



Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge

2020 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 9** and the Awards Ceremony* will be on **November 18** (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



Snowshoe Checkout

Winter months
8 am – 4 pm Monday - Friday
Refuge Headquarters

Snowshoes of all sizes are available. Get out and enjoy the trails and discover the wintry landscape of the refuge!

Minimum of 4" of snow required.

Afternoon Snowshoe*

Saturday, February 22
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 9
8 am – 10 am
Mahnomen Trail

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

Led by Volunteer Steve Chesney.

Bird Tour

Saturday, May 16
8 am – 10 am
Blue Hill Trail

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

Led by Volunteer Dan Orr.

Spring Celebration*

Saturday, May 16
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 30
8 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 Tour*

Saturday, June 13
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 summer landscape.

Led by Volunteers Robin DeLong and Mitch Elness.

Bird Tour

Saturday, August 22
8 am –10 am
Mahnomen Trail

A variety of fall migrants can be expected on this hike, along with hawks and eagles.

Binoculars provided.

Led by Volunteer Milt Blomberg.

Bird Tour

Saturday, August 29
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 Craig Mandel.

Fall



Wildflower Tour*

Saturday, September 12
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 Elness.

Wildlife Festival*

Saturday, September 26
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, 22, 24, 28
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/ for more information. Pre-register for events by emailing sherburne@fws.gov or calling (763) 389-3323.

Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge is open daily 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 half hour after sunset.

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, or TTY 800-877-8339 at least two weeks prior to the event.