

News Release

National Wildlife Refuge System



Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge

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Summer Fun in July at Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge!

Start your day by paddling on a "Sunrise Canoe" program beginning at 6:15 am Saturday, July 13. The tour will lead you through refuge backwaters and may last approximately 1 ½ hours. Paddlers are asked to arrive fifteen minutes prior to launch time at the refuge boat ramp. Parties with children must bring a lifejacket for their child and children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required by calling 608-539-2311, ext 6. Please meet the park rangers at Kiep's Island boat ramp.

Come out and celebrate the beauty of prairie blooms on Friday, July 19th and Saturday, July 20th! Join us for an "Evening in the Prairie" with a prairie walk. The evening walk will be held on Friday, July 19, at 7:30pm and will meet at the Refuge Office flagpole. Participants will need to have walking shoes and may bring a flashlight. The walk may last for two hours and is a prelude to "Prairie Day" which will be held on Saturday, July 20 at the refuge.

On Saturday, July 20, Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge invites the public to "Prairie Day" beginning with an early morning bird walk at 7:00am, and other scheduled activities and guided walks beginning at 9:00 am. The event will consist of guided prairie and bird hikes, craft demonstrators, and children activities. The event is free and open to all ages.

To get to the refuge from the La Crosse area, take Rt. 53 north to Rt. 54 west. Follow 54 west to Centerville and continue 3.1 miles to West Prairie Road. Turn left on West Prairie Road and drive one mile to the refuge entrance. Once you enter the refuge, stay on the paved road to refuge office. From Winona, take Rt. 43 across the Mississippi River into Wisconsin. Turn right onto Rt. 54 east. Travel 5.7 miles to West Prairie Road. Turn right onto West Prairie Rd. and drive one mile to the refuge entrance. Stay on the paved road to the refuge office.

Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge, established in 1936, lies within the Mississippi River flyway. This 6,200 acre Refuge contains rolling prairies, rich wetlands and bottomland forests which support a variety of wildlife species. It is an isolated backwater, providing needed resting and feeding areas for waterfowl and other birds. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting and enhancing fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.

For more information, contact the Refuge at (608) 539-2311, ext. 6 or stop in at the Refuge office Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.