



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge

2009 Calendar of Events

Special Events

Come enjoy FREE fun for the whole family at our special events! Wagon rides, exhibits, kids' activities and more!

May 9: International Migratory Bird Day

October 10: Open House (National Wildlife Refuge Week)

September 27: Cars for Critters

December 13: Winter Open House

Naturally Speaking *co-sponsored by the Black Swamp Bird Observatory*

FREE speaker series held on the 2nd Sunday of each month (except for holidays)* at 2:00 p.m. See website or call for topics.

February 8, March 8, April 5*, May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13, October 11, November 8, December 13

Auto Tours

Drive through 7 miles of the refuge that are normally closed to the public! Gates open at 9:00 a.m. and entrance gate closes at 4:00 p.m. Tours may be cancelled due to weather, etc. Call for information.

March 21, April 18, May 9-10, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19, October 10, November 8, December 19

Bird Walks

Monthly Bird Surveys - 1st Sunday of each month at 8:00 a.m.; meet at old refuge headquarters (near maintenance shop and trail head).

Fridays, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 8:00 a.m. Meet at the Visitor Center.

Hike the Dikes

"Hike the Dikes" is a cooperative program with Magee Marsh Wildlife Area and Black Swamp Bird Observatory. All hikes meet at Magee Marsh Sportsmen's Migratory Bird Center at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

March 7: Canada Goose Day (1:30 pm)

April 5: Early Arrivals

May 9: Catch the Migration Sensation! (10 am - 2 pm)

June 6: Search for Signs of Summer

July 4: Jewels with Wings: Dragonflies!

August 8: Sensational Shorebirds

September 5: Wildflowers

October 3: Ducks, Geese, and Swans, Oh My!



Be a Refuge Weed Warrior!

Help restore native refuge habitat by pulling Garlic Mustard on areas of the refuge normally closed to the public. For more information, contact Kathy at (419) 898-0014.

Tuesdays or Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.: April 21, April 23, April 28, April 30, May 5, May 7, May 12, May 14, May 19, May 21, May 26 or May 28.

Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.: April 25 or May 16.



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Nature Tots

**Co-sponsored by the
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Children ages 3-5 are invited to bring their favorite adult from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month for nature crafts, stories and walks outdoors. Space is limited; call Laura at (419) 898-0014 to register.

- February 7: Animal Tracks
- March 7: Squirrely Squirrels
- April 4: Fancy Flowers
- May 2: Wetland Birds
- June 6: Beautiful Butterflies
- July 4: Terrific Turtles
- August 1: Super Spiders
- September 5: Duck, Duck, Goose
- October 3: Leaves that Fall
- November 7: Oh Deer!
- December 5: Happy Hibernators



Wild Wednesdays for Kids!

Children are invited to participate in programs and activities each Wednesday during June, July and August. Children who have completed K-2nd grade will meet from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Children who have completed 3rd-5th grade will meet from 1-3 p.m. Space is limited; call Laura at (419) 898-0014 to register.

Let's Go Outside! Family Nature Adventures

Join refuge staff for programs and activities that involve the entire family each Saturday during June, July and August at 10:00 a.m. Space is limited; call Laura at (419) 898-0014 to register.

Programs and Workshops

A number of other free activities and events occur at the refuge during the year. Meet at the Visitor Center unless otherwise noted.

- February 21: Winter Wildflower Planting
10 a.m. - 12 noon.
- March 18: Marsh Monitoring Workshop, 6:30 p.m.
- March 27: Owl Prowl, 7:30 p.m.
- April 3: Woodcock Walk; meet at Black Swamp Bird Observatory at 7:00 p.m.
- April 4: Lake Erie Wing Watch Weekend
Port Clinton High School
<http://lakeeriewingwatch.com/>
- April 18: Waterfowl Symposium,
9:00 a.m. to 12 noon
- July 11: Butterfly I.D. Workshop
1:00 p.m.
- July 18: Invasive Species Workshop, 1:00 p.m.
- July 25: NABA Butterfly Count
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- August 16: Dog Days of Summer
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- October 17: Duck I.D. Workshop, 1:00 p.m.



Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge is located 15 miles east of Toledo and 15 miles west of Port Clinton at 14000 West State Route 2, Oak Harbor, OH 43449. For more information and updates visit <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/ottawa> or call (419) 898-0014.