Facts about the W.K Kellogg Bird Sanctuary

Founded: 1927 by W.K. Kellogg and given to Michigan State Agricultural College (Now Michigan State University, MSU) in 1928

MSU: Part of MSU’s Kellogg Biological Station, MSU’s largest off-site campus overseen by the College of Natural Science and the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Mission: The W.K. Kellogg Bird Sanctuary conserves native habitat for migratory and resident birds and through research, education and outreach helps people gain environmental awareness about our past, present and future.

Size: 180 acres including 40 acre Wintergreen Lake, forest, wetland, prairie, and agricultural fields

Trails: Over 3 miles of trails including the Lake Loop trail, Bluebird trail, Historical Walking Trail, and the main Paved Path.

Staff: 5 year-round employees

Volunteers: 70 volunteers giving 2,300 hours (2014)

Outreach: 10 off-site events and 40 on-site events per year.

Highlighted events: Kids Being Scientist Summer Day Camps, monthly Birds and Coffee walks, bi-annual Birds of Prey – LIVE, Field Ornithology and Field Botany adult short courses, Fall Migration Celebration, Wild Wednesday summer family programs

Attendance: 10,000 visitors annually

Memberships: 300 members

Program Attendance: 4,500 visitors are involved in tours, programs, and other outreach events

Hours: March to Thanksgiving: Weekdays 9am - 5pm
Weekends: March, April, October, and November 11am-4pm Saturday and Sunday; May-October 9am-5pm Saturday, 11am-4pm Sunday

Grounds are open every day of the year!