

Univ. Of Illinois Extension Master Naturalists Invite Community To A Birdwatching Hike

The University of Illinois Extension Master Naturalists invite you to a Birdwatching Hike on May 17, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Sue & Wes Dixon Waterfowl Refuge (780 East Rd, Hennepin, IL 61327).

The 3,000 acre Refuge is recognized as one of Illinois' premier birding locations, supporting more than 730 native plant species and 270 bird species. During spring, the wetlands and prairies surrounding Hennepin & Hopper Lakes provide essential habitat and foraging areas for migrating waterfowl and songbirds.

Participants will enjoy a guided morning hike through the scenic wetlands led by Illinois Extension Master Naturalist volunteers. They will help attendees observe spring bird activity, explore the Refuge's diverse habitats, and learn about the ongoing conservation and restoration work that makes this site so ecologically significant.

This program is open to all ages and all levels of birdwatching experience—from those just beginning

to seasoned enthusiasts. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable walking shoes and bring binoculars. Register online at go.illinois.edu/BirdDixon

For questions or if you need an accommodation to participate, please contact Emily Hansen at em-hansen@illinois.edu or 815-433-0707. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time to meet your access needs.

— King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 22 mins.

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12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

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Bring a photo ID or your blood donor card, or two other forms of ID.

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Adopt A Bench At The Lacon Marina

If you have a green thumb and are interested in adopting a bench at Weber Park for the 2026 season, please call Penny at (217) 494-8334. You would be responsible for planting the flowers around the bench, watering and weeding throughout the season "It takes a village."

1st Baptist Church Invites You To The Community Bible Study

The 1st Baptist Church of Sparland invites you to a Community Bible study. Come join us on Wednesday April 22nd from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. for non-denominational Bible study at the Lacon Area Community Center. We will be beginning a study of the book of Revelation! Refreshments will be provided and Communion is offered.

"If at first you don't succeed, find out if the loser gets anything." - William Lyon Phelps



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10:00 a.m. (House Sells at 11:00 a.m.)



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**Saturday, April 18th
2:00 p.m.
Midland High School**

Adults \$5 Children/Students \$3

Raffles, 50/50, Chuck-a-Puck, Food Sales, Bake Sale,
Kids vs. First Responders

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