



Backpacks for Birders

Reserve your Indiana Dunes Birding Backpack



Welcome to the Backpacks for Birders program. This program allows beginners or experienced birders traveling light to have the equipment and information they need to enjoy birding in and around the Indiana Dunes. And the best part is it's free! Simply contact any of the five locations below to reserve your backpack today.

Each backpack includes two sets of binoculars, a birding basics book and a bird identification book along with a list of top birds sited at each location.



Coffee Creek Watershed Preserve

(One backpack available)
2401 Village Point Road, Chesterton, IN 46304
(219) 926-1842
Monday–Friday 8:30–4:00 C.S.T.
info@coffeecreekwc.org

Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center (DNR)

(Two backpacks available)
1600 North 25 East, Chesterton, IN 46304
(219) 926-1390
Seven days per week 9:30–4:30 C.S.T.
dunesnc@dnr.in.gov

Taltree Arboretum & Gardens

(Two backpacks available)
450 West 100 North, Valparaiso, IN 46385
(219) 462-0025
Tuesday–Sunday 10–5:30 C.S.T.
info@taltree.org

National Lakeshore—Indiana Dunes Visitor Center

(One backpack available)
1215 N State Road 49, Porter, Indiana 46304
(219) 395-1882
Monday–Friday 8:30–4:00 C.S.T.
indu_communications@nps.gov

National Lakeshore—Paul Douglas Center

(One backpack available)
100 N Lake Street, Gary, IN 46403
(219) 395-1821
Monday–Saturday 8:30–4:00 C.S.T.
indu_communications@nps.gov