

F I F T E E N T H  
**MARSH**  
M A D N E S S

**SANDHILL CRANE  
FESTIVAL**

FRIDAY & SATURDAY,  
FEBRUARY 16-17, 2024

PRESENTED BY  
*FRIENDS OF GOOSE POND*

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  
INDIANA DNR



Greene County Convention  
Visitors & Tourist Commission



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Welcome to the 15th annual Marsh Madness Sandhill Crane Festival celebrating the spring migration of sandhill cranes, whooping cranes, and numerous waterfowl for Goose Pond Fish and Wildlife are, a 9,000-acre wetland complex south of Linton, Indiana

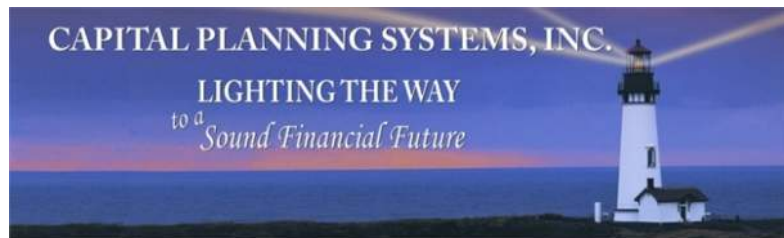
Marsh Madness only happens with the support of the community. Please join us in thanking our sponsors.

## GOLD PATRON



GREENE COUNTY  
CONVENTION  
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## WHOOPING CRANE PATRON



# SANDHILL CRANE PATRON



In Memory of George Seketa



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Etc. and Company  
Brian Woods  
Linton Chamber of Commerce





# Schedule of Events

## Friday, February 16, 2024

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### KICK-OFF EVENT LINTON ELKS CLUB - LINTON, IN

Doors open at 5pm - Full Buffet Dinner at 6pm

Silent Auction and Live Auctions

Tickets \$30 and include Saturday events

## Saturday, February 17, 2024

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### ROY CLARK BUILDING, HUMPHREYS PARK: 8AM-4PM

#### TICKETS ARE \$5 AT THE DOOR

- Pick up maps for self-guided driving tours 8am - 4pm
- Day-of tips where bird guides are posted
- Nature scavenger hunt with prizes
- Amy Kearns: Owl Pellet activity: 11am Girls Scout Building
- Carissa Lovett: Bats - Myths and Misconceptions: 12pm Girl Scout Building
- Virginia Laycock: Bee Keeping: 1pm Girl Scout Building
- Birds of Prey: 10am and 2pm Roy Clark Building
- Hoosier Herpetological Society "live reptiles and amphibians on display" all day
- International Crane Foundation information table
- Hands-on wildlife learning table
- Marsh Madness cool merchandise available
- Wilkes Food Concession on-site for breakfast and lunch 8am-4pm
- Building Squirrel Feeders: 10am and 2pm West Shelter House
- First buses leaves at 8:30am - Last bus leaves at 3pm
- Arts and Craft Vendors: 9am-4pm Roy Clark Building

# Saturday, February 17, 2024

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## **EAST SHELTER HOUSE (BUS STOP)**

- Greene County Tourism Commission
- Veterans Information Table: Clayton Gilbert
- Black Creek Water Shed Project: Laura Demarest
- Coloring for kids: Cheryl Goodman

## **GOOSE POND FISH AND WILDLIFE AREA VISITORS CENTER**

- Master tracker program
- Visitor Center Exhibits
- Intl Whooping Crane Foundation-Crane banding all day
- Get your picture taken with the Hope of Whooping Crane: 9am-9:30am and 1pm-1:30pm
- Nature trail walking tours
- Whooping Crane foundation outreach table
- Inside spotting scopes
- Bus stops on guided wetland tour - 3 buses with guides

