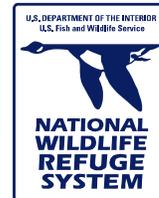


# News Release

## *National Wildlife Refuge System*



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### **BOMBAY HOOK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE ANNOUNCES FREE ENTRANCE FEE ON THE FIRST DAY OF SUMMER, JUNE 21, 2011.**

The Refuge **entrance fee will be waived on June 21, 2011** in support of President Obama's memorandum launching the America's Great Outdoors Initiative in 2010 and the proclamation signed May 31, 2011, proclaiming June 2011 as Great Outdoors Month.

America's Great Outdoors Initiative focuses on promoting community-level efforts to conserve outdoor spaces and to reconnect Americans to the outdoors. For more information on the America's Great Outdoors Initiative connect to: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2010/04/16/creating-a-21st-century-strategy-americas-outdoors>.

During Great Outdoors Month, the proclamation urges all Americans to explore the great outdoors and to uphold our nation's legacy of conserving our lands for future generations. Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge will waive entrance fees on June 21, 2011 to provide visitors an opportunity to enjoy wildlife observation and photography from the 12-mile wildlife drive. Although the summer season at Bombay Hook hosts a variety of flies and mosquitoes, the wildlife drive provides easy viewing of herons and egrets; nesting black-necked stilts, glossy ibises and shorebirds. Bald eagles are always a treat to see at the Refuge. Bring your family and explore the great outdoors along the 12-mile wildlife drive. Binoculars and field guides are available to borrow at the Visitor Center, open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Refuge wildlife drive is open daily from sunrise to sunset.

For more information on upcoming programs check the web site at: <http://bombayhook.fws.gov> or contact Tina Watson on 302-653-9345. Bombay Hook NWR is located 2 miles north of Leipsic on Whitehall Neck Road just off State Route 9.

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. We are both a leader and trusted partner in fish and wildlife conservation, known for our scientific excellence, stewardship of lands and natural resources, dedicated professionals and commitment to public service. For more information on our work and the people who make it happen, visit [www.fws.gov](http://www.fws.gov).

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