FRIENDS OF OTTAWA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE PRESENTS:

Migration-A-Thon
VIRTUAL RACE FOR CONSERVATION

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, 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. As you move, you will gain entries to win a Garmin Instinct 2 Smartwatch and other prizes! 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!

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.

Grand Prize: Garmin instinct 2

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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 419-313-3236 starting at noon on August 22.

**SEPTEMBER 2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, September 1**  
**Monthly Bird Census**  
(distance varies)  
8:00am - 12:00pm  
(Meet in the Trailhead Parking Lot)

**September 3-30 (Daily)**  
**Collision Monitoring in Downtown Toledo***  
(distance varies)  
Contact Jessica at 419-607-1239 or jessica_duez@fws.gov

**Wednesday, September 4**  
**Lakefront Preserve Beach Cleanup***  
(0.5-1 mile)  
3:00pm - 5:00pm

**Saturday, September 7**  
**Bike the Dike***  
(3 miles)  
9:00am - 11:00am  
**Garden Walk**  
(.25 miles)  
10:00am - 11:00am  
**Monarch Hike at Marinewood**  
(0.6 miles)  
1:00pm - 2:00pm

**Wednesday, September 11**  
**Partnership Pond Paddle***  
(0.5-1 mile)  
11:00am - 12:00pm or 1:00pm - 2:00pm

**Thursday, September 12**  
**Paddle at Nehls Nature Preserve***  
(2 miles)  
2:00pm - 3:30pm

**Saturday, September 14**  
**Cedar Point Beach Cleanup***  
(0.5 miles)  
10:30am - 1:30pm  
**Storybook Hike at Fox Preserve**  
(0.25 miles)  
1:00pm - 2:00pm  
**Observe the Moon Night Program**  
(<0.25 miles)  
8:30pm - 10:30pm

**Wednesday, September 18**  
**Bike the Dike***  
(4 miles)  
9:00am - 11:00am

**Saturday, September 21**  
**Garden Walk**  
(.25 miles)  
10:00am - 11:00am  
**Monarch Hike at Fox Preserve**  
(1 mile)  
1:00pm - 2:00pm

**Wednesday, September 25**  
**Paddle at Nehls Nature Preserve***  
(2 miles)  
10:30am - 12:00pm or 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Full Calendar: www.friendsofottawanwr.org/events