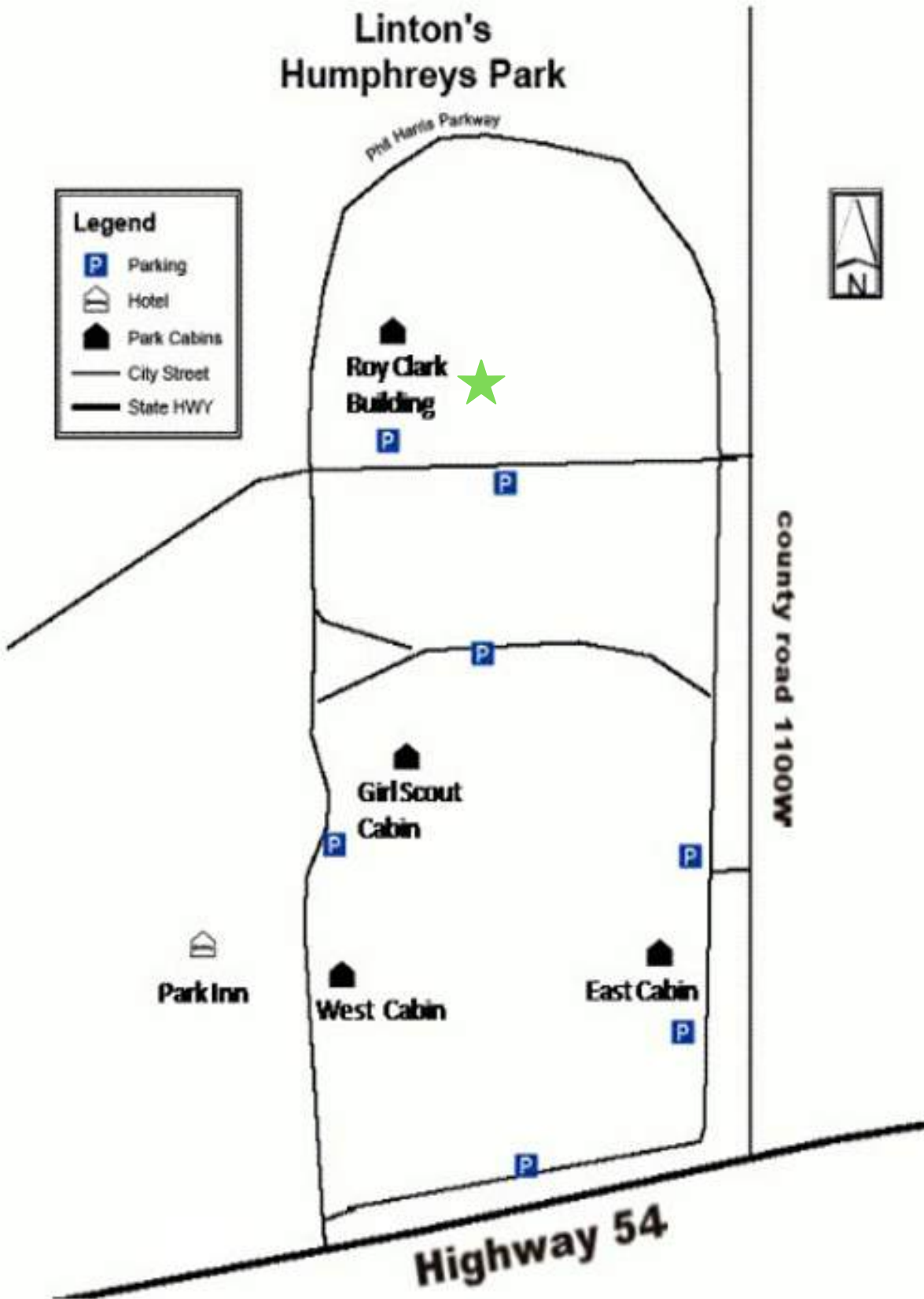
## **CARNEGIE HERITAGE AND ARTS CENTER: 10AM-4PM**

110 East Vincennes Street, Linton, IN

- Featured artist Bruce Neckar
- Reception and brief class 11am and 1pm
- Kid's origami crane craft activity
- Streaming DVD - "Story of a Wetland"



# Event Map



# Seasonal Bird list

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## DUCKS, GEESE & SWANS

- Greater white-footed goose
- Snow goose
- Canada goose
- Trumpeter swan
- Tundra swan
- Gadwall
- Mallard
- Northern shoveler
- Northern pintail
- Canvasback
- Redhead
- Hooded merganser

## UPLAND GAME BIRDS

- Wild turkey
- Northern bobwhite

## GREBES

- Pied-billed grebe

## HERONS

- Great-blue heron

## RAPTORS

- Bald eagle
- Red-tailed hawk
- Northern harrier
- American kestrel

## CRANES

- Sandhill crane
- Whooping crane

## GULLS

- Ring-billed gull

## PIGEONS & DOVES

- Rock pigeon
- Mourning dove

## MIMIC THRUSHES

- Northern mocking bird

## OWLS

- Barred owl
- Short-eared owl

## NEW WORLD SPARROWS

- White-throated sparrow
- Song sparrow
- White-crowned sparrow
- American tree sparrow
- Eastern towhee

