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## **Waterfowl Program at Dickson Mounds on Dec. 9**

LEWISTOWN, IL –Dickson Mounds Museum is hosting a special “Wonderful Waterfowl” program on Saturday, December 9, 2017, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Participants may learn about the different ducks, geese, and swans that live on or pass through the Emiquon National Wildlife Refuge. Viewing of live ducks and information about current research conducted by the Forbes Biological Station will also be part of the program. Kids ages fifteen and under may participate in a Youth Duck Call Contest. Discount Sales of Matanzas Beach is providing a prize for the winner.

Participants may journey down with a Refuge Ranger to view the wildlife at the South Globe parking lot after the activities at the Museum. Binoculars and spotting scopes will be available for use. Participants should dress appropriately for this outdoor activity.

This program is in collaboration with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Illinois River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge Complex and Forbes Biological Station. Registration is required for the Youth Duck Call Contest. Call 309-535- 2290 or email [illinoisriver@fws.gov](mailto:illinoisriver@fws.gov) to register or for more information.

The Illinois State Museum-Dickson Mounds is located between Lewistown and Havana off Illinois Routes 78 and 97. The museum is open free to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day. Tours and special programs are available for groups with reservations. For more information, call 309-547-3721 or TTY 217-782-9175. Also visit us on Facebook at Illinois State Museum-Dickson Mounds or online at the Dickson Mounds link on the Illinois State Museum website at [www.illinoisstatemuseum.org](http://www.illinoisstatemuseum.org).