

MARSH MADNESS



FRIDAY & SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 14-15, 2025

SANDHILL CRANE FESTIVAL

PRESENTED BY
FRIENDS OF GOOSE POND

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
INDIANA DNR

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Indiana Department
of Natural Resources



INDIANA DIVISION OF
FISH & WILDLIFE

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Greene County Convention
Visitors & Tourist Commission

 **Greene County**
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Friends of Goose Pond is proud to present the 16th annual Marsh Madness Festival celebrating the spring migration of sandhill cranes, whooping cranes, and numerous waterfowl to the Goose Pond Fish and Wildlife Area, a 9000-acre wetland complex south of Linton, Indiana. Marsh Madness features a variety of cultural, educational, and wildlife conservation-oriented experiences. There's something for everyone: migrating cranes and waterfowl, wetland driving tours, educational exhibits at the Goose Pond Visitors Center, wildlife art display, and family and kids' nature activities at the Roy Clark building in the Linton city park. 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.

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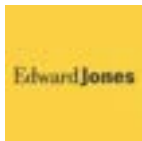


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Brian Woods-Auctioneer
Lannan Automotive
Goosepond Pizza
Ace Hardware



Schedule of Events

Friday, February 14, 2025

**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 15, 2025

HUMPHREYS PARK: 8AM-4PM

TICKETS ARE \$5 AT THE DOOR

- Pick up maps for self-guided driving tours (8:00 am to 4:00 pm)
- Day-of tips where bird guides are posted.
- Nature scavenger hunt with prizes
- Birds of Prey: 10 am and 2 pm **Roy Clark Building**
- Owl Pellet Activity for Kids and Adults 11 am Amy Kearns, **Girl Scout Cabin**
- Protecting Indiana's Feathered Future: A focus on Goose Pond-12 pm Alex Barton and Amy Kearns, **Girl Scout Cabin**
- "Amphibians of Indiana" 1pm Jim Horton, Hoosier Herpetological Society, **Girl Scout Cabin**
- 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
- Linton Civitan Club will be providing breakfast and lunch (8:00am - 4:00pm)
- Building Squirrel Feeders 10:00 am to 2:00 pm West Shelter House- thank you Linton Civitan!
- Making Bat Houses- West Shelter House-Linton Civitan
- Guided wetland bus tours start at 8:30 and the last bus leaves at 3:00 . Sign up East Shelter House Bus Stop
- Arts and Craft Vendors 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Roy Clark Building
- Coloring for kids: Cheryl Goodman



Saturday, February 15, 2025

GOOSE POND FISH AND WILDLIFE AREA VISITORS CENTER

- Master tracker program
 - Visitors Center Exhibits
 - Intl Whooping Crane Foundation-**Crane banding all day**
 - Get your picture taken with **Hope the Whooping Crane 9:00 to 9:30am and 12:30 to 1 pm**
 - Nature trail walking tours
 - Whooping Crane foundation outreach table
 - Inside spotting scopes
 - Guided wetland Tour Buses stop at Visitors Center
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WILDLIFE ART EXHIBITION