## KINGFISHERS

- Belted kingfisher

## CARDINALS

- Northern cardinal

## WOODPECKERS

- Red-bellied woodpecker
- Northern flicker
- Downy woodpecker
- Pileated woodpecker

## BOBOLINKS & ORIOLES

- Red-winged blackbird
- Eastern meadowlark
- Common grackle

## FINCHES

- American goldfinch
- House sparrow

## CROWS & JAYS

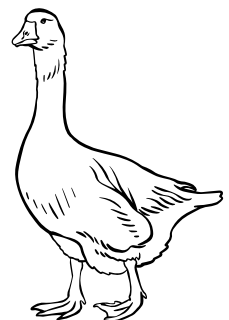
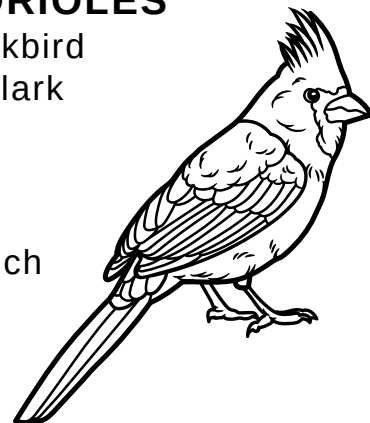
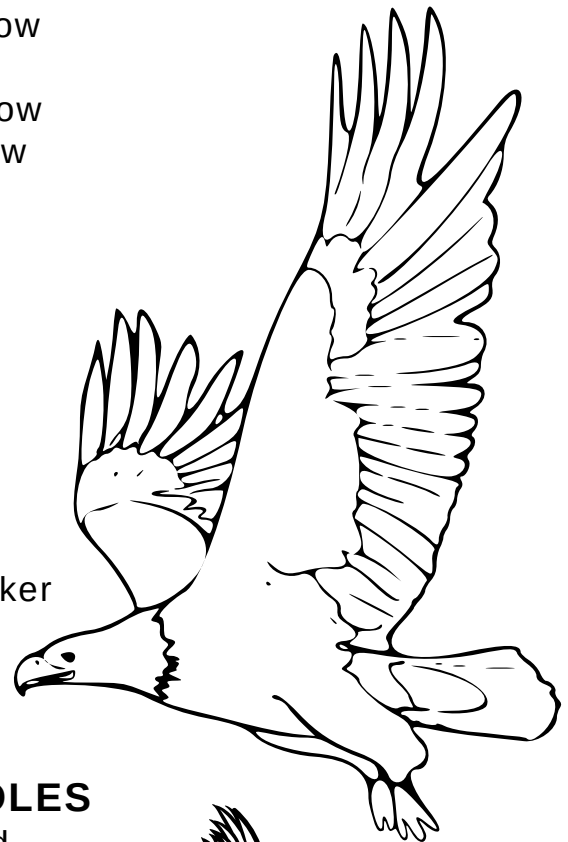
- Blue jay
- American crow

## CHICKADEES AND TITMICE

- Carolina Chickadee
- Tufted Titmouse

## THRUSHES

- Eastern bluebird
- American robin



# Self-driving Tour Directions

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## **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

