

# Public Programs/Events – 2019

## Horicon National Wildlife Refuge (Horicon Marsh)



- February 9 **Winter Wonderland** – (10:00-2:00) Visit the rustic environmental education barn and enjoy crafts, displays, and hot chocolate after snowshoeing, skiing, or hiking on the refuge. Some snowshoes are available for loan. N10755 South Point Rd. (Off Cty Z & H).
- February 16, 23 **Snowshoeing at the Education Barn** – (10:00-2:00) Visit the environmental education barn for snowshoeing or hiking and hot chocolate. Snowshoes will be available for loan. N10755 South Point Rd.
- March 16 **Majority of Refuge Closes** to visitor access for bird migration/nesting seasons. Public use areas (auto tour/trails, Bud Cook Hiking Area, Main Dike Road, fishing accesses, Hwy 49 Viewing Area) remain open year-round for approved recreational activities.
- April 26–29 **Old Marsh Road Open for Earth Day Weekend** – Hike or bicycle Old Marsh Road Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon., and enjoy wildlife observation and photography.
- April 27 **Earth Day Celebration!** – Horicon Refuge Visitor Center (Cty Rd Z). (10:00–3:00) Nature crafts, water bug scooping, animal tracks and pelts, hike and explore the Sense of Wonder Trail/Nature Play Area.
- April 27 **Live Critter with David Stokes!** – Horicon Refuge Visitor Center (Cty Rd Z). (11:00-12:00 and 1:00-2:00). Get hands on with live frogs, turtles and more.
- May 9–13 **Horicon Marsh Bird Festival** – Marsh-wide event. Guided birding hikes, bus and boat tours, kid's activities, bird banding demos, and special exhibits. Sponsored by Horicon Marsh Bird Club. For more information, visit: <http://www.horiconmarshbirdclub.com/>
- May 18 **Wildflowers for Wildlife** – (9:00-1:00) This year held at Horicon Refuge Visitor Center (Cty Rd Z). Joint event sponsored by Friends of Horicon NWR, Friends of Horicon Marsh Education Center and Taylor Creek Nurseries.
- Jun, Jul, Aug **Old Marsh Road Open for Public Access** – Hike or bicycle Old Marsh and enjoy wildlife observation and photography seven days a week.
- June 1–2 **Wisconsin Free Fishing Days** – Designated areas. No license required.
- October 12 **Refuge 5K Run/Walk for Wildlife** – (9:00–11:30) For pre-registration information: <http://www.fonddulacrunningclub.com/>
- October 26 **Birding Old Marsh Road** – (9:00–10:30) Guided hike to view birds in an area of the refuge that is only open seasonally. ½ mile - easy walking. Meet at the Egret Trail boardwalk parking lot off of the refuge auto tour off Hwy 49.

- November 2 **Autumn Open House** – (10:00 -3:00) Musical performances by children’s artists Ken Lonquist and Dave Adler at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.; nature crafts; and family activities. Horicon Refuge Visitor Center (Cty Rd Z).
- November  
Nov 23 – Dec 1 &  
December  
12-15 **Auto Tour Closed for Deer Gun Seasons** – Closed to vehicles. Visitors are still welcome to use the area for hiking and other permissible activities but are required to wear blaze orange.
- Dec 1 **Entire Refuge Opens** for wildlife observation and nature photography via hiking, snowshoeing and cross country skiing through March 15.

## Visitor Center Hours

Regular hours: Monday–Friday 9–4

*Apr–Nov: (peak season)*

*Monday–Saturday 9 –4 (+ Sundays during Oct.)*

2019: Open July 4, Labor and Columbus Days  
(\*Closed all other federal holidays)

\*Programs and activities are FREE.



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