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Dickson Mounds Museum

**Natural Resources Conservation
Service**

**Illinois Department of Natural
Resources**

Illinois Natural History Survey

2009 Fall Education Tour Information

Friday October 9, 2009

9:30 AM

Dickson Mounds Museum
10956 North Dickson
Mounds Road,
Lewistown, IL

Cost: \$15 for SWCS Members

\$20 for Non-members

Directions:

The meeting will be at the Dickson
Mounds Museum.

For directions and a map, see:

[www.museum.state.il.us/ismsites/dickson/
geninfo.html](http://www.museum.state.il.us/ismsites/dickson/geninfo.html)

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Wetlands -
Restoration in the
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Wetlands Restoration in the Emiquon Basin

The Emiquon area had been converted from wetlands to cropland on about a total 11,000 acres around 100 years ago. In 1993 the US Fish and Wildlife Service began major habitat restoration efforts on the Emiquon Refuge to restore the historic floodplain and wildlife communities. In 2006 property in this area owned by The Nature Conservancy was accepted into the Natural Resource Conservation Service's Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) adding about 6250 acres to the Emiquon Basin area to be restored. The WRP area included two historic backwater lakes, Thompson (1800 acres) and Flagg (1000 acres) that were cropland. The US Fish and Wildlife Service to date have about 2200 acres and with the 6250 acres owned by TNC the wetland restoration efforts are proceeding. The two back water lakes have been restored and are stocked with fish in cooperation of Illinois Department of Natural Resources. This tour will provide an opportunity for the participants to see the cooperative restoration efforts so far and will serve as a base for witnessing the future changes of this wetland. Please join us for this informative 2009 Fall Education Tour!

David Rahe, SWCS Chapter President

Reservations: Advance reservations are required to make necessary meal and meeting arrangements. Please make reservations by **Friday, October 2, 2009. (No refunds after October 2).** Coffee, juice, donuts in AM, Lunch and refreshments for the tours will be provided with registration fees.

To reserve your place, make check payable to "SWCS Illinois Chapter" and send with reservation form to: **Kim Smail, 16398 Cherokee Rd., Cuba, IL 61427**

For questions call 309-547-2215 ext. 3 on weekdays to speak to Kim.

AGENDA

9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Registration/Coffee, Rolls & Juice

9:30 – 9:40 a.m. Welcome – Dave Rahe, 2009 SWCS Chapter President

9:40 – 10:10 a.m. Site and history prior to the European settlement-Alan Harn, Dickson Mounds Museum

10:10– 10:55 a.m. European settlement of the area and conversion to Ag. Use-Dr. Steve Havera and Michelle Horath of the IL Natural History

10:55 – 11:15 a.m. Restoration effort of the US Fish and Wildlife-Lee Albright, USFWS

11:15 -11:35 Restoration Efforts of The Nature Conservancy-Jason Beverlin, TNC

11:45– 1:00 Lunch and visit Dickson Mounds

1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Tour of the Emiquon Wetland Restoration Sites including the Archeology and site overview, the restored back water lakes, and the US Fish and Wildlife area. (Suggest bringing binoculars and camera along with you on the tour.)

Detach & Mail for Registration

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Pre-registration is necessary!

Deadline: October 2, 2009

Name (s) _____

Address _____

City _____

County _____

State _____ Zip code _____

of reservations:

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_____ **\$20** for Non-Member

_____ SWCS Student Member (**FREE**)

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