

# **GOOSE POND AREA**

## **BIRDING TOUR**

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**Please review ABA's "Principles of Birding Ethics" before using this tour. Please do not trespass on private property. Remember, all mining properties are private property. Birding on mining properties are restricted to the county roads.**

### **1. GOOSE POND F.W.A.**

**GREENE COUNTY: I-70 west to S.R. 59/  
S.R.59 south to C.R. 200 S./west on C.R. 200 S.  
Indiana Delorme Map: Page 49, 7-8 / D-E-F.**

**DIRECTIONS: From the intersection of I-465 and I-70 in Indianapolis, drive west on I-70 for roughly 52 miles. Veer right onto Exit # 23 / S.R. 59 / Linton / Brazil. At the stop sign, turn left (south) on S.R. 59. Drive south on S.R. 59 for roughly 39 miles. S.R. 59 will wind through the town of Linton. [Restaurants seen in Linton are: Stoll's Country Inn Buffet, Casey's General Store (Convenience Store), Dairy Queen, Wendy's, Long John Silvers, Taco Bell, Walmart, Burger King, McDonalds, Arby's, KFC.] After exiting the south end of the town of Linton, continue following S.R. 59 south as it will elbow right (west), and then elbows left (south). At the second elbow, continue going straight (west) on C.R. 200 S. {instead of going left (south) on S.R. 59. – C.R. 200 S. sign is hard to see.} You are now at Goose Pond. Unit # 16 is on the south side of C.R. 200 S., Unit # 10 is to the north. As you drive these roads, stop frequently to scan the area with your scope. Listen for grassland and wetland species.**

**Drive west on C.R. 200 S. to C.R. 1400 W. (a T-section).  
Turn right (north) on C.R. 1400 W. (T-section).  
Drive slowly north, checking the ditches next to the road.  
At the first T-section, turn left (west) {this is C.R. 100 S. –  
this road divides GP-9 and GP-10}.  
Follow this road west to C.R. 1475 W.  
Turn right (north) on C.R. 1475 W.  
Follow C.R. 1475 W. as it veers northeast and passes over  
an old steel bridge.  
Drive roughly 1 mile and at the next T-section, turn right  
(south) on C.R. 1400 W.  
At the next T-section (1/4 mile), turn left (east) on C.R. 25 S.  
Follow C.R. 25 S. to the parking lot on the right (south) side  
of the road.  
Turn around and return west on C.R. 25 S., back to  
C.R. 1400 W.  
Turn left (south) on C.R. 1400 W.  
Drive south to the dead end / T-section (C.R. 200 S.)  
Turn left (east) on C.R. 200 S.  
Turn right (south) on S.R. 59.  
Drive roughly 1 mile and turn right on C.R. 400 S.  
(immediately after the bridge).  
Scan the pond on the southeast side of S.R. 59 for  
Waterfowl.  
Continue driving south on S.R. 59.  
Turn left (east) on C.R. 500 S.  
At the dead end / T-section, turn right (south) on  
C.R. 1200 W.  
At the dead end / T-section, turn left (east) on C.R. 600 S.  
At the next T-section, turn left (north) on C.R. 1100 W.  
Wetlands were being constructed along C.R. 1100 W.  
when I drove and wrote this tour. Please stop and bird  
any finished wetlands which are open to the public along  
C.R. 1100 W. { GP1, GP2, GP3 }.  
Drive north on C.R. 1100 W. for 2 or 3 miles to the stop**

**Sign at C.R. 200 S.**

**Turn right (east) on C.R. 200 S.**

**Drive east roughly ½ mile and turn right (south), parking in front of the white “Parking Sign”, and green “Unit BH2” sign.**

**Scan the Beehunter Marsh Unit 2 for wetland species.**

**When finished, turn around and return west on C.R. 200 S.**

**Drive ¼ mile and at the next T-section, turn right (north) on C.R. 1000 W.**

**Drive roughly 1 mile north on C.R. 1000 W.**

**At the dead end / T-section, turn right (east) on C.R. 100 S. (Unit BH 5D).**

**Cross over the steel grated bridge and turn left into the Unit BH 5A parking lot. Use your scope to scan the marsh for wetland species. Listen for rails, bitterns and herons.**

**From the Unit BH 5A parking lot, walk north on the road which borders the west side of BH 5A.**

**The next marsh down will be BH 5B.**

**When you reach BH 5B, use your scope to search for wetland species. Listen for rails, bitterns and herons.**

**When finished, turn around and walk south, back to the Bh 5A parking lot.**

**From BH 5A parking lot, walk south across C.R. 100 S. to BH 4. Scan unit BH 4 for wetland species.**

**When finished, walk south along the road which separates the drainage ditch from BH 4. As you walk, listen and search for wetland species.**

**When finished, turn around and walk the levee north, back to your vehicle.**

**From the BH 5A parking lot, turn left (east) on C.R. 100 S. While cruising slowly, listen for rails, bitterns and herons on both sides of the road.**

**Roughly ¼ mile east of the BH 5A parking lot, turn left (north) at the first driveway you come to (a large aluminum**

post is here).

**Drive north up the driveway, if it is not flooded.**

**Rails, bitterns and herons can usually be found here.**

**When finished, turn around and follow the driveway south back to C.R. 100 S.**

**Turn right (west) on C.R. 100 S.**

**At the next T-section, turn left (south) on C.R. 1000 W.**

**At the dead end / T-section, turn right (west) on C.R. 200 W.**

**Follow C.R. 200 W. back to S.R. 59.**