THE FEATURED ARTIST WILL BE AVAILABLE SATURDAY AT THE ROY CLARK BUILDING

FEATURED ARTIST JASON PATRICK CHULEY

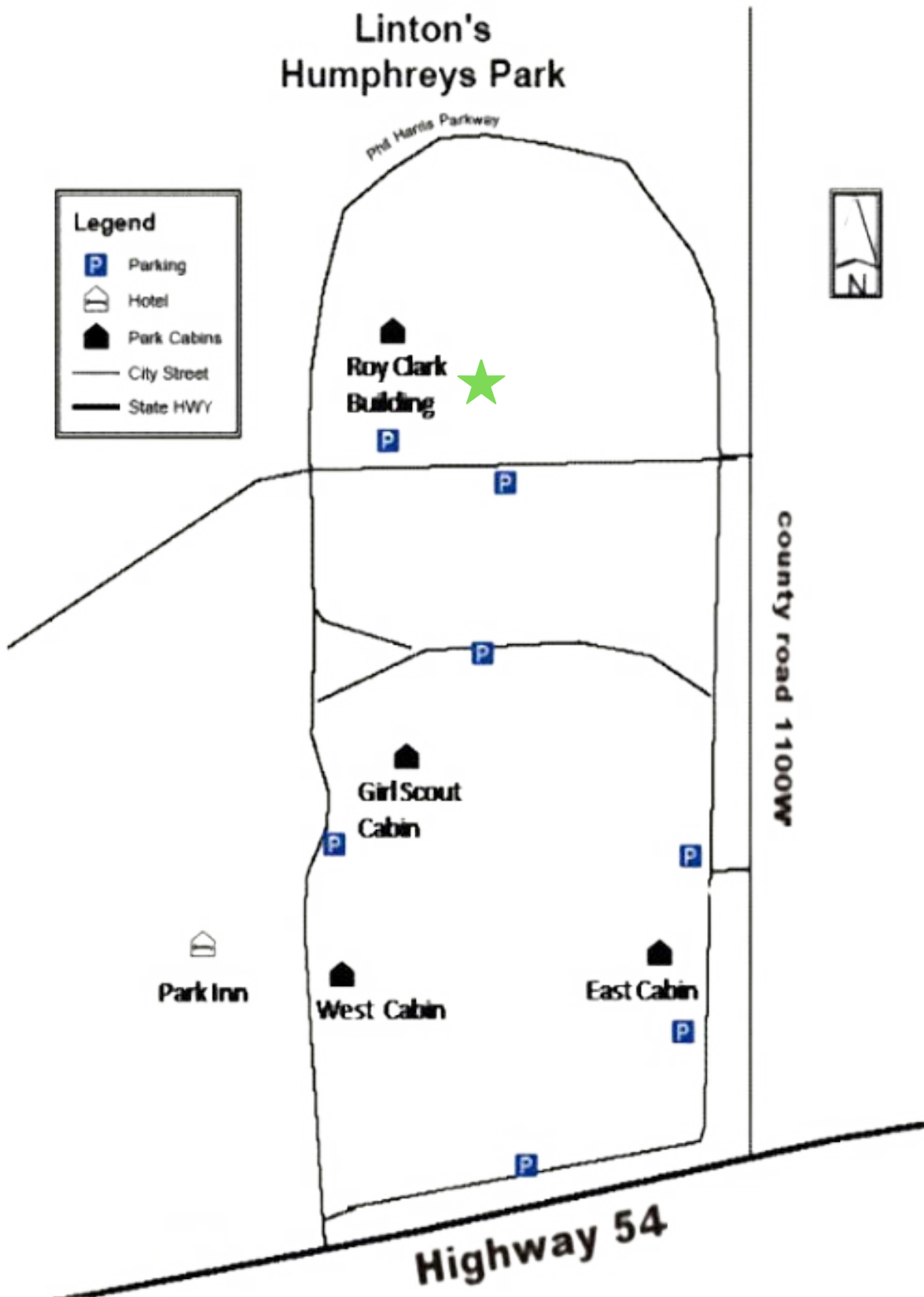
DECOY MAKER-WOODWORKER ARTIST

Jason was born and raised in upstate New York in the heart of the Finger Lake Region. Jason started wood carving at the age of 14 with the guidance of his grandfather and father, both well know carvers in the area. Jason moved to Indiana in 2011 and started carving full time in 2015. Jason has carved for large waterfowl companies, Duck Unlimited and National Wildlife Turkey Federation. Jason has won multiple best of shows with his hunting decoys and blue ribbons in world competitions. Jason is an avid outdoorsman and fisherman. Jason has lived in Lewis, Indiana for the last 10 years currently working with a company in Indiana to manufacture his own line of waterfowl hunting decoys.



THE HERON PICTURED HERE IS HAND CARVED BY THE ARTIST AND WILL BE THE FEATURED PIECE IN THE LIVE AUCTION FEBRUARY 14TH AT THE KICKOFF EVENT.

Event Map



Seasonal Bird list

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

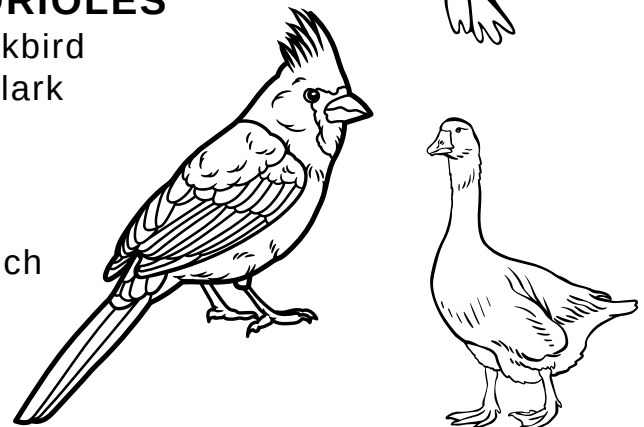
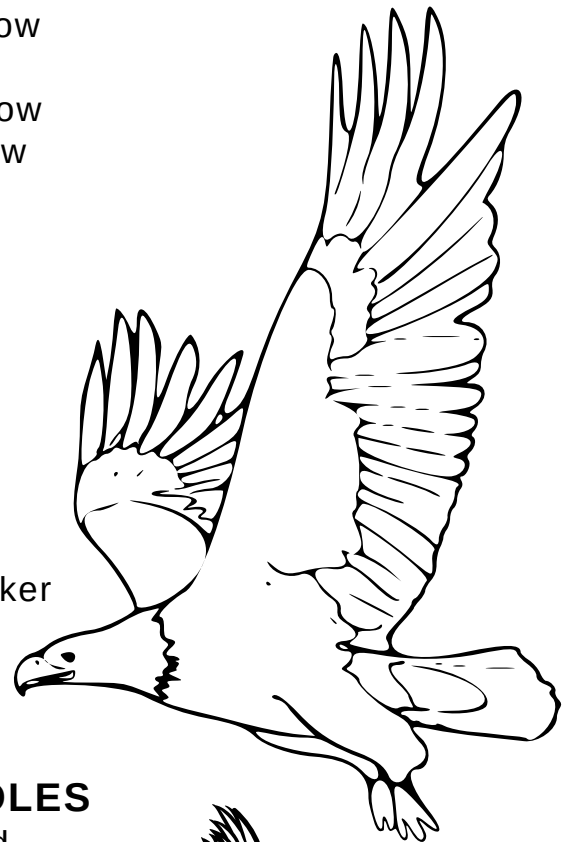
- Blue jay
- American crow

