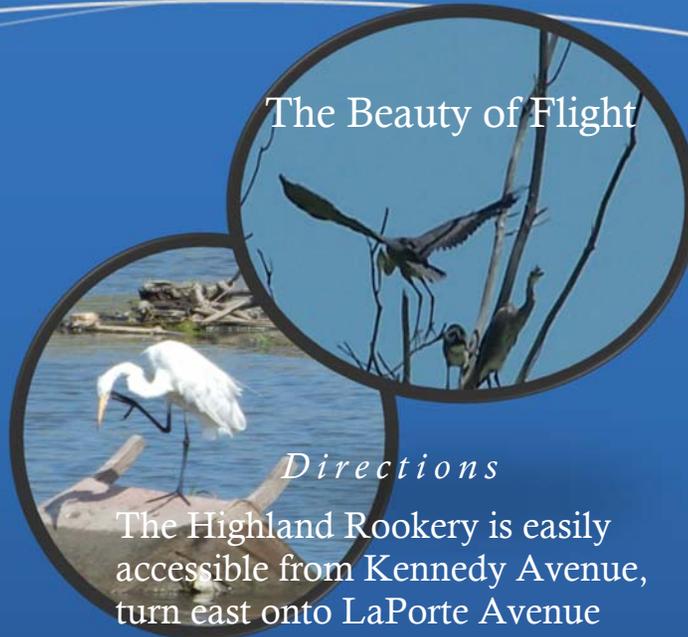


Bring your binoculars & take a nature walk down the trails to the Rookery or ride your bikes and enjoy the sounds of Nature

Follow the Trails:
Little Calumet River Levee Trail & the Erie Lakawanna Trail



The Beauty of Flight



Directions

The Highland Rookery is easily accessible from Kennedy Avenue, turn east onto LaPorte Avenue proceed to cross Liable Street to the NIPSCO substation. Or take Cline Ave. and turn west onto Highway Avenue and then north onto Liable Street to the rookery.



The Highland Rookery



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The Sleek and Beautiful
Great Blue Heron

The Majestic Heron

Black Crown Night Heron



Redwing Black Bird



Killdeer



An Owl nests in an unoccupied Heron nest.



Most of the time great blue herons can be seen wading in wetlands stalking fish with their scissor-like beaks. They stand motionless over water standing four feet in height, waiting to spear fish or catch frogs or even snakes. You can't miss them when they take flight with their six-foot wingspan and gangly legs trailing behind. They can cruise at a speed of 19-29 miles per hour. The Great Blue Heron flies with a crooked neck. The males select a new mate each year and together they incubate three-five eggs that are laid.

Adults feed the surviving young that hatch by regurgitating(vomiting) predigested food. Soon the young test out their legs by standing and walking near the edge of the nest, stretching their wings and cleaning their plumage preparing for that first flight. At eight weeks, usually one or more chicks will take short flights between nearby trees to practice flight. Pretty soon they are fishing on their own. They may live to be 17 years old.

Owls, Killdeer, Redwing Black Birds, an Eagle, Ducks, & Canadian Geese, Great White Egrets & many more birds call the Rookery home. The trails and rookery are open to all schools, Girl and Boy Scout troops and especially all bird watchers and nature lovers. It is open year-round no appointment is necessary-- just escape and come walk the natural beauty of a wetland in Northwest Indiana. Benches and fixed Binoculars are available.