

Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge
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www.fws.gov/refuge/bombay_hook



Calendar of Events – 2018

The Wildlife Drive is open daily from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

The Visitor Center is open during the week from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The Visitor Center is open on weekends from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm until December 2, 2018.

Saturday, November 3, 2018 10:00 am to 12:00 noon Winter Waterfowl Identification Workshop is a joint program with Delaware Museum of Natural History (DMNH) and Delmarva Ornithological Society (DOS). The program will offer participants the opportunity to examine closely, study and discuss the skins of a variety of waterfowl common to Delmarva in the winter. Birds for study will include both the expected and the unusual species. This program will introduce new birders to many commonly seen waterfowl, while offering plumage challenges for our more advanced birders and waterfowlers. Dr. Jean Woods, Curator of Birds at DMNH, will guide us through the museum's selected collections. The workshop is free and will be at Bombay Hook's Visitor Center. Space is limited and registration is required. (Age 16 and over unless accompanied by a parent) **If you are interested contact Jean Woods, jwoods@delmnh.org or by phone 302-658-9111, x314.**

Saturday, November 10, 2018 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Beginning Bird Watching – Duck, Duck, Goose What are all those ducks and geese around the Refuge? Come and learn how to tell one duck from another at this beginning birders' class. We'll meet at the Visitor Center at 10 am for a talk and then go onto the wildlife drive to practice new skills.

Sunday, November 11, 2018 ½ hour before sunrise to ½ our after sunset FREE ENTRANCE FEE Honoring veterans, the National Wildlife Refuge System is providing free entrance to Bombay Hook National Wildlife and all the refuges throughout the U.S. This is a good time of year to see hawks, eagles, ducks, and geese. Take time out to remember our veterans and to enjoy nature.

Sunday, November 11, 2018 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm Dr. Erica Miller, Veterinarian at Tri-State Bird Rescue, will give a presentation on 'TOXINS IN NORTH AMERICAN BIRDS' Dr. Miller will discuss how birds come in contact with a wide variety of toxic agents, from pesticides, heavy metals, petroleum products, and other man-made chemicals to toxicants occurring naturally in the wild. Exposure can occur in many ways and settings, often affecting large number of birds. The presentation will address toxicants commonly affecting wildlife, how the birds are treated when poisoning occurs, and some thoughts about what can be done to prevent such poisonings in the future. Dr. Miller will also provide information about Tri-State Bird Rescue and Research, Inc. and what people should do if they come across a bird that needs help. At Tri-State she specializes in rehabilitation of wildlife injured as a result of oil spills.

Saturday, November 17, 2018 9:30 am to 12:00 noon Jr. Rangers Learn how Wildlife Survive in the Winter. - New and returning children (7-11 years old) are invited to attend. WILDLIFE IN WINTER - How do animals prepare for the winter months ahead? How do bats, birds, deer, foxes, snakes, turtles, butterflies survive in the winter and where do they live during cold weather? We'll study hibernation, migration and adaptation and how burrows, dead trees, dens and nests help animals survive. You will learn how to cast animal tracks with a take-home kit for your family to use through the winter. **Call to register – 302-653-9345 or email: tina_watson@fws.gov.**



Sunday, November 18, 2018 1:00 pm to 1:45 Live Birds of Prey Come enjoy a live birds of prey presentation by Animal Behavior & Conservation Connections. Learn the habits and behaviors of hawks, falcons and owls. Experience the “silence” flight of an owl as it glides inches over your head. See a vulture demonstrate it’s role as “nature’s recycler”. Learn about the decline of the Peregrine falcons, Bald eagles and the efforts people took to recover the population. Meet birds up close where you will be able to see the details of their magnificent contour feathers. Other raptors will swoop inches over head for a close connection. This program is a must see for the entire family.

Tuesday, November 20, 2018 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Toddlers/preschoolers (1 year old to 5 years old) and their guardian are free. Bombay Hook will be free for toddlers and their guardian. Children from 1 to 5 years old are developing cognitive skills and being in nature can expose them to sights and sounds that might go unnoticed in their everyday setting. Take your child on the wildlife drive, walk a trail, climb a tower, read them a nature book, and look at wildlife exhibits in the visitor center. You are never too young to explore and learn. This is a free self-study for families. You can come anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Friday, November 23, 2018 ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset FREE ENTRANCE FEE Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge is providing free entrance to introduce you and your family to wildlife conservation and bird watching. This is a good time of year to see hawks, eagles, ducks, and geese. Bring your family to drive the 12-mile wildlife drive and walk 5 short walking trails.

