



# Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge



# 2019 Events Calendar

## Ongoing

### Youth Photography Contest

K-12 students are encouraged to submit one photo that they've taken on the refuge. **Entries are due by October 11** and the Awards Ceremony\* will be on **November 19** (prizes for top 3 and honorable mentions). Visit website for details and entry form.

### Sherburne Photography Club

Monthly meetings, Second Wednesday  
6:30 pm social, 7 pm meeting  
Oak Savanna Learning Center

New members and individuals of all experience levels are encouraged and welcome to attend.

## Winter



### Valentine's Moonlight Ski and Hike\*

Saturday, February 16  
6 pm -8 pm  
Oak Savanna Learning Center

Trails will be groomed if snow levels are adequate. Bonfire, treats and drinks provided by Friends of Sherburne. Event will be a luminary hike if snow levels are inadequate. **Skis not provided and a headlamp is recommended.**

### Afternoon Snowshoe\*

Saturday, February 23  
1 pm -4 pm  
Oak Savanna Learning Center

There are several family friendly guided hikes throughout the event! Bonfire, treats and drinks provided by Friends of Sherburne. Event to be cancelled if inadequate snow. **Snowshoes provided.**

## Spring



### Bird Tour

Saturday, May 11  
8 am -10 am  
Mahnommen Trail

Celebrate World Migratory Bird Day by viewing and learning about local birds. **Binoculars provided.**

Led by Volunteer Steve Chesney.

### Bird Tour

Saturday, May 18  
8 am -10 am  
Blue Hill Trail

Celebrate World Migratory Bird Day by viewing and learning about local birds. **Binoculars provided.**

Led by Volunteer Dave Martin.

### Spring Celebration\*

Saturday, May 18  
10 am -1 pm  
Oak Savanna Learning Center

Learn more about migratory birds and pollinators! Nature crafts, guided hikes, the Friends of Sherburne Plant Sale and more.

### Photography Hike

Saturday, May 25  
9 am -11 am  
Wildlife Drive

No minimum experience or equipment necessary. Bring your camera or just join to learn some tips and tricks and enjoy the outdoor exploration! Led by members of the Sherburne Photography Club.



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## Summer



### Wildflower Tours

Saturday, June 1  
Saturday, June 8  
10 am –12 pm  
Refuge Headquarters  
Join us for a tour to see wildflowers and native grasses whose colors and textures decorate the summer landscape.  
Led by Volunteers Robin DeLong and Mitch Eless.

### Photography Hike

Saturday, June 15  
8 am –10 am  
Wildlife Drive  
No minimum experience or equipment necessary. Bring your camera or just join to learn some tips and tricks and enjoy the outdoor exploration!  
Led by the Sherburne Photography Club.

### Youth Photography Workshop\*

Saturday, June 15  
10:30 am –12 pm  
Oak Savanna Learning Center  
We will discuss composition tips and go outside in small groups to practice. **Camera or camera phones not provided.**  
Led by the Sherburne Photography Club.

### Bird Tour

Saturday, August 24  
8 am –10 am  
Mahnomon Trail  
A variety of fall migrants can be expected on this hike, along with hawks and eagles. **Binoculars provided.**  
Led by Volunteer Steve Chesney.

## Fall



### Bird Tour

Saturday, August 31  
8 am –10 am  
Blue Hill Trail  
A variety of fall migrants can be expected on this hike, along with hawks and eagles. **Binoculars provided.**  
Led by Volunteer Dan Orr.

### Wildflower Tour\*

Saturday, September 7  
Saturday, September 14  
10 am –12 pm  
Oak Savanna Learning Center  
Join us for a tour to see wildflowers and native grasses whose colors and textures decorate the fall landscape.  
Led by Volunteers Robin DeLong and Mitch Eless.

### Wildlife Festival\*

Saturday, September 28  
10 am –3 pm  
Oak Savanna Learning Center  
Join us for a fun-filled, family friendly day full of activities, including presentations and booths with live animals, horse drawn wagon rides and nature crafts. Food available for purchase.

### Sandhill Crane Tours

October 17, 19\*, 23, 26\*  
6:30 am –9 am  
Oak Savanna Learning Center  
Behind the gates tour with the potential to see thousands of staging Sandhill Cranes. Spotting scope and binoculars available. **Reservations required and open on September 9th.**

All events are **FREE** and pre-registration is suggested

Visit [www.fws.gov/refuge/sherburne/](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/sherburne/) for more information. Pre-register for events by emailing [sherburne@fws.gov](mailto:sherburne@fws.gov) or calling (763) 389-3323.

Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge is open during daylight hours on a daily basis.

Refuge Headquarters is open 8 am—4 pm, Monday—Friday and is closed on all federal holidays.

Oak Savanna Learning Center (OSLC) address: 16797 289 Ave NW, Zimmerman, MN (¼ mile west of Refuge Headquarters off Sherburne CR 9).

Refuge Headquarters Address: 17076 293 Ave NW, Zimmerman, MN (Sherburne County Road 9, five miles west of Hwy. 169).

\*Eagle's Nest Nature Store at the Oak Savanna Learning Center, run by the Friends of Sherburne, will be open during or following this event.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is committed to providing access to these events for all participants. Please direct all requests for special accommodation to the Refuge Headquarters: 763-389-3323, [sherburne@fws.gov](mailto:sherburne@fws.gov), or TTY 800-877-8339 at least two weeks prior to the event.