

# MARSH MADNESS AT PONCA STATE PARK

March is the peak month for viewing mass migrations of

**waterfowl** along the Missouri River! Join us for a week-

end of migratory waterfowl & Bald Eagle viewing at

**Ponca State Park** in northeast NE. Getaway

packages include 30% off lodging rates, **FREE**

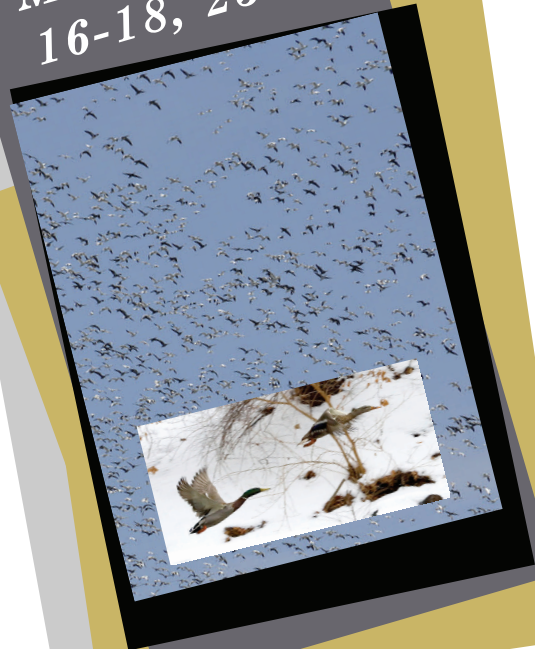
guided sunrise & sunset waterfowl blind tours,

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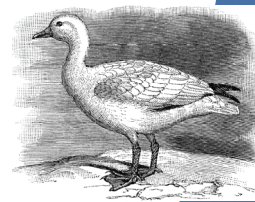
special programming and

activities.

March 9-11,  
16-18, 23-24



*Birders of all experience levels welcome!*



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**Lodging Options - 2 nights occupancy\* All other birding activities & programming FREE with 2 night lodging stay!**

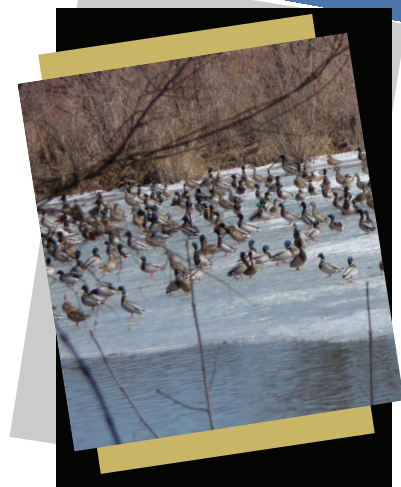
Mini Lodges      4 bedroom (Sleeps 8)      \$378

Green Cabins      2 bedroom (Sleeps 4)      \$203

Rustic Cabins\*\* 1-2 bedroom (Sleeps 4-6) \$119

\*taxes & fees excluded

\*\*seasonal cabins: will open weather permitting



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For additional details or to make reservations:

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Additional program information listed at Facebook/Ponca SP





## 2012 MARSH MADNESS AT PONCA STATE PARK:

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 March 16-18  
 March 23-24

March is the peak month for waterfowl viewing in Nebraska. Large numbers of white-fronted geese arrive, and large wetlands areas such as along the Missouri River might have more than one-half million ducks and geese. Pintail courtship flights and whirlwinds of snow geese are common. Ponca State Park sits atop the bluffs overlooking the Missouri River in the Upper Missouri Birding Area. The area around Ponca State Park has a bird list that nearly approaches 300 species and is listed as Audubon's Important Bird Areas in Nebraska.

***Join us at Ponca State Park in our month long migratory celebration of Marsh Madness!  
 Choose your weekend to come—as you know migratory behavior is as unpredictable as our state's weather!***

### Weekend Schedule

Friday

4-8 pm Lodging Check-In

Saturday

6-9 am Sunrise	Bird Viewing Guided Blind Trip (reservations required)
9:30-Noon	Bald Eagle/Waterfowl on River Viewing (non guided)
Noon-1pm	Lunch on own
1-3pm	Bald Eagle/Waterfowl on River Viewing (non guided)
2 pm	Program: Select from topics such as bird feeding, birding photography and gardening for the birds (Programs vary by weekend-select at check-in)
4 pm	Program (see above)
5 pm	Dinner on own
6-7:30-ish pm	Sunset Bird Viewing Guided Blind Trip (reservations required)
8 pm	Movie & Popcorn

Sunday

6-9 am	Sunrise Bird Viewing Guided Blind Trip (reservations required)
9:30-Noon	Bald Eagle/Waterfowl on River Viewing (non guided)
Afternoon	Birding in the Park on Your Own

### Lodging Packages

The conference is free for guests staying in any of the Ponca State Park cabins for two nights or more. Other attendees are invited to attend at a cost of \$5 per person. Participants lodging at Ponca State Park will have first choice for blind reservations over day conference attendees.)

### Special Rates (30% discount)

Mini Lodges (sleep 8)	2 night stay required	\$378* (price reflects 2 nights lodging & FREE conference admission)
Green Cabins (sleep 4)	2 night stay required	\$203* (price reflects 2 nights lodging & FREE conference admission)
Rustic Cabins (Sleep 4-6)	2 night stay required	\$119* (price reflects 2 nights lodging & FREE conference admission)

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### What to Bring or Consider

Dress warmly: early-spring mornings and evenings in Nebraska can be unpredictable and chilly. Blinds are unheated. Dress in layers. Bring the warmest boots, coat, gloves and hat you have. Basic rule: Dress for 20 degrees below air temperature.

Rain gear may be desirable in wet weather.

Tours are held regardless of weather.

Blind tours reservations may be canceled with a minimum of 24 hours notice.

No flashlights.

Bring binoculars or a spotting scope. Tripods are allowed. Loaner binoculars available.

Cameras and video equipment are allowed; however no flash photography at any time.

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