



# Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge

## Program Descriptions

Unless otherwise stated, programs begin at the visitor center.

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

### \*WINTER WATERFOWL\*

Fly into the visitor center for this guided bus tour and discover which waterfowl embrace NW Ohio winters. Bring binoculars if you have them.

### \*\*OWL PROWL\*

Experience the refuge at night! Explore the world of owls and learn about their amazing adaptations on this guided hike through the forest.

### 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 Magee Marsh Sportsman’s Migratory Bird 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.*

### \*SENSATIONAL SWAP\*

Although they share habitat, they’re active at different times and “swap” spots at dusk. Discover what goes up, and what come down, on this evening bus tour of the refuge.

### JUNIOR DUCK STAMP

Join other youth in conservation and submit a piece of art to this annual art contest. Entries are due March 1, and judging takes place March 7.

### CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Join others for this 114 year old tradition! It may be cold outside, but the company is warm, and the birds love the attention! Bring your binoculars! *Meet at the trailhead parking area.*

### SELF-GUIDED AUTO TOUR

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.

### \*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.

### \*EAGLE TOUR\*

The bald eagle was chosen in 1782 as the emblem of the United States of America because of its long life, great strength, and majestic looks. Join us for this back roads bus tour of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge and see this national icon.

### \*NATURE TOTS\*

Children ages 3-5 are invited to bring their favorite adult for nature crafts, stories, and outdoor fun! Be sure to dress for the weather.

### \*SWAMPERS\*

Children ages 6-12 are invited to hike with a ranger and explore the refuge. Discover the wonder of nature and plan for a swampin’ good time! Be sure to dress for the weather.

### STORIES OF THE SWAMP

Discover the stories of the swamp! Stop by the visitor center and enjoy exhibits and a video that highlight the natural and cultural history of the Great Black Swamp. Open daily 9:00 am—4:00 pm.

### CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT FOR KIDS

Be a scientist and explore the refuge to see how many birds are braving the cold winter. Bring your binoculars and dress for the weather!



### Members Only Events:

**Saturday, February 22**

9:30am-12pm— Blue Goose Bus Tour\*

**Sunday, March 16**

1-4pm— Cedar Point National Wildlife Refuge Tour\*

Membership information is available at the visitor center information desk.



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## Calendar of Events

January—March, 2014

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### Wednesday, January 1

New Year's Day: Visitor Center Closed

### Saturday, January 4

10:30-11:30am— Nature Tots\*

1-2:30pm— Swampers\*

### Sunday, January 5

8:00am— Christmas Bird Count

### Wednesday, January 8

9:30am-12pm— Eagle Tour\*

12:30pm-3pm— Eagle Tour\*

### Saturday, January 11

9:30am-12pm— Winter Waterfowl\*

### Tuesday, January 14

4-6pm— Sensational Swap\*

### Saturday, January 18

8am-4pm— Self Guided Auto Tour

9:00am-1pm— Christmas Bird Count for Kids

9:30am-12pm— Eagle Tour\*

12:30pm-3pm— Eagle Tour\*

### Sunday, January 19

8am-4pm— Self Guided Auto Tour

### Monday, January 20

Martin Luther King, Jr: Visitor Center Closed

### Wednesday, January 22

9:30am-12pm— Eagle Tour\*

12:30pm-3pm— Eagle Tour\*

### Saturday, January 25

4-6pm— Sensational Swap\*

### Sunday, January 26

9:30am-12pm— Winter Waterfowl\*

### Saturday, February 1

9:30am-12pm— Eagle Tour\*

10:30-11:30am— Nature Tots\*

12:30pm-3pm— Eagle Tour\*

1-2:30pm— Swampers\*

### Sunday, February 2

8:00am— Monthly Bird Survey

### Wednesday, February 5

9:30am-12pm— Eagle Tour\*

12:30pm-3pm— Eagle Tour\*

### Thursday, February 6

4-6pm— Sensational Swap\*

### Sunday, February 9

9:30am-12pm— Blue Goose Bus Tour\*

### Saturday, February 15

8am-4pm— Self Guided Auto Tour

9:30am-12pm— Eagle Tour\*

12:30pm-3pm— Eagle Tour\*

### Sunday, February 16

8am-4pm— Self Guided Auto Tour

### Monday, February 17

Washington's Birthday: Visitor Center Closed

### Wednesday, February 19

9:30am-12pm— Eagle Tour\*

12:30pm-3pm— Eagle Tour\*

### Saturday, February 22

9:30am-12pm— Members Only Event\*

### Saturday, March 1

9:30am-12pm— Eagle Tour\*

10:30-11:30am— Nature Tots\*

12:30pm-3pm— Eagle Tour\*

1-2:30pm— Swampers\*

Junior Duck Stamp entry deadline

### Sunday, March 2

8:00am— Monthly Bird Survey

1pm— Hike the Dikes

### Wednesday, March 5

9:30am-12pm— Eagle Tour\*

12:30pm-3pm— Eagle Tour\*

### Friday, March 7

Junior Duck Stamp Contest

### Saturday, March 8

9:30am-12pm— Blue Goose Bus Tour\*

### Friday, March 14

7-9pm— Owl Prowl\*

### Saturday, March 15

8am-4pm— Self Guided Auto Tour

9:30am-12pm— Eagle Tour\*

12:30pm-3pm— Eagle Tour\*

### Sunday, March 16

8am-4pm— Self Guided Auto Tour

1-4pm— Members Only Event\*

### Wednesday, March 19

9:30am-12pm— Eagle Tour\*

12:30pm-3pm— Eagle Tour\*

### Friday, March 21

1-4pm— Blue Goose Bus Tour\*

### Saturday, March 29

9:30am-12pm— Eagle Tour\*

1-4pm— Blue Goose Bus Tour\*