



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 entrance road. Gates open at sunrise and close one hour prior to sunset.

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

NAVARRE MARSH BUS TOUR

Conservation in the shadow of a 500 foot nuclear power station cooling tower! Join us to explore this amazing 820 acre marsh; also the site where Black Swamp Bird Observatory conducts their bird banding research.

CEDAR POINT BUS TOUR

Enjoy spring migration while exploring Cedar Point National Wildlife Refuge!

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.

NATURE TOTS

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

HIKE THE DIKES

"Hike the Dikes" is a partnership program with Magee Marsh Wildlife Area and Black Swamp Bird Observatory. Participants that attend three hikes will be awarded a hiking stick!

MONTHLY BIRD SURVEYS

Join refuge volunteers 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.

TRAM TOURS

Enjoy the scenery and birds along the refuge hiking trails while riding on the refuge tram. These one hour tours depart from the Visitor Center.
First come, first served.

FISH TALES

Discover the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service! Join us for a presentation about different sites and roles of the service. Topics include:

1. USFWS, Away From the Refuge
2. Wind Energy in Ohio, Keeping Green Energy Green
3. Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument - Hawaiian Islands & Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuges
4. History of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge
5. Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge
6. Birding Midwest National Wildlife Refuges
7. Friends of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge

Members Only Events:

Sunday, April 24: 9-11am Birding Tram tour of the refuge

Thursday, May 5: 7am-11am Cedar Point NWR Bus tour

Saturday, May 21: 9am-12pm Bus tour of newly acquired properties



Membership information is available at the nature store in the visitor center.



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Calendar of Events

April—May, 2016

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APRIL

Friday, April 1

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

Saturday, April 2

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

Sunday, April 3

8am- Monthly Bird Survey
9am-12pm- Eagle Tour*
12:30-3:30pm- Eagle Tour*

Saturday, April 9

9am- Hike the Dikes
12:30-3:30pm- Eagle Tour*

Sunday, April 10

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

Saturday, April 16

Sunrise-Sunset- Ottawa Wildlife Drive
9:00-11:00am- Adopt A Beach*

Sunday, April 17

Sunrise-Sunset- Ottawa Wildlife Drive

Saturday, April 30

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

MAY

Sunday, May 1

7-11am- Cedar Point Bus Tour*
1-4pm- Blue Goose Bus Tour*

Thursday, May 5

1-4pm- Blue Goose Bus Tour*

Friday, May 6

7-11am- Cedar Point Bus Tour*
1-4pm- Navarre Marsh Bus Tour*
3pm- Fish Tales Topic # 2

Saturday, May 7

7-11am- Cedar Point Bus Tour*
1-4pm- Blue Goose Bus Tour*
3pm- Fish Tales Topic # 3

Sunday, May 8

7-11am- Cedar Point Bus Tour*
1-4pm- Blue Goose Bus Tour*
3pm- Fish Tales Topic # 6

Monday, May 9

7-11am- Cedar Point Bus Tour*
1-4pm- Navarre Marsh Bus Tour*
3pm- Fish Tales Topic # 5

Tuesday, May 10

7-11am- Cedar Point Bus Tour*
1-4pm- Navarre Marsh Bus Tour*
3pm- Fish Tales Topic # 5

Wednesday, May 11

7-11am- Cedar Point Bus Tour*
1-4pm- Navarre Marsh Bus Tour*
3pm- Fish Tales Topic # 2

Thursday, May 12

7-11am- Cedar Point Bus Tour*
1-4pm- Navarre Marsh Bus Tour*
3pm- Fish Tales Topic # 7

Friday, May 13

7-11am- Cedar Point Bus Tour*
1-4pm- Navarre Marsh Bus Tour*
3pm- Fish Tales Topic # 3

Saturday, May 14

7-11am- Cedar Point Bus Tour*
9am- Hike the Dikes
1-4pm- Blue Goose Bus Tour*
3pm- Fish Tales Topic # 1

Sunday, May 15

7-11am- Cedar Point Bus Tour*
1-4pm- Blue Goose Bus Tour*
3pm- Fish Tales Topic # 4

Saturday, May 21

Sunrise-Sunset- Ottawa Wildlife Drive

Sunday, May 22

Sunrise-Sunset- Ottawa Wildlife Drive

Monday, May 30

Sunrise-Sunset- Ottawa Wildlife Drive

May 6-15 Ottawa Wildlife Drive Open daily, sunrise to sunset. Entrance gate closes 1 hour before sunset.

Ottawa Tram Tours depart from the Visitor Center. First come, first served.

May 2016

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