

# AUDUBON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

## *Connecting People with Nature*

### GROUP FIELD TRIPS

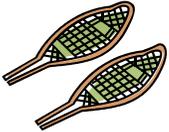
Schools, scouts, 4-H clubs, and other organizations are invited to participate in staff-guided field trips that provide outdoor education and experiences. Programs are described below - choose one or a combination of programs to fit your schedule.

#### JUNIOR DUCK STAMP PROGRAM



Participate in an educational program that teaches youth about ducks, geese, swans and habitat conservation. Resource materials and supplies are provided for the students to create a piece of artwork which is entered in the North Dakota Junior Duck Stamp Contest. Program is 2 hours in length, available for K-Grade 12 students, and offered October through February.

#### SNOWSHOE UP!



An all-time favorite winter program! It includes a 30 minute classroom program that provides an introduction to wildlife and sign that can be seen during the winter months. Participants then strap on a pair of snowshoes and hike through the wintery landscape to observe deer scat, buck rubs, owl pellets, and more! Program is 2 hours in length, available to students in Grade 4 and above, and offered from December through March (if adequate snow is available).

#### WET....MUDDY.....FUN.....



Wade into the pond and collect a variety of insects that swim in the water or crawl around in the soil – check out the little creatures under a magnifying glass prior to releasing them! Be prepared to get a little wet and muddy while exploring this unique environment. Program is 1 hour in length, available to students in Grade 4 and above, and offered May – July.

#### OWLS AND PELLETS



Learn about the 9 different kinds of owls that are found in North Dakota and how their unique adaptations contribute to their success at hunting. Then comes the time to 'dig in' and dissect an owl pellet. Bones can be sorted onto 'bone sorting charts' to help students visualize the skeletons of the animals that were consumed by the owl. Program is 1.5 hours in length, available to students in Grade 4 and above, and offered year-round.

#### MAKING TRACKS!



Animals are attracted to a habitat that offers suitable food, water, shelter and space to fulfill their needs. Students will learn about the animals that are found in wetland and grassland habitats, and then use track molds to create a plaster track cast that can be taken home with them. Program is 1 hour in length, available for K-Grade 12 students, and offered year-round.

#### PRAIRIE NATURE TRAIL HIKE



Always an adventure! The Prairie Nature Trail is 1 mile in length and winds through the grasslands and along several wetlands. Students learn about wildlife sign, food chains, and habitat management. This is a great opportunity to get some exercise while bird watching, identifying wildflowers, and searching for wildlife clues. (All or a portion of the trail can be hiked, depending on age of group.) Program is 1 hour in length, available for all ages, and offered during spring, summer, and fall.

## ATTRACTING BIRDS TO YOUR BACKYARD



Learn simple tricks to improve habitat and attract birds to your backyard. Participants make a simple birdfeeder, receive recipes for making homemade bird food, and plans for building nesting boxes. Wildflowers, shrubs, and water sources will be discussed. Program is 1 hour in length, available for all ages, and offered spring, summer, fall, and winter.



### South Shore Auto Tour Route

The 8-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. This tour requires that all participants are on one bus. Tour is approximately 1 hour in length, available for Grade 7-12 students, and offered spring, summer, and fall.

### Audubon Exhibit Hall Tour

The Audubon Exhibit Hall features exhibits on wetland and grassland habitat, migratory birds, night life of the refuge, John James Audubon, Refuge history, and more. Tour is 20 minutes in length, available for K-Grade 12 students, and offered year-round.

### Prairie Pond Store

An opportunity to shop and purchase nature-related gifts and educational materials.



To schedule a staff-guided field trips, please email [sarah\\_evenson@fws.gov](mailto:sarah_evenson@fws.gov) or by call 701/442-5474 ext. 110. Audubon National Wildlife Refuge Office and Visitor Center is located 3 miles north of Coleharbor on Highway 83 and 1 mile east.

