

Horicon National Wildlife Refuge Calendar of Events – 2008



- January 10** **Traditional Trapping** – (7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Horicon Refuge Visitor Center) History and basics of this traditional activity at the marsh.
- March 13** **Fish Management** – (7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Horicon Refuge Visitor Center) Overview of fish species and management at the marsh.
- April 19-20** **Old Marsh Road open to hiking/bicycling** – Celebrate *Earth Day* by hiking or biking on Old Marsh Road. Daylight hours only. Adjacent dikes are closed.
- May 1-23** **Wisconsin Junior Duck Stamp Exhibit** – On display at the Horicon Refuge Visitor Center. See artwork from the 2008 contest.
- SPECIAL EXHIBIT!**
- May 8** **Wildflowers of Wisconsin** – (7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Horicon Refuge Visitor Center) This program will teach you how to identify the many colors you find along the trail.
- May 9-12** **Horicon Marsh Bird Festival** – Marsh-wide event. Guided birding hikes, bus and boat tours; kids activities, bird banding demos, live birds of prey, and special exhibits. Visit <http://www.horiconmarshbirdfestival.com> for more information.
- June** **Old Marsh Road open to hiking/bicycling** – Saturdays and Sundays in June, July and August. Closed weekdays. Daylight hours only. Adjacent dikes are closed.
- June 12** **A Prairie Primer** – (7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Horicon Refuge Visitor Center) Learn how to prepare, plant and maintain a prairie garden.
- June 14** **Redhead Trail Hike** - (9:00 a.m. - 12:00)
Celebrate National Trails Day with a hike through field, forest and wetland. Meet at the Main Lot at the auto tour route off Hwy 49. Trail: 2.5 miles – easy to moderate difficulty. Bring water and sturdy shoes.

- July** **Old Marsh Road open to hiking/bicycling** – Saturdays and Sundays in June, July and August. Closed weekdays. Daylight hours only. Adjacent dikes are closed.
- July 10** **Native Americans of Horicon Marsh: re-enactment by “Dirty Kettle”** - (7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Horicon Refuge Visitor Center) – Native American history of the marsh, drumming and dance.
- August** **Old Marsh Road open to hiking/bicycling** – Saturdays and Sundays in June, July and August. Closed weekdays. Daylight hours only. Adjacent dikes are closed.
- August 4 - 22** **Federal Duck Stamp Artwork Exhibit** – On display at the Horicon Refuge Visitor Center. The Federal Duck Stamp provides critical funding for the purchase of wetland habitat (national wildlife refuges) for migratory birds and other wildlife.
- SPECIAL EXHIBIT!**
- September 6- November 2** **Visitor Center Open Weekends** – during fall migration in addition to regular hours (Mon-Fri)
Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sundays: 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- September 6** **Prairie Seed Collecting** – (9:00 a.m. – noon) *Celebrate Your National Public Lands* by joining us to harvest native prairie plant seeds for use in restoration projects throughout the refuge. Long pants, sturdy shoes, and gloves are recommended. Meet at the Horicon Refuge Visitor Center.
- October 11** **National Wildlife Refuge Celebration** – (9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) *Celebrate National Wildlife Refuges* with activities at Horicon Refuge! Morning 5K Run/Walk on auto tour route (<http://www.fdlrc.com/> for registration information). Activities and programs throughout the day.
- November 22-30 & December 11-14** **Auto Tour Route closed for Deer Gun Seasons** - Visitors are still welcome to use the area for hiking and other permissible activities but are required to wear blaze orange.

For more information about Refuge Events:

Call Horicon National Wildlife Refuge at 920-387-2658 or visit <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/horicon/>

