

Programs Offered

Beginning birders, nature enthusiasts, and families, here is an opportunity for you to learn more about the natural world in your own back yard through these free nature programs. The following is a brief description of the types of programs offered:

“Focus on...”

Meet at Headquarters/Visitor Contact Station.

1101 Casey Road, Basom, NY

A guest lecture series which takes place at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters. These programs are best suited for adults and youth 12 years and older.

“Hands on...”

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Hands on activities which take place indoors or outside at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters. For the entire family.

Scope Watch

Meet at Cayuga Pool Overlook, Route 77.

Volunteers will provide spotting scopes and their expertise identifying birds in the area. For the entire family.

Birding Field Trip

Trips begin and end at the Cayuga Pool Overlook, Route 77.

Caravan with a knowledgeable guide who will take you to some of the best birding sites on Iroquois NWR, Tonawanda or Oak Orchard State WMA's. For the entire family.

Owl Prowl

Meet at Cayuga Pool Overlook, Route 77.

Join in a nocturnal search for owls. Be prepared for an off-road walk. You may need to caravan to another site(s) at the leader's discretion. Bring a flashlight. For the entire family.

Canoe Trek

Meet at Knowlesville Road bridge.

Bring a canoe or kayak and explore the primitive beauty of Oak Orchard Creek. Life jackets required, bring your own canoe. *Questions? Call Rick Allen at (716) 445-9685*

Nature/Bird Walks

Please check the schedule for meeting locations as they vary throughout the season. An experienced guide will lead you on an informative walk, identifying the birds/plants you may encounter. Walks are approximately 1 mile in length over generally flat terrain. Dress for the weather and bring insect repellent, sun block and drinking water, as needed. For the entire family.

Woodcock Walk

Meet at Swallow Hollow Nature Trail, Route 77.

We will go in search of the secretive American woodcock to watch its curious mating ritual. For the entire family.

Bats, Bugs & Stars

Meet at Kanyoo Nature Trail, Route 77.

Find out about our wild night life and do some star gazing (weather permitting). For the entire family.

Warbler Walk

Please check the schedule for meeting locations as they vary throughout the season. The early birder gets the warbler – we hope. Bring binoculars. Beginners are encouraged and welcome. For the entire family.

Secret Birds of the Marsh

Meet at Kanyoo Nature Trail, Route 77.

Visit the hidden world of rails, bitterns, & soras. After a short presentation we will travel to another site. For the entire family.



Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge has been recognized by the National Audubon Society as an “Important Bird Area” and offers many opportunities year round for bird and wildlife observation as well as other wildlife dependent recreation.

Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge Hours

Dawn to Dusk

Iroquois NWR Headquarters and Visitor Contact Station

Monday - Friday 7:30am - 4:00pm

March 22 - May 25

Saturday and Sunday 9:00am - 5:00pm

Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge

1101 Casey Road, Basom, NY 14013

585-948-5445

www.fws.gov/northeast/iroquois

Iroquois Observations

Contact Garner Light

www.buffaloaudubon.com

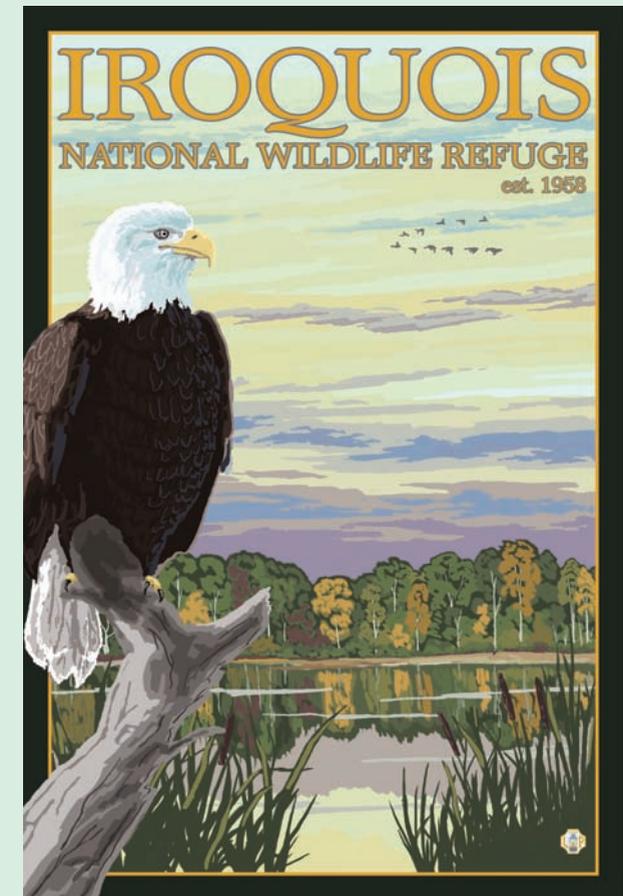
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Friends of Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge

