

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 closed on weekends until March 3, 2018.

Monday, January 15, 2018 ½ hour before Sunrise to ½ hour after Sunset Free Entrance Fee for Wildlife Drive The entrance fee will be waived to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Visiting Bombay Hook NWR may be one way to take time out of your busy schedule to reflect on the legacy of Dr. King. The 12-mile wildlife drive is open from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset and offers opportunities for families to view wildlife in natural settings and to walk 5 short walking trails. This time of year expect to see large numbers of snow geese, a variety of waterfowl, bald eagles, hawks, and few great blue herons.

Saturday, March 3, 2018 10:00 am to 12:30 pm Volunteer Orientation A meeting about volunteer opportunities will be held in the auditorium. The meeting will cover volunteer opportunities and upcoming activities, with the latter part of the session being a tour of the Refuge. Individuals are needed to staff the Visitor Center on weekends and weekdays from March through June. Volunteers are also needed to provide environmental education programs for school groups, conduct refuge tours, provide trail and landscaping maintenance, and help with highway cleanups. Volunteers may be called upon for special wildlife projects throughout the year. Training is provided.

Saturday, March 10, 2018 9:00 am to 11:30am Mammals of Bombay Hook Join Bruce Lantz, for a program about many of the 35 mammal species documented on the refuge. The program will explore the presence and life cycles of many common, shy, and just elusive mammal species. We'll examine the past history and some of the current challenges faced by many of these game and non-game mammals. The program will include both a classroom and field trip component. **Call to register - 302-653-9345 or email: tina_watson@fws.gov.**

Friday, March 16, 2018 10:00 am to 12:30 pm SPRING FEVER Tour of the Refuge Spring fever is a feeling of restlessness and excitement felt at the beginning of spring. Make use of that excitement and explore the refuge. Join Tina Watson for a fun morning outside: tour the refuge, walk a trail or two looking for signs of spring, and identify birds along the way. **Space is limited, call to register or email: tina_watson@fws.gov.**

Friday, March 23, 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 we will walk a trail and identify birds. **Space is limited, call to register or email: tina_watson@fws.gov.**



Saturday, March 17, 2018 9:30 am to 12:00 noon Jr. Rangers Learn about: Mammals New and returning children (7-11 years old) are invited to attend. Jr. Rangers will learn about the mammals presence and life cycles of many common, shy, and elusive mammal species that live on the refuge. **Call to register – 302-653-9345 or email: tina_watson@fws.gov.**

Tuesday, March 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 on the 3rd Tuesday of the March, April, and May. 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.

Sunday, March 25, 2018 11:00 am to 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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Hunt Dates – Partial Closures affecting the Wildlife Drive

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

January 19, 2018, all day for Shotgun