

# Peent! An Evening with the Woodcocks

Saturday evening, March 1, the Refuge Friends will offer a unique birding experience for the whole family. Most outings aren't focused on just one animal, but woodcocks are so neat they get a whole night all their own!

Just what is a "Peent"? It's the sound made by male woodcocks while performing their courtship ritual flights. Join us at Columbia Mine Preserve main parking lot on Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge at 5:30 pm CST for a brief presentation on the woodcock. Then we'll walk Timberdoodle Trail and hope the woodcocks are in the mood to put on a show.

This event is open to all, regardless of age or experience. Yet, since this is an event in the evening that is dependent on a fairly quiet environment, parents are encouraged to stay with their children. Dress appropriately for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes. Flash lights are optional. Consider arriving early to enjoy the sunset and walk some trails. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held on March 2.

Directions: Head east from Oakland City on State Highway 64 for two miles to CR 100W. Turn left (North) onto CR 100W and continue 3/4 mile until the road "T's". Turn Left (West) on W CR 475 S, travel 1/10 mile. Look for the Columbia Mine Preserve sign across from Patoka Grove Church, turn right (North) onto CR 125W and follow the road two miles back to the large parking area at the center of the Columbia Mine Preserve.