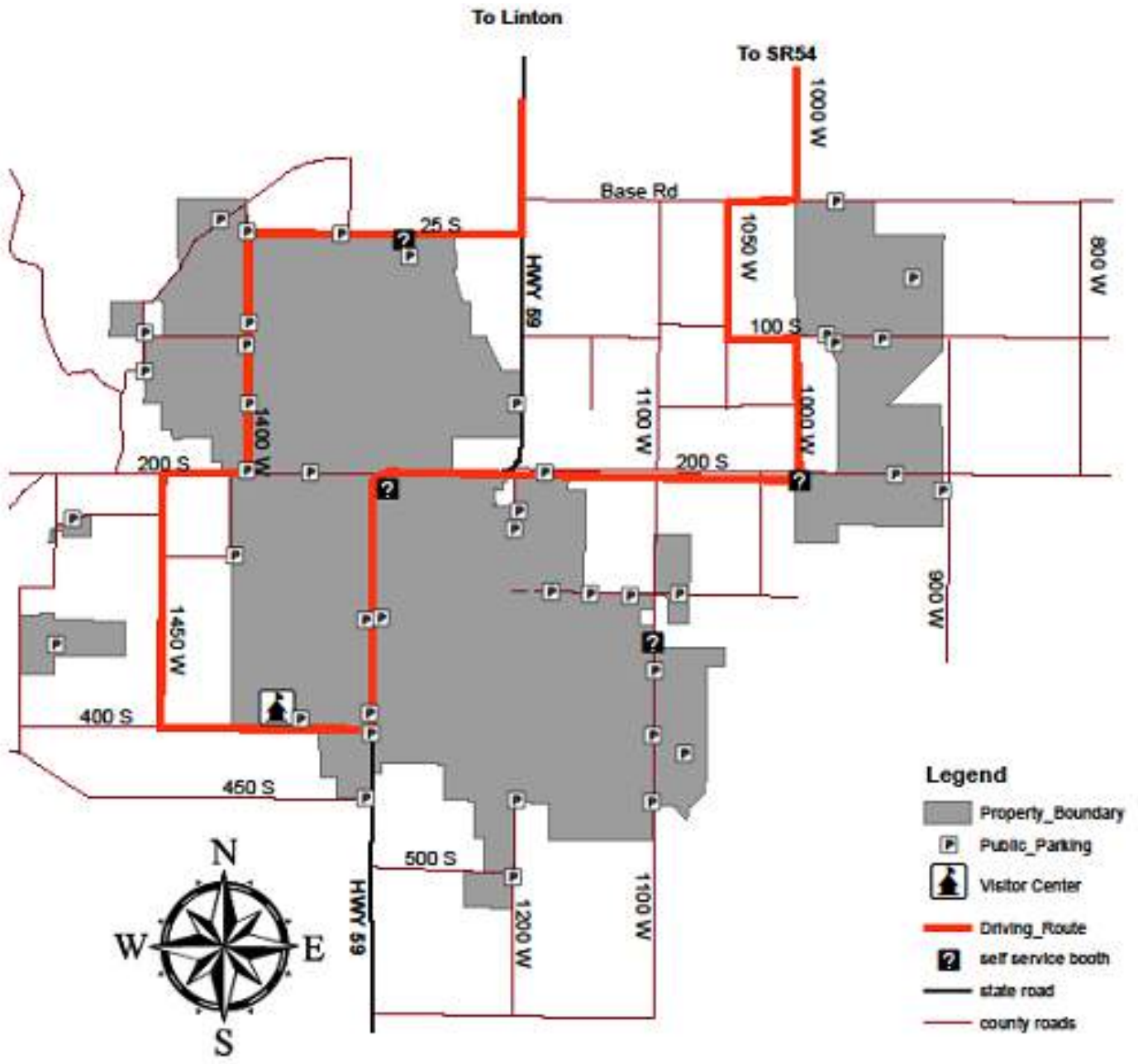
Take Baseline Rd. east approximately 1 mile to county road 1000W

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

Go west to return to Linton/Humphrey's Park.







# Bus Tour Schedule

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All buses arrive and depart from the East Cabin in Humphreys Park.

<b>BUS</b>	<b>DEPARTURE</b>	<b>RETURN</b>
1	8:30	11:00
2	9:00	10:30
3	10:30	12:00
1	11:30	1:00
2	11:00	12:30
3	12:30	2:00
1	2:00	3:30
2	1:30	3:00
3	3:00	4:30





THE PLANNING COMMITTEE THANKS YOU, THE FESTIVAL ATTENDEE, FOR YOUR INTEREST AND SUPPORT. WE HOPE YOU ENJOY THE 2024 MARSH MADNESS SANDHILL CRANE FESTIVAL AND YOUR VISIT TO GREENE COUNTY, INDIANA. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN SOON.



OUR VISION - GOOSE POND IS A WILDLY DIVERSE GLOBAL ECOSYSTEM INSPIRING, EDUCATING, AND PROVIDING RECREATION FOR ALL.

OUR MISSION - TO SUPPORT THE GOALS OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND HABITAT RESTORATION AT THE GOOSE POND AND SURROUNDING AREAS THROUGH EDUCATION, RESEARCH, AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS.

THE MISSION OF THE DIVISION OF FISH & WILDLIFE IS TO ENRICH THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS BY BALANCING THE BIOLOGICAL, ECOLOGICAL, RECREATIONAL, AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF INDIANA'S FISH, WILDLIFE AND THEIR HABITATS.

