



THE BIGGEST WEEK
IN AMERICAN BIRDING

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BIRDING SITES IN THE LAKE ERIE MARSH REGION





Driving directions from Black Swamp Bird Observatory, 13551 W. SR-2, Oak Harbor, OH 43449, 419-898-4070

Lucas County

1. Oak Openings Preserve Park, Buehner Center, 5240 Wilkins Rd., Whitehouse, OH 43571. Turn right on SR-2 continue to I-280. Turn left onto I-280 south, continue to SR-795. Turn right on to SR-795 W. Continue straight onto W Indiana Ave. Turn right onto W Boundary St. Turn left onto Maumee Reserve, continue onto Conant St. Turn left onto US-24 W/Anthony Wayne Trail. Continue on US-24/Anthony Wayne Trail. Take exit 63 for SR-64 toward Waterville/Whitehouse. Turn right onto SR-64 N/Waterville Swanton Rd. Turn right onto Providence St. Turn left onto Shepler Ave., continue on Centerville St. Continue onto SR-64 N/ Waterville, Swanton Rd. Turn right onto SR-295 N. Turn left onto Oak Openings Pkwy. (gated entrance). Turn right to stay on Oak Openings Pkwy.

2. Kitty Todd Nature Preserve, 10420 Old State Line Rd., Swanton, OH 43558 est. distance 43 miles. Take SR-2 W and turn left onto SR-579. Turn right onto SR-51/Woodville Rd., turn right onto the ramp to Toledo heading N on I-280. Take the exit on the left onto I-75 S toward I-475. Take exit 204 for I-475 W toward US-23/Maumee/Ann

Arbor, continue onto I-475 W. Merge onto SR-2 W/Airport Hwy., Turn right onto S Crissey Rd. and then turn left onto Old State Line Rd.

3. Irwin State Nature Preserve, 9987 W Bancroft St., Holland, OH 43528 est. distance 37 miles. Take SR-2 W to I-280 N toward Detroit. Take the I-75 S left Exit onto I-75 S. Take the 204 Exit onto I-475 W and, then, take the left Exit onto I-475-S to Exit 13/Central Ave. Turn left on US-20/SR-120/W Central Ave. Turn left onto Crissey Rd./CR-65. Take the 1st right onto W Bancroft St./CR-22 and, then, the 1st left onto N Irwin Rd./CR-6-1. Destination is on the left.

4. Louis W. Campbell State Nature Preserve, 2742 S Crissey Rd., Swanton, OH 43558 est. distance 38 miles. Take SR-2 W and turn left onto SR-579 W. Turn left onto N Fostoria Rd and then turn right onto SR-795 W and follow for about 9.3 miles. Turn left to merge onto I-75 S toward Dayton. Keep right at the fork to continue on US-23 N, follow signs for I-475 N/Maumee/Ann Arbor. Continue onto I-475 N/SR-23 N. Take Exit 6 for Dussel Dr. toward Salisbury Rd., turn left onto W Dussel Dr. Continue to Salisbury Rd. and then turn right onto S Crissey Rd.

5. Pearson Metropark, 761 Lallendorf Rd., Oregon, OH 42616 est. distance 16 miles. Take SR-2 W to S Wynn Rd. and turn right. Follow S Wynn Rd. to Starr Ave. and turn left. Turn left onto Pearson Park Dr.

6. FESTIVAL HEADQUARTERS
Maumee Lodge & Conference Center, 1750 State Park Rd., Oregon, OH 43616 est. distance 15 miles. Take SR-2 W to Decant Rd./CR-204. Turn right onto Decant Rd./CR-204, left onto Corduroy Rd./CR-180, and right onto N Curtice Rd./CR-202. Turn right onto State Park Rd. and follow signs to lodge and/or boardwalk.

7. Mallard Club Marsh Wildlife Area, Curtice Rd., Oregon, OH 43616 east of intersection with Cousino Rd., est. distance 14 miles. Take SR-2 W. Turn right onto S Decant Rd./CR-204. Turn left on Cedar Point Rd./CR-179. Parking area is on right before intersection with Cousino Rd.

8. Howard Marsh Metropark, 611 S Howard Rd, Curtice, OH 43412 est. distance 7 miles. Take SR-2 W to S Howard Rd, and turn right. Turn right into Howard Marsh Metropark at entrance sign.

