



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge

2009 Calendar of Events

Special Events

Come enjoy FREE fun for the whole family.

September 27: Cars for Critters, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

October 10: Open House (National Wildlife Refuge Week)

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 at 2:00 p.m. See website for topics.

September 13 (Spiders of Ohio), 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.

September 19 (opens at 6:30 a.m.), October 10, November 8, December 19

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.

September 12: Wildflowers
October 10: Waterfowl



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.

August 29: Birds of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge—program and field trip with Joe LeFleur, author of *Better Birdwatching* DVDs, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

October 17: Duck I.D. Workshop, 1:00 p.m.

Nature Tots

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. Call Laura at (419) 898-0014 to register.

September 5: Duck, Duck, Goose
October 3: Leaves that Fall
November 7: Oh Deer!
December 5: Happy Hibernators

Family Nature Adventures

Join refuge naturalists for programs and activities that involve the entire family each Saturday during June, July and August at 10:00 a.m.

Bird Walks

Monthly Bird Surveys - 1st Sunday of each month at 8:00 a.m.; meet at old refuge headquarters



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