

2026 Calendar of Events

Mackay Island National Wildlife Refuge

The area beyond the Dike Gate will be open for public access by foot and bicycle until October 15, 2026. From October 16 – March 14, 2027 the area beyond the Dike Gate is closed to all public access except for Open Roads Days (vehicle access) and for deer hunting (with valid permit) on dates listed below.

Date	Event	Description
May 22-25	Open Roads Days	Roads normally closed to public vehicle access are open for wildlife viewing and fishing sunrise to sunset.
July 3-6	Open Roads Days	Roads normally closed to public vehicle access are open for wildlife viewing and fishing sunrise to sunset.
Sept 4-7	Open Roads Days	Roads normally closed to public vehicle access are open for wildlife viewing and fishing sunrise to sunset.
Oct 9-12	Open Roads Days	Roads normally closed to public vehicle access are open for wildlife viewing and fishing sunrise to sunset.
Oct 22-25	Refuge Deer Hunt	One of 5 open periods to hunt deer on the refuge.
Oct 29-Nov 1	Refuge Deer Hunt	One of 5 open periods to hunt deer on the refuge.
Nov 5-8	Refuge Deer Hunt	One of 5 open periods to hunt deer on the refuge.
Nov 12-15	Refuge Deer Hunt	One of 5 open periods to hunt deer on the refuge.
Nov 26-29	Refuge Deer Hunt	One of 5 open periods to hunt deer on the refuge.
Dec 11-14	Open Roads Days	Roads normally closed to public vehicle access are open for wildlife viewing and fishing 7AM to sunset.