

News Release

National Wildlife Refuge System



Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge

Winona District
51 East 4th Street, Room 203
Winona, MN 55987

The Big Sit!

The Winona District of the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge will host a Big Sit! This event will be held at the Prairie Island Natural Area, across the road from the McNally Boat Landing on Prairie Island Drive in Winona, MN. This FREE, fun event will be held Sunday, October 12th from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Participants can come-and-go at their leisure within the designated times. The goal of the Big Sit! is to tally as many bird species as can be seen or heard from within a 17-foot diameter circle. Participants will identify birds, use field guides and join bird related discussions.

The Big Sit! is an annual, international, noncompetitive birding event hosted by Bird Watcher's Digest and founded by the New Haven (CT) Bird Club. The Big Sit! has been adopted by the National Wildlife Refuge System as part of National Wildlife Refuge Week celebrations. The Big Sit! allows birders of all ages as well as the non-birding public to enjoy their Refuge.

If you have any special needs please contact us at least two weeks prior to the event so that we may accommodate you. For additional information call Park Ranger Edward Lagace at (507-494-6236) or (ed_lagace@fws.gov).