



# Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge

## Event Descriptions

\*Events marked with an asterisk require reservations. Call 419-898-0014 to save your spot!

### **\*BLUE GOOSE BUS TOUR\***

Enjoy behind the scenes access to closed areas of the refuge complex on this guided bus tour. Destinations vary depending on wildlife use and activity.

### **\*OTTAWA TRAM TOUR\***

Enjoy the breeze while searching for wildlife and admiring beautiful landscapes. This open air tram tour is great for the entire family!

### **\*NATURE TOTS\***

Children ages 3-5 are invited to bring their favorite adult for nature crafts, stories, and outdoor fun!

### **\*SWAMPERS\***

Children ages 6-12 are invited to hike with refuge staff for a swampin' good time!

### **KIDS FISHING DAY**

Join us for an exciting day of catch and release fishing at the visitor center! All equipment and bait are provided. (Adults accompanying a child may also fish)

### **CARS FOR CRITTERS CAR SHOW**

Friends of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge sponsors this car show with live critters, great food, tram tours of the refuge, and DJ Cruisin Zeake spinning classic car show tunes!

### **HIKE THE DIKES**

"Hike the Dikes" is a cooperative program with Magee Marsh Wildlife Area and Black Swamp Bird Observatory. Attend three and earn a hiking stick!

### **19th ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST**

Enjoy the splendor of your federal lands through this annual photo contest display. Categories include Birds, Wildlife, Landscapes, and People. Contest entry forms available at the visitor center and online.  
**(On display September 15—October 13)**

### **HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE**

Celebrate the holiday season while enjoying a warm fire, festive music, kids crafts, and good company. Enter to win a gift basket too!

### **OTTAWA WILDLIFE DRIVE**

Enjoy the refuge from the comfort of your car! The 7 mile ONE WAY gravel route begins from the overflow parking area. Open sunrise to sunset. (Entrance gate closes one hour prior to sunset)

### **MONTHLY BIRD SURVEYS**

Join a refuge volunteer 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.*

### **HOWL-O-WEEN**

Join us for a howling good time at this family oriented Halloween event. Wear your favorite costume, take a tram tour of the refuge, play games and create a craft. Oh yea, and Candy too!

### **\*YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING WORKSHOP\***

This event is geared for the new waterfowl hunter. Learn about waterfowl ID, decoy setups, blinds, boats, and cooking. Registration forms are available at the visitor center and online.

### **CONTROLLED WATERFOWL HUNT**

If you hear gun shots, DON'T BE ALARMED:  
October 6, 7, 13, 15, 17, 19, 20, 22, 24, 26, 27  
November 10, 12, 14, 16, 19, 21  
SOME REFUGE TRAILS CLOSED

### **CONTROLLED DEER ARCHERY HUNT**

September 29 — October 3, November 3—7  
December 8—12, December 15—19  
SOME REFUGE TRAILS CLOSED

### **CONTROLLED DEER GUN HUNT**

If you hear gun shots, DON'T BE ALARMED:  
November 17, 18 & Nov 26—30  
ALL REFUGE TRAILS CLOSED

### **CONTROLLED DEER HUNT PREVIEW DAY**

Prepare for a successful hunt by scoping out your hunting unit ahead of time (Saturday Nov 10, 2018).



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## Calendar of Events

### September—December, 2018

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Unless otherwise stated, programs begin at the visitor center.

#### Saturday, September 1

- 10:30-11:30am— Nature Tots\*
- 1-2:30pm— Swampers\*

#### Sunday, September 2

- 8am— Monthly Bird Survey

#### Saturday, September 8

- 9am— Hike the Dikes

#### Saturday, September 15

- 10am-3pm— Kids Fishing Day

#### Sunday, September 23

- 9am-3pm— Cars for Critters Car Show
- 9am-2pm— Ottawa Tram Tours
- 10am-3pm— Kids Fishing Day

#### Sunday, September 30

- 10am-3pm— Kids Fishing Day

#### Saturday, October 6

- 10:30-11:30am— Nature Tots\*
- 1-2:30pm— Swampers\*

#### Sunday, October 7

- 8am— Monthly Bird Survey
- 12pm— Youth Waterfowl Hunting Workshop\*

#### Sunday, October 14

- 9:30am-12:00pm— Blue Goose Bus Tour\*
- 1-3:30pm— Blue Goose Bus Tour\*

#### Saturday, October 20

- 10am-3pm— Kids Fishing Day
- 10am-3pm— Ottawa Tram Tours
- 1-3pm— Howl-O-Ween

#### Saturday, November 3

- 10:30-11:30am— Nature Tots\*
- 1-2:30pm— Swampers\*

#### Sunday, November 4

- 8am— Monthly Bird Survey

#### Saturday, November 10

- 12-4pm— Controlled Deer Hunt Preview Day

#### Sunday, November 18

- 9:30am-12:00pm— Blue Goose Bus Tour\*
- 1-3:30pm— Blue Goose Bus Tour\*

#### Saturday, December 1

- 10:30-11:30am— Nature Tots\*
- 1-2:30pm— Swampers\*

#### Sunday, December 2

- 8am— Monthly Bird Survey
- 12pm-4pm— Holiday Open House

#### Sunday, December 9

- 9:30am-12:00pm— Blue Goose Bus Tour\*
- 1-3:30pm— Blue Goose Bus Tour\*

#### Visitor Center Closed:

- Monday, October 8
- Sunday, November 11
- Thursday, November 22
- Monday, December 24
- Tuesday, December 25
- Wednesday, December 26
- Tuesday, January 1

#### Visitor Center Closes at Noon:

- Wednesday, November 21
- Monday, December 31

#### September 15— October 13

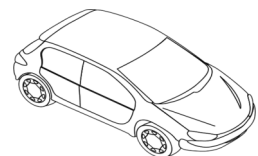
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December 1, 2, 22, 23



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