

Audubon

National Wildlife Refuge

2016

Calendar of Events



Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest

Participate in an educational program that teaches wetland and waterfowl conservation to youth. Students in grades K-12 learn about waterfowl and create artwork as an individual project at home, or in their classroom. Participants must submit their entry to Audubon Refuge by March 15th. Artwork is judged later in March, with a banquet honoring all 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in the spring. To learn more about the Junior Duck Stamp Program or to get contest guidelines and an entry form, visit <http://www.fws.gov/juniorduck>.

Nature Fest Workshop

Pine Needle Basket Making: 9am-4pm Cost: \$50 Class Limit: 10
Carve A Walking Stick: 9am-12pm Cost: \$25 Class Limit: 10
Build a Bat House: 1pm-2pm Cost: \$10 Class Limit: 10
Tram Ride: 2pm-3pm Cost: Free Tram Limit: 25

Date: Saturday, April 30, 2016 **Age:** 15 years - adult
Pre-registration is required by calling 701/442-5474 ext. 117
Meet in Visitor Center (Workshop is sponsored by Audubon Refuge Partners, Inc. All proceeds go toward refuge conservation education programs.)



South Shore Tram Tour

Enjoy a tram ride on the South Shore Auto Tour Route for views of wildlife and habitat. Participants will learn about the refuge and wildlife encountered along the way. Dress for the weather.

Date: Wednesday, June 8, 2016 **Time:** 10-11:30am **Age:** Any
Pre-registration is required by calling 701/442-5474 ext. 117
Tour limit: 25 **Meet at Visitor Center – Free Event**



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Kayak Adventure

Enjoy a relaxing morning in a kayak, while paddling on a beautiful bay of Lake Audubon. Kayaks, paddles, and life jackets are provided. Kayaking will be cancelled if winds exceed 18 mph. Wear shoes and clothing that can get wet.

Date: Wednesday, July 20, 2016 **Time:** 9-11am **Age:** 10 and above (youth must be accompanied by an adult) **Pre-registration is required** by calling 701/442- 5474 ext. 117 **Class limit:** 12 **Meet at visitor parking area at end of auto tour route – Free Event**

Blue Goose Day

Spend a family-oriented evening with hands-on opportunities to participate in outdoor skill building and wildlife conservation programs. Youth will have the opportunity to shoot air rifles, bows and arrows, build a screech owl nest box and make an ice fishing pole. Following the event, a picnic lunch will be served. All kids receive participation prizes and educational materials.

Date: Thursday, July 14, 2016 **Time:** 5-8:30pm **Age:** Any **No pre-registration required** **Meet at Visitor Center – Free Event**



Halloween Adventure

Families are invited to dress in costumes and join a Refuge Halloween Adventure (come and go – open house style). Participants will trick-or-treat on the prairie nature trail, enjoy a light snack, and take a Halloween ride along the scenic shoreline of Lake Audubon. Tram rides and hay rides will leave the visitor center at 5:45pm, 6pm, 6:30pm, and 7pm.

No pre-registration required **Date:** Saturday, October 15, 2016 **Time:** 5:30-8pm - **Meet in Visitor Center – Free Event**



Upland Bird Hunt Opening Day

A long-standing tradition brings avid hunters to seek out pheasants, grouse, and partridge on Audubon Refuge. Opening day of this late season hunt is November 21st and the Audubon Refuge Partners Volunteers will serve brunch in the visitor center for a small fee. Proceeds will be used for educational programs for youth and adults.



Date: Monday, November 21, 2016 **Time:** 9am – 1pm **Meet in Visitor Center**

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The office and visitor center is located 3 miles north of Coleharbor, ND on U.S. Highway 83 and 1 mile east, and is open Monday – Friday from 8:00am – 4:30pm year round, except Federal holidays.

Visitor Opportunities

Audubon Refuge Visitor Center – An ideal place to begin your visit - an exhibit hall features displays about wetland and grassland habitat, migratory birds, nocturnal wildlife, John James Audubon, and Refuge history. The visitor center is open from 8:00am – 4:30pm, Monday – Friday, except Federal holidays.

Prairie Pond Store – Enhance your visit with wildlife and habitat educational materials or souvenirs of Audubon National Wildlife Refuge. The store is managed and operated by Audubon Refuge Partners, Inc., a group of volunteers who assist with refuge programs and activities.

Prairie Nature Trail - A 1-mile self-guided trail begins on the north side of the visitor center. The trail winds through grasslands and along wetlands, allowing visitors to observe many species of native grasses and wildflowers, birds, and other animals. A wildlife checklist is available for reference.

South Shore Auto Tour Route – The 8 ½ -mile gravel tour route begins near the visitor center and winds along the scenic south shoreline of Lake Audubon. Highlights include views of the lake, prairie wetlands, grasslands, and a chance to observe many species of birds, mammals, and plants. Visitors are welcome to leave their vehicle and stroll through the prairie or along the wind-blown shoreline of Lake Audubon. A brochure corresponds with numbered signs along the auto tour route.

Outdoor Skill Loaner Programs – Families are invited to borrow equipment to enhance their refuge experience. 'Let's Go Outside Backpacks' are available to use along the nature trail or at a wetland – they contain magnifying bug jars, nets for catching insects, field guides for identifying critters, and much more! Snowshoes can be borrowed during the winter months to explore areas full of wildlife sign and snow. Equipment can be utilized during office hours.

Volunteering – Consider joining and/or making a donation to the 'Audubon Refuge Partners, Inc.' group of volunteers, who assist with providing wildlife-oriented environmental education, interpretation, and recreational experiences for people.

Hunting - Deer hunting and a late season upland bird (pheasant, grouse, and partridge) hunt are held on the refuge. A brochure that details special regulations is available.

Ice Fishing - Ice fishing is permitted when ice covers the water. A brochure that details special regulations is available.

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