<http://www.friendsofiroquoisnwr.org>

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2008
Nature Programs

All Events are Free and Open to the Public

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Please refer to program descriptions on reverse side for event meeting locations.



Spring Programs

Saturday, March 8 and March 15

1 pm – 4 pm: Scope Watch –
Weather Permitting

Saturday, March 22

9 am – Noon: Birding Field Trip
1 pm – 4 pm: Scope Watch

Saturday, March 29

9 am – Noon: Birding Field Trip
1 pm – 4 pm: Scope Watch
1 pm – 2 pm: Focus On –
“Birding in your own Backyard”
Speaker: Garner Light

Saturday, April 5

9 am – Noon: Birding Field Trip
1 pm – 4 pm: Scope Watch
1 pm – 2 pm: Focus On –
“Native Aquatics and Beyond”
Speaker: Mark Carra
8 pm – 10 pm: Owl Prowl

Saturday, April 12

9 am – Noon: Birding Field Trip
9 am – Noon: Nature Hike (Feeder Road)
Meet at Kanyoo Nature Trail
Check Station
1 pm – 4 pm: Scope Watch
1 pm – 2 pm: Focus On –
“Owls of the Niagara Frontier”
Speaker: Chuck Rosenburg
7:30 pm – 9 pm: Woodcock Walk

Saturday, April 19

10 am – Noon: Birding Field Trip
1 pm – 4 pm: Scope Watch
1 pm – 2:30 pm: Hands On –
“Basic Birding”
Speaker: Jim Pawlicki
3 pm – 4 pm: Nature Walk –
Meet at Swallow Hollow Nature Trail

Saturday, April 26

SPRING INTO NATURE CELEBRATION

9 am – 4 pm: Join in a day of family activities,
hands on projects, presentations,
demonstrations, and exhibits all
about wildlife, nature, and our
ecosystem.
1 pm – 4 pm: Scope Watch

Saturday, May 3

8 am – 10 am: Warbler Walk –
Swallow Hollow Nature Trail
10 am – Noon: Birding Field Trip
1 pm – 4 pm: Scope Watch
1 pm – 2 pm: Focus On –
“Bald Eagles”
Speaker: Mike Allen
6 pm – 8 pm: Secretive Birds of the Marsh
8:30 pm – 10:30 pm: Owl Prowl

Sunday, May 4

9 am – 1 pm: Canoe Trek

Saturday, May 10

INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD DAY

8 am – 9:30 am: Warbler Walk –
Meet at Kanyoo Nature Trail
10 am – 11 am: Bird Banding Demonstration
Meet at Kanyoo Nature Trail
Check Station
Bird Bander: Erin Karnatz
11 am – 12:30 pm: Nature Walk –
Meet at Kanyoo Nature Trail
Check Station
1 pm – 2 pm: Focus On –
“Nature Photography”
Speaker’s Tom Poczciwinski
and Bob Ensminger
2 pm – 3:30 pm: Hands On –
“Nature Photography”
(Bring your camera)
1 pm – 4 pm: Scope Watch

Saturday, May 17

HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY INWRI!

9 am – Noon: Birding Field Trip
1 pm – 4 pm: Scope Watch
1 pm – 2:30 pm: Hands On –
“Dragonflies of New York”
Speaker: Mike Stanyard
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm: Focus On –
“50 years on the Refuge”
Speaker: INWR Staff
Cake and ice cream will be provided

Saturday, June 21

SPECIAL EVENING PROGRAM

8 pm – 11 pm: Bats, Bugs, and Stars

Fall Programs

Sunday, October 5

9 am – 1 pm: Canoe Trek

Saturday, October 18

9 am – Noon: Birding Field Trip
1 pm – 4 pm: Scope Watch
7 pm – 9 pm: Owl Prowl

Saturday, November 1

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm: Owl Prowl

Program Sponsors



Please Note: Programs may be subject to change.