CHICKADEES AND TITMICE

- Carolina Chickadee
- Tufted Titmouse

THRUSHES

- Eastern bluebird
- American robin



Self-driving Tour Directions

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.

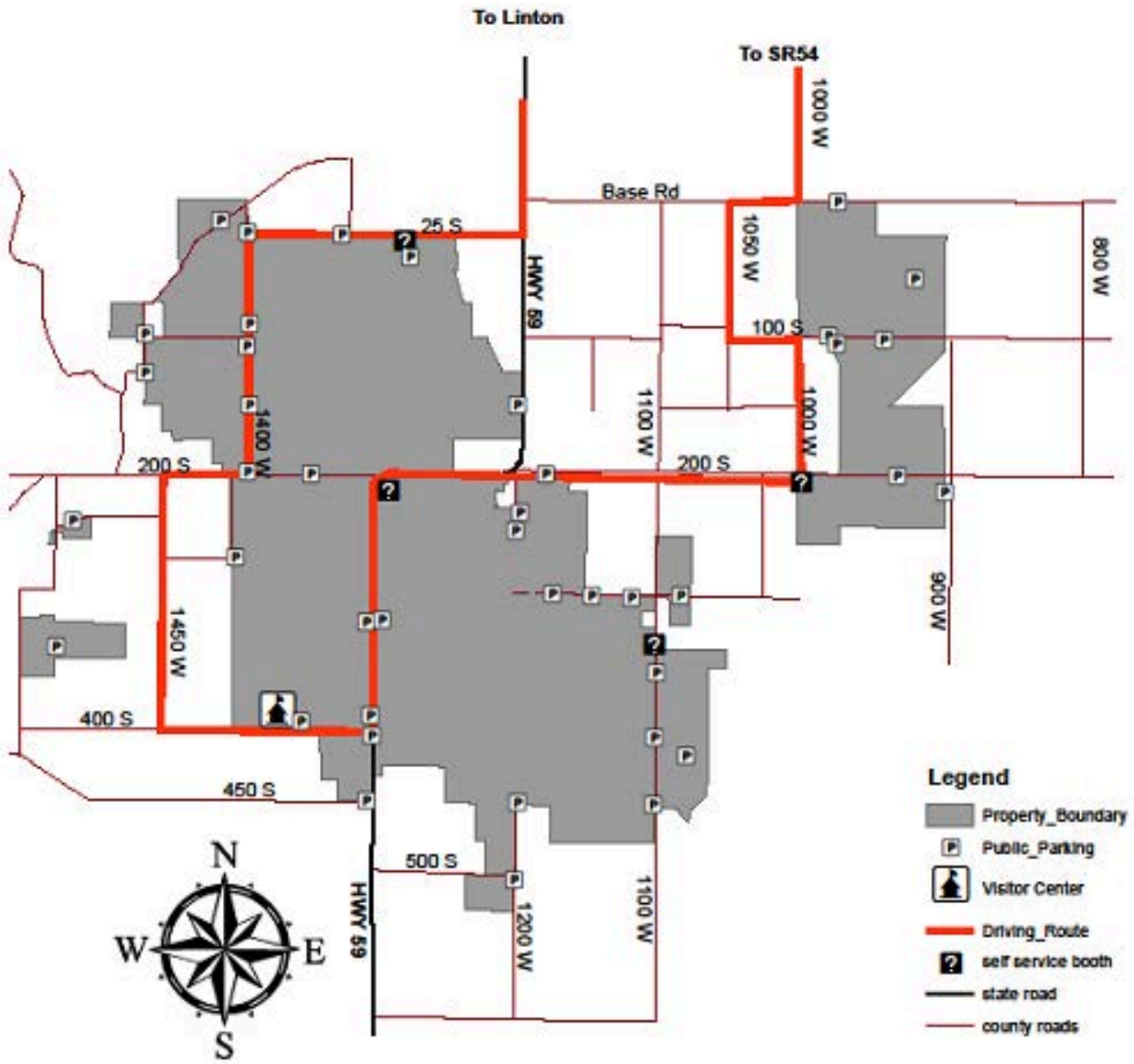
From the NW corner of Humphreys Park:

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

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

BUS	DEPARTURE	RETURN
1	8:30	10:00
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 2025 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.

