

# PRIVATE LANDS

**Guided Van Trip**

6:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



**Biggest  
Week**

in American Birding  
Birds Unite Us

*Northern Pintail*

# Field Trip Information

## About

This field trip provides access to two excellent private properties. Black Swamp Bird Observatory is proud to partner with the team at Winous Point Marsh Conservancy and the Harder family at Earth Heart Farms. Since 1856, Winous Point has been one of Ohio's largest and most active conservation organizations for waterfowl and wetland protection and management. What started as one of the country's most prestigious hunt clubs has since founded a non-profit conservancy focused on being leaders in marshland protection, management, and celebrating biodiversity in NW Ohio. Earth Heart Farms is a family-owned property with owners who took it upon themselves to provide habitat for wildlife. The result has been an excellent location for migrant and breeding birds! We want to thank these important partners for allowing us to share their properties with participants of the Biggest Week!



*Swamp Sparrow*

## Accessibility

Birding at Winous Point involves hiking on the flat gravel, poorly-maintained entrance road into the property, which can have lots of potholes. The parking lot is also a large, flat, gravel area. The roads through the marsh are narrower and gravel, with tall vegetation and uneven surfaces possible along the roadsides. There are mowed grass trails through the fields at Earth Heart Farms. Flush restrooms are located in the Education Center at Winous Point Marsh Conservancy.



*Black-throated Green Warbler*

## Van Trip Information

This van trip departs from Maumee Bay State Park Lodge promptly at 6:00 a.m. and returns at 3:00 p.m. Please note that this trip has a Port Clinton pickup stop as well. Participants taking advantage of this service are to arrive at the parking lot for the Ottawa County Municipal Court at 6:30 a.m., and vans will arrive shortly after. For information regarding Port Clinton Pickup, please see the page in this document with directions and instructions, and scan the QR code here for maps. The trip will return to the Port Clinton pickup site around 2:20 - 2:30 p.m. for an on-time arrival at Maumee Bay State Park Lodge at 3:00 p.m.



41.5133, -82.9112

**SCAN QR CODE  
FOR DIRECTIONS**

# Birding Information

## Target Species

Between Winous Point and Earth Heart Farms, this field trip could yield a diverse species list! The road into Winous Point provides an opportunity for a high diversity of songbirds, including many species of woodpeckers, warblers, vireos, flycatchers, and more. Once in the marsh, waterfowl diversity may linger following their peak migration in March/April. If water levels are low enough, shorebird diversity in the marsh can be high. Herons, egrets, bitterns, rails, and more may also be seen and heard through the marshes with a wide array of flycatchers and sparrows. Earth Heart Farms is managed for migrant and breeding grassland birds that help diversify the species total following the morning at Winous Point.



*American White Pelicans*

## eBird Protocol

Your field trip leaders are responsible for eBirding all of The Biggest Week In American Birding field trips. They will be keeping lists during the day for all sites visited. These will become available for participants to add to their eBird accounts. Please be patient as our dedicated festival volunteers sort the checklists that are being submitted and upload them to The Biggest Week In American Birding website. Please allow a few days for this process to take place. You can check the status of your eBird lists by visiting [biggestweekinamericanbirding.com](http://biggestweekinamericanbirding.com) and clicking "**Area Info**" in the top menu and selecting "**Field Trips**" and then "**eBird Checklists**" from the dropdown menu. Select the day of your field trip from our menu and look for the trip you attended. There you will find all of the links to the different eBird lists submitted by your field trip leader.



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Winous Point Marsh  
Conservancy eBird Page



Earth Heart Farms  
eBird Page

# Port Clinton Pickup Information

The Port Clinton Pickup for The Biggest Week In American Birding is located in the parking lot for the Ottawa County Municipal Court. When mapping to the GPS pin provided or scanning the QR code, as you turn off of 163 towards the Ottawa County Municipal Court, watch for the Biggest Week Port Clinton Pickup Signs that will be along the road and in the parking lot.

