# **Atlantic's Trumpeter Swans**



## **Swan Viewing Etiquette**

- 1. All animals need food, water, shelter and space to survive. Please give the swans their space and, even though they are not dangerous animals, never approach them. The swans may choose to approach you if you are feeding them, but they will remain cautious and any move towards them will scare them away. Please avoid startling the swans by not approaching them.
- 2. Please do not remove corn from the blue feeder or surrounding barrels, there is a volunteer that routinely feeds the swans from this limited food supply.
- 3. If you plan on feeding the swans, you must have FRESH bread (or corn) as mold can kill swans. Please do not over feed the swans. Excess (uneaten) bread will quickly mold!
- 4. Any four-legged animal is viewed as a predator to swans. Even your friendly dog is enough to scare the swans away, please leave pets at home.
- 5. Please don't ice fish close to the swan feeder, or swans. Another location would be ideal.

The Cass County Conservation Board would like to remind you of the important role we are all playing in the reintroduction of Trumpeter Swans, please be respectful and do your part in providing them a space where they can feel safe.

# Arrival and Departure Dates and Number of Swans at Atlantic Quarry

1997/1998	December 18 – January 2 (4 swans)
1998/1999 1999/2000	Nothing on record December 25 – February 15 (4 swans)
2000/2001	November 23 – March 6 (8 swans)
2001/2002	December 25 – February 24 (12 swans)
2002/2003	November 23 – March 15 (13 swans)
2003/2004	November 26 - March 21 (22 swans)
2004/2005	November 25 – March 18 (27 swans, most present at one time: 24)
2005/2006	November 17 – March 5 (25 swans, most present at one time: 24)
2006/2007	October 30 - March 9 (36 swans, most present at one time: 33)
2007/2008	November 22- February 14 (21 Swans, most present at one time: 46)
2008/2009	November 18- March 12 (16 swans, most present to date: 54)
2009/2010	November 18-January 1 (15 swans, most present to date: 48)
2010/2011	November 5th– February 10 (3 swans, most present to date: 42)
2011/2012	November 17 <sup>th</sup> - February 21 (27 swans, most present to date: 38)
2012/2013	November $24^{\text{th}}$ – March 4 (32 swans, most present to date: 58)
2013/2014	November 12 <sup>th</sup> – April 7 (43 swans, most present to date: 48)
2014/2015	November 11 <sup>th</sup> - April 6 (average 39 visit, most present at one time: 72)
2015/2016	November 22 <sup>nd</sup> –March 24 (average 41 visit, most present at one time: 79)
2016/2017	November 19 <sup>th</sup> – March 9 (average 50 visit, most present at one time: 150)
2017/2018	November 9 <sup>th</sup> - March 20 (average 48 visit, most present at one time: 84)
2018/2019	November 11- January 23 (average 81 visit, most present at one time 164)

### Swans currently at quarry (245)

#### Total #, Marked ones listed:

November 8, 2019

15 swans November 11, 2019

15 swans

November 13, 2019 15 swans. November 14, 2019 37 swans. November 21, 2019 44 swans field. November 25, 2019 18 swans. November 27, 2019 22 swans 8 in field. December 3, 2019 31 swans lake 4.

December 12, 2019 133 swans lake 4. December 13, 2019 111 swans. December 26, 2019 104 swans.

December 29, 2019 200 swans. (not on lake 4)

December 30, 2019 245 swans (three fields) New Record according to my records for most at once!

