



**Driving Directions  
to the Sue and Wes Dixon Waterfowl Refuge at Hennepin & Hopper Lakes**

**From Chicago** (Approximately 125 miles from O'Hare)

I-55 south to I-80 west (exit #250B).

I-80 west for 47.8 miles to I-39 south (exit #79A).

I-39 south 7.6 miles to Route 71 (exit #51 - "Oglesby/Hennepin"); turn right.

IL-71 west for 12.7 miles to Route 26 (use off-ramp marked to "Hennepin"); at bottom of ramp, turn left.

**To Refuge bunkhouse:**

Take IL-26 south from Route-71 for approximately 1.4 miles.

Just south of the Coffee Creek bridge, turn right (west) onto the gravel drive leading down from the road and park near the Refuge bunkhouse. The gravel drive is just south of the levee access and sign for reaching the Marquis Oak Ridge Trail.

**To observation tower parking lot:**

Take IL-26 south from Route 71 for approximately 2.5 miles (about 1 mile south of bunkhouse).

Turn right onto Hennepin Farms Road/County Road 760N. (Intersection is marked with a large, brown roadside sign for the refuge.)

Past the first house on the right, turn right onto a sand road. (Intersection is marked with a small green sign: "Hennepin & Hopper Lakes.")

Follow sand road approximately 300 ft. to parking lot and Nolan Observation Tower.

**To boat launch area and Dore Seep trailhead:**

Follow directions to observation tower, then continue past the tower parking lot 1/4 mile to second parking lot.

GPS coordinates to Refuge entry: 41.222584 (latitude), -89.32046 (longitude)

# SUE & WES DIXON WATERFOWL REFUGE - HENNEPIN, IL

