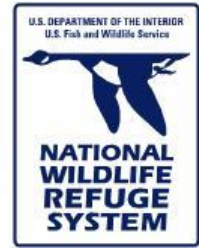


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Calendar of Events - 2019

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 will be opened on weekends until June 30, 2019.

Wednesdays, May 1, 2019 through May 29, 2019 8:00 am to 10:30 am Bird Walks with Marcia Poling
Join Marcia Poling, avid birder and artist, to look for early songbird arrivals from Mexico and South America. The group will walk several trails in search of songbirds and will stop to identify shorebirds along the wildlife drive. Location "To Be Determined" depending on current sightings. Meet at the Visitor Center.

Various Days, May 3, 2019 through June 28, 2019 11:00 am – 11:45 am Purple Martin Nest Checks
Joel Martin and Ray Gingerich will perform weekly purple martin gourd and house nest checks during April, May, and June. Individuals can observe and assist with recording data, counting eggs and hatchlings, and after they hatch hold a chick. You will see birds that spent the winter in Brazil and you may see an adult sitting on a nest. The nests need to be checked quickly to make sure the purple martins are not disturbed for a long period of time. Meet at the Visitor Center on the following dates: May 3, 8, 13, 18, 22, 28, and 31; June 5, 10, 14, 19, 24, and 28, 2019.

Saturday, May 4, 2019 11:00 am – 12:00 noon Salt Marsh Ecology and Resiliency in Large Storm Events by Clare Sevcik Healthy shorelines play an important role for wildlife, plant life, and human recreation. But did you know that shoreline health is vital and can be a great defense against flooding, storm surges, and other natural disasters? In this talk we'll explore Delaware's most important shoreline types, namely the Salt Marsh, and learn about their vital importance to the ecosystem and to humans.

Sunday, May 5, 2019 8:00 am – 10:00 am Beginning Birding – Warbler Walk – The walk will be on one or two trails along the wildlife drive with expert birders Eileen McLellan and Terry Willis.

Saturday, May 11, 2019 10:00 am to 12:00 noon How Plastics Harm Birds - Ericka Miller DVM, Staff Veterinarian for Tri-State Bird Rescue & Research will focus on this year's theme for World Migratory Bird Day: 'Be the Solutions to Plastic Pollution,' by talking about how plastics and other toxins harm birds and other wildlife. Program is in the Visitor Center auditorium. Program sponsored by Friends of Bombay Hook.

Saturday, May 11, 2019 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm Live Birds of Prey - Presented by Animal Behavior & Conservation Connections. Come enjoy a live birds of prey presentation by Animal Behavior & Conservation Connections. Learn the habits and behaviors of hawks, falcons and owls. 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. Program will be held outside the Visitor Center. Please dress for the weather. Program sponsored by Friends of Bombay Hook.

Saturday, May 11, 2019 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm **Wind up World Migratory Bird Day at Bombay Hook by watching the film *Albatross*, by Chris Jordan.** *Albatross* is a moving love story about birds on Midway Island in the Pacific whose bodies are filled with ocean plastics. This award winning film is 97 minutes long and offered as a free public artwork. Movie will be shown in the Visitor Center auditorium. Sponsored by Friends of Bombay Hook.

Sunday, May 12, 2019 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon **Beginning Birding – Shorebird Program** - Eileen McLellan and Terry Willis will give a presentation about shorebirds, their amazing migrations, and simple identification techniques. After the presentation, participants will take the bus to the impoundments to practice their new skills.



Saturday, May 18, 2019 9:30 am – 12:00 noon **Jr. Rangers Celebrate World Migratory Bird Day** - This year's theme is ***Protect Birds: Be the Solution to Plastic Pollution.*** New and returning children (7-11 years old) are invited to attend. **Call to register - 302-653-9345.**

Saturday, May 18, 2019 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm **Monarch Presentation and Gardening Tips for Monarchs** Learn how to identify monarchs and about their migration. Participants will learn about their habitat requirements and gardening tips to attract butterflies. Come learn about the amazing monarch and how you can help them survive. While monarchs will be the main focus, other local butterflies and pollinators will be included.

Tuesday, May 21, 2019 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 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, May 26, 2019 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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Saturday, June 1, 2019 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm **Photo Workshop** Join wildlife and landscape photographer Terry Willis for a beginning look at how to photograph wildlife. This workshop will focus on learning how to go beyond the "Auto" mode on your camera to enhance your photos of nature. Learn what f-stop, shutter speed and ISO mean, and how to use them. We will also look at the differing techniques used to capture wildlife and landscapes with the camera. **Call 302-653-9345 to register.**

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Sunday, June 30, 2019 11:00 am to 12:30 pm & 1:30 pm to 3:00 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.