



# Audubon National Wildlife Refuge

***\*Connecting People With Nature!\****



*"If we want children to flourish, to become truly empowered, then let us allow them to love the earth before we ask them to save it."* -David Sobel, *Beyond Ecophobia*

## **Blue Goose Boat Tours**

Enjoy a pontoon ride to a Lake Audubon nesting island for an up-close look at duck nests, young ducklings, terns, and gulls. Along the way, you will hear about Refuge history and management, as well as view various birds. Life jackets, binoculars, and field identification guides are provided. Boat tour will be cancelled if winds exceed 15 mph. **Pre-registration is required** by calling 701/442-5474 ext. 17. Boat tour limit: 18 visitors

**Dates:** *Wednesdays, June 11, and 25, 2008* **Time:** *9:00am – 10:30am* **Age:** *Any* **Meet at Boat Ramp located 1 mile in along auto tour route**

## **Prairie Wetland Day Camp**

Junior Girl Scouts are invited to attend a day camp where they discover, explore, and learn about prairie wetlands and wildlife on Audubon Refuge. Scouts will earn a "prairie pothole patch" after completing prairie wetland activities. **Pre-registration is required** by calling the Girl Scout Council at 701/223-4525. Day camp limit: 20 Junior Girl Scouts

**Date:** *Friday, June 13, 2008* **Time:** *9:00am – 3:00pm* **Meet in Classroom**

## **Walk In the Wildflowers**

Participants will join in a nature hike through native grasslands to identify a variety of blooming wildflowers and learn about edible, cultural, and medicinal uses of the plants. **Pre-registration is required** by calling 701/442-5474 ext. 17.

**Dates:** *Friday, June 27, 2008* **Time:** *10:00am – 12:00pm* **Age:** *Any* **Meet in Classroom**

## **Greenwings Day**

Spend a family-oriented afternoon learning about hunting, fishing, wildlife conservation, and outdoor skills. Kids receive door prizes and educational materials. Following the event, a picnic lunch is served by the Douglas Sportsmen's Club. **No pre-registration required.**

**Date:** *Sunday, August 31, 2008* **Time:** *1:00pm – 5:00pm* **Age:** *Any* **Meet at Visitor Center**

## **Bluebird Nest Box Workshop**

Pre-cut lumber is provided for youth to nail nesting boxes together. Participants learn about bluebirds and other birds that will utilize the box for nesting, good nest box placement, and maintenance.

**Pre-registration is required** by calling 701/442-5474 ext. 17. Class Size Limit: 100 participants

**Date:** *Thursday, September 25, 2008* **Time:** *5:30pm – 6:30pm* **Age:** *5–18* **Meet at Visitor Center**

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Recreational Opportunities - 2008**

**Audubon Refuge Visitor Center** – This is an ideal place to begin your visit. Displays and exhibits feature wetlands, native prairie, and wildlife that can be observed on the Refuge. Brochures are available to provide information on Refuge management, recreational activities, and wildlife. The visitor center is open from 7:30am – 4:00pm, Monday – Friday, except Federal holidays.

**Prairie Hiking Trail** - A 1-mile self-guided trail begins near the entrance of the auto tour route. The trail winds through grasslands and along wetlands, allowing visitors to observe many species of plants, birds, and other animals. A wildlife checklist is available for reference.

**South Shore Auto Tour Route** – The 7 ½ mile route begins near the visitor center and winds along the scenic south shoreline of Lake Audubon. Highlights include views of the lake, prairie wetlands, grasslands, and a chance to observe many species of animals and plants. You are welcome to leave your vehicle and stroll through the prairie or along the wind-blown shoreline of Lake Audubon. An auto tour route brochure corresponds with numbered signs along the route.

**Wildlife Observation and Photography Blind** – Enjoy peaceful moments observing or photographing waterfowl and shorebirds on a quiet bay of Lake Audubon. A westerly view from the blind offers a glimpse of a beautiful sunset over Lake Audubon.

**Hunting** - Deer hunting and a late season upland bird (pheasant, grouse, and partridge) hunt are held on the refuge. Special regulations apply. A hunting information sheet and map are available. Opening dates in 2008 are as follows:

- Deer Bow – August 29
- Deer Gun – November 7
- Upland Bird – November 24
- Deer Muzzleloader – November 28

**Ice Fishing** - Ice fishing on the Refuge is permitted when ice covers the water through March 31. Special regulations apply. An informational ice fishing brochure with map is available.

The office and visitor center is located 3 miles north of Coleharbor on Highway 83 and 1 mile east.

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