



FRIENDS OF OTTAWA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE PRESENTS:



Migration-A-Thon

VIRTUAL CHALLENGE

Celebrating fall migration this September at Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge

Join Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge this September as we celebrate fall migration of birds, butterflies, dragonflies, and more! **As part of our celebration, we are challenging you to get moving outside throughout the month.** You can also participate in our "walk-a-thon" style fundraiser by asking friends, family, or businesses to sponsor you at a pledged rate per mile.

This month-long virtual "move-a-thon" is a way for us to come together and move (bird, walk, hike, run, swim, paddle, ride, etc.) in our community with a goal of reaching 2,269 miles collectively (the distance it takes a monarch butterfly to travel from Oak Harbor, Ohio to the butterfly sanctuary in Sierra Chincua, Mexico)!

Participants in the Migration-A-Thon will track and upload the miles moved during the month of September. Your miles can be completed anywhere! Your donors will contribute their pledged amounts, and donations will help Friends of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge to conserve wildlife habitat for future generations.

Get started with your virtual challenge and fundraiser today:

<https://runsignup.com/migration-a-thon> or scan the code!

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Guided Programs to Track Miles with Refuge Friends

As part of our celebrations, we will be offering many guided activities throughout the month. We will get outside to learn about migrating animals and other species that utilize the refuge. Anyone is welcome to explore the refuge, but registration is required for some guided events. Flip the page over to see what events you can take part in and how many miles you can expect to hit during each activity.

SEPTEMBER 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

These guided programs will be offered at Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge as a fun way to get outside with friends to learn more about the refuge's habitats and wildlife. All programs are free. An asterisk(*) indicates that registration is required.

To register, please call 419-898-0014 starting August 26.

September 3 (Sunday).

Monthly Bird Census (varies)

8:00am - 12:00pm

(Meet in the Trailhead Parking Lot)

September 5-30 (Daily).

Collision Monitoring in Downtown Toledo

If interested, contact Jessica at 419-898-0014 x 29 or jessica_duez@fws.gov

September 9 (Saturday).

Migration-A-Thon Kickoff Day!

Wildlife Drive (7 miles)

Open 7:00am-7:00pm

Bike the Dike* (3 miles)

10:00am-11:00am

Yoga at the Ranger Station*

11:00am-12:00pm

Kids' Hike & Craft (2/3 mile)

11:00am-12:00pm & 1:00pm-2:00pm

Shuttle Tours* (2.5 miles)

11:00am, 12:00pm, 1:00pm (45 mins)

Tram Tour* (4 miles)

2:00pm (1.5 hours)

September 10 (Sunday).

South Woods Hike

1:00pm-2:00pm (1.5 miles)

September 15 (Friday).

Crane Creek Paddle with H2Ohio*

8:30am-11:00am & 12:00pm-2:30pm

Twilight Walk (1 mile)

7:00pm-8:00pm

Moth Night*

8:15pm - 11:30 p.m.

September 16 (Saturday).

Beach Cleanup* (0.5 miles)

10:00am-11:00am

5K Fun Run & Walk* (3.1 miles)

11:00am-12:00pm

September 17 (Sunday).

Fox Unit Storybook Hike (1/4 mile)

1:00pm-2:00pm

September 21 (Thursday).

Wildlife Drive-Bike* (7 miles)

9:00am-11:00am

September 22 (Friday).

B.A.R.K. Ranger* (2/3 mile)

10:00am-11:00am & 1:00pm-2:00pm

2:00pm-4:00pm (individual)

Tree Walk (2.5 miles)

(Meet in the Trailhead Parking Lot)

11:00am-1:00pm

September 23 (Saturday).

National Public Lands Day at Nehls

Memorial Nature Preserve

Paddle & Picnic* (~2 miles)

11:00am-12:00pm & 1:00pm-2:00pm

Storybook Hike (~1 mile)

9:30am-10:30am & 2:30pm-3:30pm

September 24 (Sunday).

Cedar Point Bus Tour* (5.5 miles)

12:00pm-3:00pm

(Meet at the Visitor Center)

Fox Unit Storybook Hike (1/4 mile)

1:00pm-2:00pm