Art Center. 110 East Vincennes St.

9:00AM – 2:00PM Marsh Madness Sandhill Crane Festival Photography Exhibit. All photos have been taken at Goose Pond FWA. Photographers to include John Maxwell, Marty Jones, John Adams, and others. . The exhibit will run from March 2nd to March 31, 2018.

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Presenter Biographies

Leslie Grow – Indiana Dept. of Natural Resources

In 2009 Leslie became the Fulltime Naturalist at Hardy Lake after spending 3.5 years as the Assistant Manager at O'Bannon Woods State Park. After completion of her BA she worked at the Louisville Zoo as a Zookeeper until receiving the appointment of Assistant Manager with the DNR. The Dwight Chamberlain Raptor Center is the only State owned wildlife rehabilitation center. The Center was named after a longtime supporter of the rehab. His family continues to support the

Lake and the Rehab Center. The Center takes in well over 150 injured or orphaned Birds of Prey each year. Much of the money supporting the Rehab center comes from our very active volunteer group, "The Friends of Hardy Lake"..

Justin Guyer – Wabash Valley Herpetological

Society. Justin is the President of the Wabash Valley Herpetological Society. This organization was founded in May of 2012 in order to bring reptile breeders, hobbyists, and enthusiasts living in south eastern Illinois and south western Indiana together. The WVHS focuses on education both within the members of the group and with the community in general. They are heavily involved in educating the members of the community on the role of reptiles and amphibians in our environment as well as providing education of high standards regarding captive reptile and amphibian husbandry. Businesses represented within the WVHS include Guyer Genetics, Taylor Made Morphs, Artistic Morphs, and Nick Boles Reptiles.

James Kawlewski - International Crane

Foundation. James is the Whooping Crane Outreach Program Asst. for the Intl. Crane Foundation. He grew up on a small farm where he spent much of his spare time exploring the woods. He remembers duck hunting with his dad and cherishes the connection to nature that brought him to value conservation work.

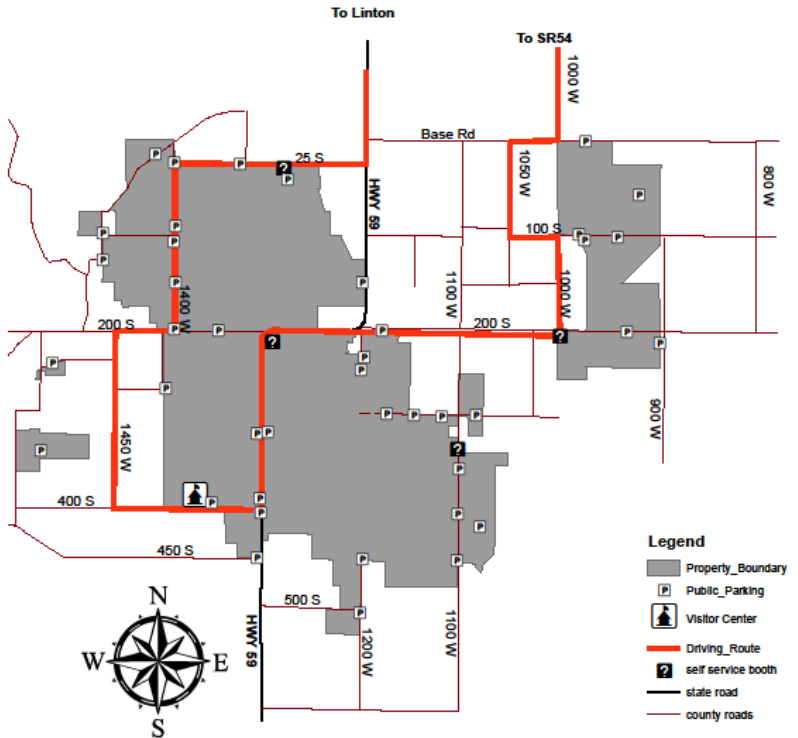
Amy Kearns – Assistant Nongame Bird Biologist

Indiana Dept. of Natural Resources. Amy Kearns is assistant nongame bird biologist for Indiana Division of Fish & Wildlife. She enjoys poking around barn lofts looking for

signs of (state endangered) Barn Owls, and puts up nest boxes to help these owls. Goose Pond FWA is one of her favorite places in the state, and you can often find her out hiking and exploring there with her husband, Noah, and their two children.

George Sly - Friends of Goose Pond. George spent three years as a vertebrate zoology lecturer in Malaysia and, following that, worked for over 30 years as a high school biology teacher at Dugger-Union H.S. His Master's degree and post-graduate work in Life Sciences included specialization in mammalogy. George currently serves as the Secretary of the Friends of Goose Pond organization.

Self-guided Driving Tour



Be safe. Be aware of the other vehicles around you.

1. Do not stop in the middle of the road. Leave room for other vehicles to pass.
2. **DO NOT pull off the side of HWY 59 unless it is into a marked parking area.**
3. Be respectful of private property. This driving tour passes through both public and private ground. Do not go onto private property without permission.
4. If you stop to watch some cranes in fields, it is strongly recommended that everyone remain in their vehicle. Not only is this more safe, but the cranes are much less likely to become nervous and leave the field.
5. Be as quiet as possible. No horn honking, engine revving etc..
6. This driving tour is on State, County and City roads. All applicable traffic laws apply.
7. The majority of this tour is on gravel roads. You may encounter rough spots in the road. Your vehicle will get dirty.

From the NW corner of Humphreys Park:

Take E Street NE **west** approximately **.7 miles** to 4th Street NE

Take 4th Street NE **south** approximately **.25 miles** to HWY 54

Take HWY 54 **west** approximately **.25 miles** to HWY 59

Take HWY 59 **south** approximately **1 mile** to county road 25S

Take county road 25S **west** approximately **2 miles** to county road 1400W

Take county road 1400W **south** approximately **1.75 miles** to county road 200S

Take county road 200S **west** approximately **.6 miles** to county road 1450W

Take county road 1450W **south** approximately **1.9 miles** to county road 400S

Be sure to stop and check out the new Visitor Center. The office will be staffed throughout the day to answer questions.

Take county road 400S **east** approximately **1.5 miles** to HWY 59

Take HWY 59 **north** approximately **3.0 miles** to county road 200S

Take county road 200S **east** approximately **2.0 miles** to county road 1000W

Take county road 1000W **north** approximately **1 mile** to county road 100S

Take county road 100S **west** approximately **.25 miles**

Take county road 1050W **north** approximately **1.0 miles** to Baseline Road

Take Baseline Rd. **east** approximately **1 mile** to county road 1000W

Take county road 1000W **north** approximately **2 miles** to SR 54

Take SR 54 west to return to Linton/Humphrey's
Park

IN MEMORIAM - TOM HAMILTON

The Friends of Goose Pond board of directors lost one of our members, Tom Hamilton, on Sunday, October 8, 2018. Goose Pond FWA was a place that held a very special attraction for Tom. He had only been on the board since June, having recently come to the area, but he had already been a willing volunteer. Tom was eager to learn what the Friends of Goose Pond had planned for the future and how he could best help achieve our mission. We offer our sincerest sympathy to Tom's family and friends. Donations in his memory can be made to the Friends of Goose Pond. We thank his family for this most generous gesture and deeply appreciate the time Tom was able to spend with us.