9. Metzger Marsh State Wildlife Area, Bono Rd., Curtice, OH 43612 est. distance 6 miles. Take SR-2 W. Turn right onto Bono Rd., following signs to Metzger Marsh. View birds from pull-offs on causeway, in woodlot, and dike at end.

Ottawa County

10. EVENT SITE
Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, 14000 W SR-2, Oak Harbor, OH 43616 419-898-0014. est. distance 1 mile. Take SR-2 W to refuge entrance Turn right and follow signs to Visitor Center.

11. EVENT SITE
Black Swamp Bird Observatory, (BSBO) 13551 W SR-2, Oak Harbor, OH 43616 419-898-4070.

12. Magee Marsh Wildlife Area, 13229 W SR-2, Oak Harbor, OH 43616 419-898-0960. Bird Center and Magee Marsh Boardwalk are north of BSBO.



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15. EVENT SITE Port Clinton Van Trip Pick-up Location at 1868 E. Perry St., Port Clinton, OH 43452.

16. Willow Point Wildlife Area, Wahl Rd., Vickery, OH 43464 est. distance 28 miles. Take SR-2 E to SR-269 Bay View/Castalia Exit on the east end of the Sandusky Bay Bridge. Turn right on SR-269 S toward Castalia. Turn right onto US-6 and right onto Wahl Rd. Turn right onto Willow Point Rd.

17. East Harbor State Park 1169 North Buck Rd., Lakeside/Marblehead, OH 43440 est. distance 26 miles. Take SR-2 E to the SR-53 Catawba Island ramp. Continue onto SR-53 N. Turn right onto SR-163 E. Turn left onto SR-269 N/North Buck Rd. Turn right at East Harbor State Park.

18. South Bass Island (Put-in-Bay) Miller Ferry Dock, Catawba, OH 43452 est. distance 33 miles. Take SR-2 E to SR-53 N Exit. Follow SR-53 N to end. Ferry schedule/rates: www.millerferry.com.

19. Meadowbrook Marsh, E Bayshore Rd./CR-135, Danbury Township/Marblehead, OH 43440 est. distance 25 miles. Take SR-2 E. to the 125-125A-125B Exit to SR-269 N toward Lakeside/Marblehead. In .2 miles turn right onto S Danbury Rd. Turn left on E Bayshore Rd./CR-135. Entrance on left before Memory Garden. Look for sign.

Erie County
20. Kelleys Island, Kelleys Island Ferry, 510 W Main St., Marblehead, OH 43440 est. distance 30 miles. Take SR-2 E to the SR-53 Catawba Island ramp. Continue onto SR-53 N. Turn right onto SR-163 E for another 6.8 miles to ferry dock. Ferry schedule/rates: www.kelleysislandferry.com

21. Pipe Creek Wildlife Area, River Ave., Sandusky, OH 44870 est. distance 40 miles Take SR-2 E to US-250 N Exit. Turn right on US-6 E. Turn left on Cedar Point Dr. N and right on River Ave. E. Pass the McDonalds to the parking area and entrance at end of River Ave.

22. Sheldon Marsh State Nature Preserve, 2715 Cleveland Rd. W, Huron, OH 44839 est. distance 35 miles. Take SR-2 E around Sandusky to the US-6 W/Rye Beach Rd. Exit.

Turn left on Rye Beach Rd. and left on Cleveland Rd. US-6 W. Entrance on right side after Sawmill Creek Resort.

23. Old Woman Creek State Nature Preserve & National Estuarine Research Reserve, 2514 Cleveland Rd. E, Huron, OH 44839 est. distance 49 miles. Take SR-2 E. Continue on US-6 E/SR-2 E to the US-6 Huron Exit, after the Rye Beach Rd. Exit. Continue on US-6 E through Huron another 3.6 miles to the entrance on the south side of the highway.

Sandusky County
13. Pickerel Creek Wildlife Area, US-6, Vickery, OH 43464 est. distance 34 miles. Take SR-2 E to SR-269 Bay View/Castalia Exit on the east end of the Sandusky Bay Bridge. Turn right on SR-269 S toward Castalia. Turn right onto US-6 W. Observation tower is just east of Pickerel Creek.

14. Sandusky County Park Office, 1970 Countryside Dr., Fremont, OH 43420 est. distance 29 miles. Head east on SR-2 and turn right onto SR-19 S. Turn left to merge onto SR-19 S/SR-53 N/US-20 E. Take US-6 E exit toward

Sandusky. Turn right onto N 5th St. Turn left at the first cross street onto Countryside Dr. Park office building will be on your left.



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