



## **NEWS RELEASE**

**For immediate release: May 5, 2010**

### **Detroit River IWR and Lake Erie Metropark Hosts Migratory Bird Bash**

**SAT./SUN., MAY 8 & 9, 2010\***

Gibraltar, MI- The Lake Erie Marshlands Museum and the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge (DRIWR) are joining forces for a two-day welcome home party to celebrate the return of our tropical migrant birds. Many of “our” birds, such as the Baltimore Oriole and the Scarlet Tanager, actually spend more time in the tropics than they do here, so it’s good to consider the world picture when thinking about local birds.

This event consists of a series of early bird and lazybird afternoon walks, speaker presentations, special kids programs held at the DRIWR (Saturday, May 8) and at the Marshlands Museum (Sunday, May 9). Two days, two locations, one theme.

\*NOTE: Refuge is only open on Sat., May 8, 2010

#### **Saturday, May 8 Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge Education Shelter**

- 7 am Earlybird walk - A bird walk for early risers
- 9:30 am “Do Tanagers Wear Sombreros? “Our familiar birds in unfamiliar places
- 11 am “Know Your Refuge” The Detroit River Wildlife Refuge explained
- 1 pm General Refuge Tour
- 2 pm Lazybird walk - A bird walk for non-early risers
- 2-5 pm Refuge open to explore

#### **Sunday, May 9 Lake Erie Marshlands Museum (entry permit required for park entry)**

- 7 am Earlybird walk- A bird walk for early risers
  - 2 pm Lazybird walk - A bird walk for non-early risers
  - 2:45 pm “Birds in a Very Big Backyard: A Tropical Adventure”**
  - 3:45 pm “From Brazil to Brownstown”- Migration is a hard thing to do!**
- (These are kid oriented programs for kids 5 -12, but smart adults are welcome too!)

#### **Getting There:**

#### **Detroit River IWR directions:**

Parking and entrance to the Refuge will be from the Refuge Gateway property at 5437 West

Jefferson (site of the former Chrysler paint plant). It is located between the intersections of Vreeland and Van Horn Rd. on West Jefferson in Trenton, MI 48138. Turn in the gate and follow the gravel road to a grass parking area. The property is enclosed by a chain link fence and is directly south of a Solutia plant.

(734) 692-7649

**Lake Erie Marshlands Museum:**

Lake Erie Metropark is located at 32481 West Jefferson Avenue in Brownstown, MI 48173. Once inside the park follow signs to the Marshlands Museum.

(734) 379-5020

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