



# Festival Information

The Kansas Wetlands Education Center, Kansas Department of Wildlife Parks & Tourism, The Nature Conservancy, City of Great Bend, and The Kansas Birding Festival, Inc., invite you to the 2017 Wings 'N' Wetlands Festival in Great Bend, KS! Spend two days birding Cheyenne Bottoms, Quivira NWR, and other central Kansas birding hotspots; along with workshops, meals, and socials.

## Frequently Asked Questions

**How do I register?** Online registration is preferred at [kansasbirdingfestival.com](http://kansasbirdingfestival.com). Mail-in registration forms are also available. Early registration deadline is April 1, 2017. Late registrations are \$50 higher per registration. For questions, call 877-243-9268.

**Where is the Festival Site?** The festival is stationed at Great Bend, KS; the festival headquarters is at the Best Western Angus Inn.

**What will we see?** The festival occurs during the typical peak of shorebird and waterfowl migration; wetland species will be the target birds. Typically, 150-180 species of birds are documented during the festival. Bird lists from past festivals can be found at [kansasbirdingfestival.com](http://kansasbirdingfestival.com)

**What's included in my registration fee?** Regular registration includes 3 guided birding fieldtrips, 2 suppers, 1 breakfast, shorebird ID workshop, and Sat. evening program. An evening/night birding tour and Greater Prairie Chicken lek tour are extra tours with an extra fee. Registration does not include lodging.

**How do the field trips work?** Expert birding guides will lead participants in 12 and 15 passenger vans. Field trips will leave from the festival headquarters and will go to Cheyenne Bottoms, Quivira NWR, and other area birding hotspots, depending on the guide and participant desires. Most birding will be done from vehicles; however, proper outdoor clothing and shoes should be worn.

**Where do I stay?** Participants are responsible for making their own lodging arrangements. Several hotels in Great Bend have special rates for festival participants. **To receive these special rates, you must call in reservations and mention the Wings 'N' Wetlands Festival.** For more information on hotel accommodations call 620-792-2750 or check [visitgreatbend.com](http://visitgreatbend.com). Hotels in Great Bend:

Best Western Angus Inn (\$74.95) 620-792-3541	Days Inn 620-792-8235	Quality Inn 620-793-8486	Travelodge 620-792-7219
Comfort Inn 620-793-9000	Holiday Inn & Suites (\$106) 620-603-6565	Traveler's Budget Inn 620-793-5448	

**Where do I eat?** Festival registration includes supper on Friday and breakfast and supper on Saturday. All other meals are on your own. There are numerous restaurants within walking distance of the festival headquarters. A list of restaurants and special deals will be provided at check-in.

**What if it rains?** In the event of inclement weather, field trips may be cancelled at the discretion of the festival organizers. There are no refunds available for any field trips cancelled due to weather.

**Is transportation available?** Transportation is available for the guided field trips only. All other shuttling between events is the responsibility of the participants.

**What is the cancellation and refund policy?** If you are unable to attend the festival after registering, call 877-243-9268 immediately to cancel. Cancellations before April 1 will receive full refund. Cancellations after April 1 are not refundable, except in documented personal emergency situations.

## Basic Schedule of Events

(Detailed schedule will be provided at check-in)

### Friday, April 28

12:00p.m. Check-in opens  
1:30 Shorebird ID workshop  
3:30 Field trips depart  
6:30-7:30 Supper served  
8:00-10:00 Night tours\*

### Saturday, April 29

4:30a.m. Breakfast served  
5:00 Gr Prairie Chicken Tour\*  
6:00 Field trips depart  
12:00p.m. Lunch on own  
3:00 Field trips depart  
6:30 Supper served  
7:30 Evening program

### Sunday, April 30

5:00a.m. Gr. Prairie Chicken Tour\*

\* denotes special tours with an extra registration charge