

Bird Banding with Tom Bartlett
Sunday May 17, 2009

Springville Marsh, Seneca Co
Sunrise (5:30 am) - Noon

Bird banding is a universal and indispensable technique for studying the movement, survival and behavior of birds. The North American Bird Banding Program is jointly administered by the United States Department of the Interior and the Canadian Wildlife Service.

Join Master Bird Bander and OOS board member, Tom Bartlett and his crew as they set his nets at Springville Marsh and attempt to capture migrant songbirds. The nets are set-up ½ hour before sunrise and are down at noon, so arrive as early as possible. Tom has banded everything from Saw-whet Owls to Spotted Towhee at this State Nature Preserve. Over 25,000 individual birds have been banded here of 120+ species. In addition, over 240 species of birds have been observed at the marsh since 1978.

Springville Marsh, Seneca Co

SPRINGVILLE MARSH STATE NATURE PRESERVE - 161 ACRES



Main Feature:

Cattail marsh with remnant sedge meadows, waterfowl, rare fen plants.

Visitors to Springville Marsh State Nature Preserve have a unique opportunity to observe and study the beauty of nature and to reflect on the past. There is a boardwalk which covers over a kilometer of the marsh.*

Three factors have had a marked effect on this resource. First, abundant groundwater, which has surfaced as many cool, calcium-rich springs, continues to nourish the special plant life found here. Also, many Ice Age plant species and others that are newcomers, provide this preserve with a remarkable and diverse inventory of flowering plants. Third, the uniqueness of the marsh has survived despite past agricultural and industrial disruption.

Springville Marsh is an unequalled nature preserve in northwestern Ohio. It is the largest inland wetland in this part of the state. The preserve is notable for several reasons. Growing within the preserve are several Canadian and Atlantic coastal plain species, which became established here shortly after the Ice Age.

Some of these plants are threatened and endangered species in Ohio. Fen orchids, bottle gentian, Kalm's lobelia and little yellow sedge can be seen along the boardwalk. One of Ohio's largest populations of twig-rush, a typical Atlantic coastal plain species, is located throughout the preserve. There are also smaller areas of more northern plants, such as Ohio goldenrod, grass-of-Parnassus and shrubby cinquefoil. The sedge meadows, shrubby thickets and vast areas of cattail marsh provide excellent opportunities to observe wildlife.

*A boardwalk trail system which connects to an observation tower and wildlife blind. The boardwalk does not have kick rails and therefore it is recommended that users in wheelchairs not attempt to use this trail alone.

Directions to Springville Marsh, Seneca Co
45.1 mi – about 1 hour 5 mins

Location:

Located in Seneca County 3 1/2 miles north of Carey just off U.S. Route 23 / SR 199; proceed 1 mile west on Township Road 24 (Muck Road) to the preserve parking lot on the south side of Twp. Rd. 24.

Driving directions to Muck Rd (Twp. Road 24), Carey, OH 43316

45.1 mi – about 1 hour 5 mins

Holiday Inn Perrysburg-French Quarter

10621 Fremont Pike, Perrysburg, OH 43551

1. Exit Holiday Inn turn right on Hwy 20
2. In 11 miles turn right on Rt 23
3. In 21 miles you will be in Fostoria
4. Rt 23 will jog left and then right twice within a 2 mile stretch
5. Proceed 10 mile south on Hwy 23
6. Turn right onto Muck Rd. (Twp Rd 24)

Springville Marsh 1 mile down on your left.

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