



Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge

Event Descriptions

Unless otherwise stated, events begin at the visitor center.

*Events marked with an asterisk require reservations. Call 419-898-0014 to save your spot!

OTTAWA WILDLIFE DRIVE

Enjoy the refuge from the comfort of your car! The 7 mile route departs from the visitor center parking lot. Gates open at 8:00 am and close at 4:00 pm. Beginning May 1 the Wildlife Drive will be open from sunrise to sunset, the entrance closes 1 hour prior to sunset. Join us for the ribbon cutting on May 1.

ADOPT A BEACH

Human nature protecting mother nature! Join us in celebrating Earth Day as we remove litter from the beaches along beautiful Lake Erie!

EAGLE TOUR

Witness our national icon on this back roads bus tour of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge.

BLUE GOOSE BUS TOUR

Join a ranger for behind the scenes access to closed areas of the refuge complex. Destinations vary depending on wildlife use and activity.

CEDAR POINT BUS TOUR

Enjoy spring migration while exploring Cedar Point National Wildlife Refuge!

NATURE TOTS

Children ages 3-5 are invited to bring their favorite adult for nature crafts, stories, and outdoor fun!

SWAMPERS

Children ages 6-12 are invited to hike with a refuge ranger and explore the refuge. Discover the wonder of nature and plan for a swampin' good time.

HIKE THE DIKES

"Hike the Dikes" is a cooperative program with Magee Marsh Wildlife Area and Black Swamp Bird Observatory. Attend three hikes and earn a hiking stick! *Meet at the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center.*

MONTHLY BIRD SURVEYS

Join a refuge volunteer and become a citizen scientist the first Sunday of each month at 8:00 am. Bring your binoculars and dress for the weather. *Meet at the trailhead parking area.*

NURTURE NATURE DAYS

Become a part of the habitat restoration work being done on the refuge. Learn about the refuge while lending a hand to improve it. Dress for the weather. During the spring migration season we will be working on projects each day from 1-3pm. Join us for a few minutes or stay the whole time.

TRAM TOURS

Enjoy the scenery and birds along the refuge hiking trails while riding on the refuge tram. These one hour tours will leave from the Visitor Center and no reservation is needed. See the visitor center for the schedule of tours running May 1—17.



Members Only Events:

Saturday, May 16

8-11am

1-4pm

Guided bus trips to visit the refuge's satellite properties that are closed to public access.

Membership information is available at the visitor center information desk.



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Calendar of Events

April—May, 2015

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May 1-17 Ottawa Wildlife Drive Open daily, sunrise to sunset. Entrance gate closes 1 hour before sunset.

May 1-17 Daily Tram Tours—see the schedule in the visitor center.

APRIL

Wednesday, April 1

9am-12pm- Eagle Tour*
12:30-3:30pm- Eagle Tour*

Saturday, April 4

10:30-11:30am- Nature Tots*
1:00-2:30pm- Swampers*

Sunday, April 5

8am- Monthly Bird Survey

Saturday, April 11

9am- Hike the Dikes
9am-12pm- Eagle Tour*
9:30am—Nurture Nature Days
12:30-3:30pm- Eagle Tour*

Wednesday, April 15

9am-12pm- Eagle Tour*
12:30-3:30pm- Eagle Tour*

Saturday, April 18

8am-4pm- Ottawa Wildlife Drive
9:00-11:00am- Adopt A Beach*

Sunday, April 19

8am-4pm- Ottawa Wildlife Drive

Saturday, April 25

9am-12pm- Eagle Tour*
12:30-3:30pm- Eagle Tour*
1pm— Nurture Nature Days

MAY

Friday, May 1

7-11am- Cedar Point Bus Tour*
1-3pm— Nurture Nature Days
1-4pm- Blue Goose Bus Tour*
2pm— Wildlife Drive Ribbon Cutting

Saturday, May 2

7-11am- Cedar Point Bus Tour*
10:30-11:30am- Nature Tots*
1-2:30pm- Swampers*
1-3pm— Nurture Nature Days
1-4pm- Blue Goose Bus Tour*

Sunday, May 3

7-11am- Cedar Point Bus Tour*
8am- Monthly Bird Survey
1-3pm— Nurture Nature Days
1-4pm- Blue Goose Bus Tour*

Monday, May 4

7-11am- Cedar Point Bus Tour*
1-3pm— Nurture Nature Days
1-4pm- Blue Goose Bus Tour*

Tuesday, May 5

7-11am- Cedar Point Bus Tour*
1-3pm— Nurture Nature Days
1-4pm- Blue Goose Bus Tour*

Wednesday, May 6

7-11am- Cedar Point Bus Tour*
1-3pm— Nurture Nature Days
1-4pm- Blue Goose Bus Tour*

Thursday, May 7

7-11am- Cedar Point Bus Tour*
1-3pm— Nurture Nature Days
1-4pm- Blue Goose Bus Tour*

Friday, May 8

7-11am- Cedar Point Bus Tour*
1-3pm— Nurture Nature Days
1-4pm- Blue Goose Bus Tour*

Saturday, May 9

7-11am- Cedar Point Bus Tour*
9am— Hike the Dikes
9:30am— Nurture Nature Days
1-4pm- Blue Goose Bus Tour*

Sunday, May 10

7-11am- Cedar Point Bus Tour*
1-3pm— Nurture Nature Days
1-4pm- Blue Goose Bus Tour*

Monday, May 11

7-11am- Cedar Point Bus Tour*
1-3pm— Nurture Nature Days
1-4pm- Blue Goose Bus Tour*

Tuesday, May 12

7-11am- Cedar Point Bus Tour*
1-3pm— Nurture Nature Days
1-4pm- Blue Goose Bus Tour*

Wednesday, May 13

7-11am- Cedar Point Bus Tour*
1-3pm— Nurture Nature Days
1-4pm- Blue Goose Bus Tour*

Thursday, May 14

7-11am- Cedar Point Bus Tour*
1-3pm— Nurture Nature Days
1-4pm- Blue Goose Bus Tour*

Friday, May 15

7-11am- Cedar Point Bus Tour*
1-3pm— Nurture Nature Days
1-4pm- Blue Goose Bus Tour*

Sunday, May 17

7-11am- Cedar Point Bus Tour*
1-3pm— Nurture Nature Days
1-4pm- Blue Goose Bus Tour*

Saturday, May 23

Sunrise-Sunset— Ottawa Wildlife Drive
9am-12pm- Eagle Tour*
12:30-3:30pm- Eagle Tour*
1pm— Nurture Nature Days

Sunday, May 24

Sunrise-Sunset— Ottawa Wildlife Drive

Monday, May 25

Sunrise-Sunset— Ottawa Wildlife Drive

Wednesday, May 27

9am-12pm- Eagle Tour*
12:30-3:30pm- Eagle Tour*