

DETROIT RIVER INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

2013 EVENTS:

Sundays	1 pm – 4 pm	Gibraltar Bay Unit Open House June through October with the Grosse Ile Nature and Land Conservancy (<i>entrance on East River Road, half mile south of Groh Road in Grosse Ile, MI</i>)
JANUARY 26, Saturday	9am & 1 pm Tours	Eagle Tour in partnership with DTE Energy. This once a year event allows you to experience the beauty of the bald eagle in its winter habitat. If ice has frozen the river, expect to see over 50 mature eagles on site. If the waters are open, expect to see the eagles soaring above you as you stand on the marsh dikes. An experience to be remembered. Registration Required , watch for announcement.
FEBRUARY 1, Friday		World Wetlands Day To promote wise use and sustainable practices at wetlands of international importance. Full day Expo at the Gibraltar Carlson High School with invitation to 2000 students from neighboring schools and partners of habitat and wildlife management.
FEBRUARY 20, Wednesday	6 – 8 pm	Stewardship Volunteer Workshop Westfield Center, Trenton, MI Doors open 5:30 – Registration Required Introduction to volunteer stewardship opportunities to assist the DRIWR staff with a variety of needs. Training on invasive species removal, Common Tern site prep, biological survey needs will be introduced to prepare you to be in the field this spring. Good physical condition and ability to work in all types of weather are encouraged.
MARCH 13, Wednesday	6 – 8 pm	Outreach Volunteer Workshop Westfield Center, Trenton, MI Doors open 5:30 – Registration Required Introduction and training to promote public awareness of the DRIWR with DRIWR staff and the International Wildlife Refuge Alliance (IWRA), Friends Group for the DRIWR. Learn what is needed to assist at Refuge Unit open houses and become a representative to provide outreach support at community events, conferences, expos, and educational functions all in the spirit to develop the next generation of conservation stewards.
APRIL 21, Sunday	1 – 4 pm	Humbug Marsh Open House Earth Day in the Refuge Hands-on environmental activities will be featured for all ages. Learn more why we need to be the conservation stewards of today to have tomorrow.

MAY 10, Friday		<p>Ford MODEL-Teams Work Day Ford Volunteer Corps join the staff in a full work day on the Refuge, mini-grant opportunity. Not a public event.</p>
MAY 11, Saturday	TBA	<p>Humbug Marsh Open House International Migratory Bird Day Celebration “Early Bird” guided tours will be featured in the am with an afternoon open house, highlighting and celebrating the migration of nearly 350 species of migratory birds as they return to their nesting habitats in North America from their tropical winter vacation.</p>
MAY 21, Tuesday	4 – 8 pm	<p>Humbug Marsh Open House with special guests TBA The last mile of natural shoreline on the U.S. side of the Detroit River, this 410-acre marsh is home to numerous fish and wildlife species and stands of old-growth white oaks. Enjoy a waterfront stroll on the ½ mile Orange Trail or experience the rustic 1.25 mile Green Trail.</p>
JUNE 1, Saturday	11 am – 2 pm	<p>Humbug Marsh Open House National Trails Day Activities TBA</p>
JUNE 8, Saturday	TBA	<p>Free Fishing Day in Millican State Park This free event is designed to give families in the greater Detroit area the opportunity to enjoy the fun of fishing along the Detroit Riverfront while building community, creating family memories, enjoying the great outdoors, and learning about water stewardship and sustainability.</p>
JUNE 18, Tuesday	6 – 8 pm	<p>Outreach Volunteer Workshop Westfield Center, Trenton, MI Doors open 5:30 – Registration Required Introduction and training to promote public awareness of the DRIWR with DRIWR staff and the International Wildlife Refuge Alliance (IWRA), Friends Group for the DRIWR. Learn what is needed to assist at Refuge Unit open houses and become a representative to provide outreach support at community events, conferences, expos, and educational functions all in the spirit to develop the next generation of conservation stewards.</p>
JUNE 20, Thursday	4 – 8 pm	<p>Humbug Marsh Open House with special guest TBA</p>
JULY 13, Saturday	11 am – 3 pm	<p>Humbug Marsh Open House <i>Trenton Mid-Summer Festival Weekend</i></p>
JULY 23, Tuesday	4 – 8 pm	<p>Humbug Marsh Open House with special guests, Wyandot of Anderdon Nation</p>
AUGUST 4, Sunday	1 – 4 pm	<p>Humbug Marsh Open House</p>

AUGUST 22, Thursday	4 – 8 pm	Humbug Marsh Open House with special guest TBA
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SEPTEMBER 7 & 8 Saturday & Sunday	9 am – 5 pm	65th Pointe Mouillee Waterfowl Festival Pointe Mouillee State Game Area, Brownstown, MI Enjoy a Michigan tradition of games, raffles, food, and prizes – Goose & Duck Calling, “Jump Dogs”, Midwest Decoy Contest, Wildlife Art & Craft show are just a few features of the two-day event. www.miwaterfowlfest.org
SEPTEMBER 14 & 15 Saturday & Sunday	9 am – 5 pm	Hawkfest Lake Erie Metropark, A two-day celebration of the annual fall migration of birds of prey – hawks, eagles, falcons, and vultures. Each September, tens of thousands of broad-winged hawks pass over this area designated as one of the premier hawk watching sites in North America. Typically, 200,000 birds of prey migrate over Lake Erie Metropark from September through November on their southward journey. The event will be held at the Marshlands Museum and Nature Center of Lake Erie Metropark in Brownstown Township. (A Metroparks vehicle entry permit is required to enter Lake Erie Metropark \$5). www.metroparks.com
SEPTEMBER 24, Tuesday	TBA	Volunteer Thank You Dinner
SEPTEMBER 26, Thursday	4 – 8 pm	Humbug Open House with special guest TBA
OCTOBER 10, Thursday	10 am – 2 pm	Humbug Open House with special guest Jamie Lanier, DRIWR Visitor Services Manager Learning Stations, school groups invited
OCTOBER 29, Tuesday	4 – 7 pm	Humbug Open House with special feature, SPIDERS!
NOVEMBER 8, Friday	8 – 10 pm	OWL PROWL in Humbug Marsh <i>Owl prowl!</i> ? That's a hike in the woods at night to listen for the hoots, wails and shrieks of owls. Dorothy McLeer, University of Michigan Dearborn Naturalist will be there to teach us more about these fascinating nocturnal birds.
DECEMBER 21, Saturday		HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DRIWR - 12 years old today!