

Piney Tract (State Game Land #330) Field Trip

June 14, 2025

On Saturday, June 14, Michael Leahy will show participants some of the highlights around a very special place in Clarion County - State Game Land #330, known as Piney Tract.

Piney Tract is a 2,300 acre reclaimed strip mine located in central Clarion County that holds arguably the densest population of Henlow's Sparrows and other grassland breeding birds in Pennsylvania and likely, the eastern United States. It has been designated as a ***Global Important Bird Area*** (#21).

We will meet at 9:00 am in the game lands parking area on Mt. Zion Road. **There are NO facilities in the area** so bring water, snacks and lunch. Although insects are seldom a problem here, insect repellent for ticks may be in order.

We will walk a couple of areas here and then drive to a couple of other areas nearby to look for other good birds. Some species to be expected are Henslow's, Savannah, Grasshopper, Clay-colored and possibly Vesper Sparrows. Northern Harrier, Kestrel, Boblink, Paririe Warbler and Eastern Meadowlark, are fairly common. Breeding populations of Upland Sandpiper and Short-eared Owls have been documented

There is no address here to put into your GPS however the actual coordinates for the parking area are:

41 Degrees 08'49"N & 79 Degrees 29'57"W

For Directions, questions or more information contact Michael Leahy at mrl706@gmail.com Or you can phone or text him @ 814-229-1648