



Birding Basics

(2 hours walking on easy to moderate paths, with a handful of inclines)

When you arrive pick up the Nature Walk Guide. Make sure to bring your binoculars and a notebook!

As you tour the site you can look for features noted on your Guide, but if you're a birder, walk through the village towards the Big Kettle Pond. On your way, watch for the illusive Black Tern, the namesake for the Black Tern Marsh.

As you pass the Big Kettle Pond, step onto the forest path to get a closer look – this is a popular spot for migratory birds and breeding pairs.

Continue up the hill towards Life on the Farm. Watch for Sandhill cranes who have nested in this area for several seasons. Across from the 1880s Pomeranian Farm, pick up a trail that winds down through the woods and brings you over near the 1910s Finnish Immigrant House. Turn back towards the Crossroads Village, keeping an eye out for wild turkeys who call this place home.

As you enter the Village, restored prairies act as playgrounds for many native songbirds.

End your day where it began at the Museum Store and Admissions. Here you can pick up snacks and cold drinks, a new book about Midwestern birds, or do some shopping of Wisconsin Made products.