SPRING
- Grassland birds like dickcissel call from the fields next to the forests
- Yellow and gray prothonotary warblers flit over Wilna Pond to feed on insects
- Osprey carry nesting materials to tall trees near ponds
- Turtles scurry between wetland areas
- Frogs like spring peepers call from the wetlands and ponds
- Children play and learn on field trips at our Wilna Lodge education center

FALL
- Large undulating flocks of blackbirds fill the sky
- Trees turn gold and red with cooling temperatures
- Blooming goldenrod color fields yellow and feed fall migrant birds
- Butterflies and bees hang on late blooming flowers in our pollinator gardens
- Late night frosts curl leaf edges and warn of winter
- A kaleidoscope of Monarch butterflies catch the eye as they stop to rest on their way to Mexico

SUMMER
- Early morning hours filled with the songs of birds like grasshopper sparrow and indigo bunting
- Insects visit and build homes in our pollinator hotel and garden
- Flowers bloom in roadways and fields
- Ticks wait to catch a ride
- Lily pads fill shallow ponds and wetlands

WINTER
- Canada geese and ducks call from wetlands and creeks
- White-tailed deer flag their tails as they cross roads and fields
- Owls hoot from trees and descend to feed at dusk
- Cardinals brush snow covered fields with crimson
- Woodpeckers drum and turkeys flush overhead

Each season, your footsteps will lead to something new…

FINAL STEPS

Respect Wildlife
- Observe wildlife from a distance so they are not scared or forced to flee.
- Carry binoculars or a spotting scope to view and photograph wildlife from observation areas and trails.

Be Considerate of all Visitors
- Many people come to the outdoors to listen to nature; noise takes away from everyone’s experience.
- Follow refuge regulations regarding running, bicycling and motor vehicles.
- Please keep pets inside vehicles at all times.

Stay on the Trail
- Concentrating travel on trails reduces the likelihood that tracks will scar the landscape.
- Please stay on the durable trail surface.

Pack it in, Pack it out
- Carry a plastic bag with you and carry out all trash.
- Leave only footprints.

Minimize Impacts
- Every part of this Refuge provides a home for creatures great and small.
- Please preserve this habitat.

Leave What You Find
- Allow others a sense of discovery. Leave the Refuge as you found it.
- The removal of any public property including natural objects on any National Wildlife Refuge is prohibited.