



**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.

IL-26 for approximately 2.5 miles.

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 reach the boat dock area and seep trail, continue past the tower parking lot 1/4 mile to second parking lot.

From Peoria (Approximately 45 miles from Peoria)

From the east side of the river: Head north on IL-26 and continue to follow signs for IL-26 for approximately 40 miles to Hennepin Farms Road/County Road 760N.

From the west side of the river: Head north on IL-29 for 23 miles to IL-17/Ferry St. at the town of Sparland. Turn right on IL-17 and continue east 1.6 miles to IL-26. Turn left on IL-26 and continue north 16.8 miles to Hennepin Farms Road/County Road 760N.

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

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