Friday, November 23, 2018 Starting at 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm and 2:00 pm ‘Black Friday Tours of the Refuge’ Are you and family members looking for something to do the day after Thanksgiving that DOES NOT include shopping? Bombay Hook is offering 1-1/2 hour tours throughout the day to introduce people to Bombay Hook, bird watching, and wildlife conservation. What a great way to spend time with family or come by yourself and join the fun. **Space is limited. Call to register – 302-653-9345 or email: tina_watson@fws.gov.**

Friday, November 23, 2018 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Bird Identification Station Get a close look at the different bird species in the impoundments. Randy Murphy will be set up on the wildlife drive with scopes and binoculars to help you identify waterfowl, passing raptors, and whatever else flies by. Look for the blue Bird ID Station sign along the auto tour route.

Saturday, November 24, 2018 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Impoundment Tour of the Refuge Join Terry Willis and Eileen McLellan for a bus tour of the refuge impoundments and salt marsh. We hope to see and identify waterfowl, along with bald eagles and other passing raptors. Viewing scopes will be provided. Tour will take approximately 2+ hours depending on conditions. **Space is limited, call to register, 302-653-9345 or email: tina_watson@fws.gov.**

Saturday, November 24, 2018 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm Sunset Tour of the Refuge Join Tina Watson for a tour of the refuge as the sun sets. The tour will begin early enough to make a couple stops along the way. The group will walk a trail, discuss wildlife management practices, bird watch, and will end with the sunset over Shearneck Pool. **Space is limited. Call to register – 302-653-9345 or email: tina_watson@fws.gov.** Meet at the Visitor Center.

Sunday, November 25, 2018 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm Bird Identification Station Get a close look at the different bird species in the impoundments. Randy Murphy will be set up on the wildlife drive with scopes and binoculars to help you identify waterfowl, passing raptors, and whatever else flies by. Look for the blue Bird ID Station sign along the auto tour route.

Sunday, November 25, 2018 11:00 am – 12:30 pm Tour of the Refuge - Join volunteer, Ray Cullom, for a tour of the Refuge. Find out how the Refuge is managed for wildlife, visit different habitats, and walk a trail. Meet at the Visitor Center.

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Wednesday, November 28, 2018 8:30 am – 10:30 am Refuge Introduction Tour “Climb aboard” the refuge’s 12-passenger bus for a 2-hour guided tour of the refuge. Look for wildlife, walk a short trail, and learn how the various habitats on the refuge are managed to provide the food, water, and cover needed by the many species of wildlife that live on or pass through the refuge. Bring your binoculars, or borrow a pair at the Visitor Center. **Call to register, 302-653-9345 or email: tina_watson@fws.gov**

Friday, November 30, 2018 10:00 am to 12:30 pm Your First Visit To Bombay Hook Tour – Learn a little about the refuge’s history, why it is here, how it is managed for wildlife, bird migration at the refuge, and identify birds. We will also walk a trail. **Space is limited, call to register or email: tina_watson@fws.gov.**

Saturday, December 1, 2018 9:00am - 11:00am Refuge Nest Boxes, Who’s in there? Join volunteer Bruce Lantz as we explore the wildlife that finds “Refuge” in the nest boxes at Bombay Hook. The program will begin with a presentation in the Visitor Center and then the group will visit some of the nest boxes.

Sunday, December 2, 2018 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm Refuge Introduction Tour “Climb aboard” the refuge’s 12-passenger bus for a 2-hour guided tour of the refuge. Look for wildlife, walk a short trail, and learn how the various habitats on the refuge are managed to provide the food, water, and cover needed by the many species of wildlife that live on or pass through the refuge. Bring your binoculars, or borrow a pair at the Visitor Center. **Call to register, 302-653-9345 or email: tina_watson@fws.gov**

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Sunday, December 9, 2018 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Bird Identification Station Get a close look at the different bird species in the impoundments. Randy Murphy will be set up on the wildlife drive with scopes and binoculars to help you identify waterfowl, passing raptors, and whatever else flies by. Look for the blue Bird ID Station sign along the auto tour route.

2018-2019 Deer & Waterfowl Hunt Dates Partial Closures affecting the Wildlife Drive

Back Section Closed – Bear Swamp, Finis Pool, and road to Allee House

November 9, 10, and 14, 2018 all day for Shotgun

December 10 and 13, 2018 all day for Shotgun

January 14, 2019 all day for Wheelin’ Sportsmen Waterfowl Hunt

January 19, 2019 all day for Shotgun

Front Section Closed – Raymond and Shearneck – Enter Refuge on Rt. 9 at Dutch Neck Road

November 12 and 16, 2018 all day for Shotgun

December 12, 2018 all day for Shotgun