



# Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge

## Event Descriptions

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

### \*EAGLE TOUR\*

Enjoy our national bird and other winter wildlife during this guided bus tour of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge. See a few nests and discover why so many eagles call the marsh home.

### GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

Observe the birds from the wildlife window and visitor center and help scientists get a snapshot of global bird populations. Data shared at [birdcount.org](http://birdcount.org)

### MONTHLY BIRD SURVEYS

Join a refuge volunteers and become a community 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.*

### PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Join friends group members the second Saturday of each month for exciting opportunities to view wildlife and photograph the refuge.

### CHILI COOK-OFF & WILDLIFE TOURS

Join us for chili and charm; discover some of the best chili in NW Ohio after enjoying a free bus tour of the refuge. Chili Judging begins at noon. (Charm provided by wildlife, not the tour guide)

### JUNIOR DUCK STAMP

Join youth from around the country in celebrating conservation and submit a piece of art to this annual art contest. Entries are due March 1st. Judging will take place March 13th. Visit our website for more information.

### 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

Join others for this 120 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.*

#### Visitor Center Closed:

December 24, 25, 26

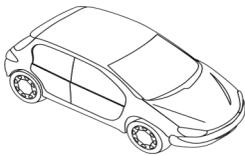
January 1, 20

February 17

#### Visitor Center Closed at Noon:

December 31

### OTTAWA WILDLIFE DRIVE



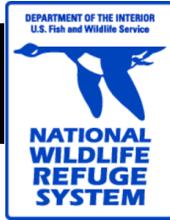
January 18, 19

February 15, 16

March 21, 22



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.



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## Calendar of Events

### January—March, 2020

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Unless otherwise stated, programs begin at the visitor center.

#### **Wednesday, January 1**

Visitor Center Closed

#### **Sunday, January 5**

8am— Monthly Bird Survey &  
Christmas Bird Count

#### **Saturday, January 11**

10am— Photography Club

#### **Saturday, January 18**

Ottawa Wildlife Drive

#### **Sunday, January 19**

Ottawa Wildlife Drive

#### **Monday, January 20**

Visitor Center Closed

#### **Saturday, January 25**

9:30am-12pm— Eagle Tour\*

1pm-3:30pm— Eagle Tour\*

#### **Sunday, January 26**

9:30am-12pm— Eagle Tour\*

1pm-3:30pm— Eagle Tour\*

#### **Sunday, February 2**

8:00am— Monthly Bird Survey

#### **Saturday, February 8**

10am— Photography Club

#### **Sunday, February 9**

9:30am-12pm— Eagle Tour\*

1pm-3:30pm— Eagle Tour\*

#### **February 14—17**

Great Backyard Bird Count

#### **Saturday, February 15**

Ottawa Wildlife Drive

#### **Sunday, February 16**

Ottawa Wildlife Drive

#### **Monday, February 17**

Visitor Center Closed

#### **Saturday, February 22**

11am-2pm— Chili Cook-off & wildlife tours

#### **Tuesday, February 25**

9:30am-12pm— Eagle Tour\*

1pm-3:30pm— Eagle Tour\*

#### **Saturday, February 29**

9:30am-12pm— Eagle Tour\*

1pm-3:30pm— Eagle Tour\*

#### **Sunday, March 1**

Junior Duck Stamp entry deadline

8:00am— Monthly Bird Survey

9:30am-12pm— Eagle Tour\*

1pm-3:30pm— Eagle Tour\*

#### **Friday, March 13**

Junior Duck Stamp judging

#### **Saturday, March 14**

10am— Photography Club

#### **Sunday, March 15**

9:30am-12pm— Eagle Tour\*

1pm-3:30pm— Eagle Tour\*

#### **Saturday, March 21**

Ottawa Wildlife Drive

10am— Members Only Event

#### **Sunday, March 22**

Ottawa Wildlife Drive

#### **Saturday, March 28**

1pm-3:30pm— Eagle Tour\*

#### **Sunday, March 29**

1pm-3:30pm— Eagle Tour\*