





Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge

Calendar of Events

Spring, 2019

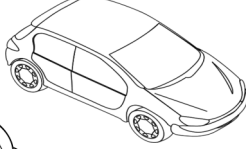

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OTTAWA WILDLIFE DRIVE

April 20, 21
May 3-19, 25-27



Enjoy the refuge from the comfort of your car! The 7 mile route departs from the Visitor Center entrance road. Gates open at sunrise and close one hour prior to sunset. Please watch out for reptiles and amphibians crossing the road.

Daily: Friday, May 3 through Sunday, May 12:

South Woods Bird Walk: 10-11:30am & 2-3:30pm

Join us for a guided stroll through the South Woods to discover nesting residents and visiting migrants. Bring your binoculars and dress for the weather.

Ottawa Tram Tours: 9:30am, 11am, 12:30pm, 2pm, 3:30pm

Enjoy the scenery and birds along the refuge hiking trails while riding on the refuge tram. These one hour tours offer opportunities to see wetlands, woods, and the Crane Creek Estuary. Tours are offered first come, first served. (Up to 30 per tour)

New Properties Tour: 8:30-11:30am & 1-4pm

Reservations required. Call 419-898-0014 to save your spot. Join us for behind the scenes access to satellite properties now part of the refuge complex. Destinations vary depending on wildlife use and activity. Sites may include a heron rookery, osprey and eagle nests, as well as the opportunity to see many neo-tropical migrants. Participants will ride in passenger vans to the sites and should expect some walking at each location. (14 people per tour)

Navarre Marsh Tour: 8:30-11:30am & 1-4pm

Reservations required. Call 419-898-0014 to save your spot. Conservation in the shadow of a 500 foot nuclear power station cooling tower! Join us to explore this amazing 820 acre marsh; also the site where Black Swamp Bird Observatory conducts their bird banding research. Participants will ride in a van to explore the site and should expect some walking. (10 people per tour)

Cedar Point NWR Tour: 8:30-11:30am & 12:30-3:30pm

Reservations required. Call 419-898-0014 to save your spot. Meet at Cedar Point National Wildlife Refuge (815 N. Yondota Rd, Oregon, OH 43616). Enjoy spring migration while exploring the largest contiguous marsh on Lake Erie! Portions of Cedar Point National Wildlife Refuge are open for public access June—August, and on guided tours during other times of the year. Participants will ride in a small bus to explore the site while birding Lake Erie, wetlands, and woodlots along the way. (15 people per tour)

Visitor Center Open daily 9:00 am—4:00 pm

<http://www.fws.gov/refuge/ottawa>

May 3 –12: Visitor Center Open 9:00 am—5:00 pm

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MONTHLY BIRD SURVEYS

Join refuge volunteers and become a citizen scientist the first Sunday of each month at 8:00 am. Bring your binoculars and dress for the weather. *Meet at the trailhead parking area.*

EAGLE TOUR

Witness our national icon on this back roads bus tour of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge. Participants will see numerous bald eagle nests and have great photography opportunities.

BLUE GOOSE BUS TOUR

Join us for behind the scenes access to closed areas of the refuge complex. Destinations vary depending on wildlife use and activity.

ADOPT A BEACH

Human nature protecting mother nature! Join us in celebrating Earth Day as we remove litter from the beaches along beautiful Lake Erie.

WEST HARBOR PADDLE

Join us for a leisurely paddle from West Harbor Landing to Great Egret Marsh Preserve. Bring your boat, life vest, lunch, and water. Round trip is approximately 4 miles.

TURTLE CREEK PADDLE

Join us for a leisurely paddle on Turtle Creek. Bring your boat, life vest, lunch, and water. Round trip is approximately 5 miles.

OWL PROWL

Experience the refuge at night! Explore the world of owls and learn about their amazing adaptations. Bring a flashlight and dress for the weather.

PURPLE MARTIN PARTY

Get involved in conservation! Join us as we set up the purple martin gourds for another season of community science!

FAMILY FISHING DAYS

EVERY WEEKEND April 20 — September 29
Join us for an exciting day of catch and release fishing at the Visitor Center! All equipment and bait are provided.

Saturday, April 6

10am- Purple Martin Party

7-9pm- Owl Prowl*

Sunday, April 7

8am- Monthly Bird Survey

9:30am-12pm- Eagle Tour*

1-3:30pm- Eagle Tour*

Friday, April 12

7-9pm- Owl Prowl*

Sunday, April 14

9am-12pm- Adopt A Beach*

Sunday, April 21

1pm-4pm- Turtle Creek Paddle*

Saturday, May 18

1pm-4pm- Turtle Creek Paddle*

Sunday, May 19

9:30am-12pm- Blue Goose Bus Tour*

1-3:30pm- Blue Goose Bus Tour*

Saturday, May 25

9:30am-12pm- Blue Goose Bus Tour*

1-3:30pm- Blue Goose Bus Tour*

Sunday, May 26

9:30am-12pm- Blue Goose Bus Tour*

1-3:30pm- Blue Goose Bus Tour*

Saturday, June 1

1pm-4pm- West Harbor Paddle*

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