

July 2003

July 19, 2003 3 p.m.

Bats!

Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge
14000 W. Route 2, Oak Harbor, OH (419) 898-0014

Learn more about these fascinating mammals of the night or enjoy a self-guided auto tour.

August 2003

August 16, 2003 3 p.m.

Wildflowers

Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge
14000 W. Route 2, Oak Harbor, OH (419) 898-0014

A short talk and then a walk into the refuge to see what wildflowers can be found or take a self-guided auto tour.

September 2003

September 6, 2003 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Butterfly Festival

Kelleys Island Historical Association
Division St., Kelleys Island, Ohio (419) 746-2360

Join in the celebration of the Monarch butterflies' return to Kelleys Island. Features outdoor crafts, indoor afternoon program and Monarch tagging.

September 20, 2003 3 p.m.

Waterfowl

Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge
14000 W. Route 2, Oak Harbor, OH (419) 898-0014

A short talk and then a walk into the refuge to see what waterfowl are here or take a self-guided auto tour.

September 27-28, 2003 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Lake Erie Waterfowlers' Festival

Magee Marsh Wildlife Area
13229 W. State Route 2, Oak Harbor, Ohio (419) 898-0960

Decoy contests, duck calling, retriever trials, and artwork make this festival a favorite. This is a great opportunity to learn skills needed by the successful waterfowler.

September 27, 2003 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Feather and Foliage Festival

Kelleys Island, Ohio (419) 746-2258

A day of fun for everyone! Join a guided bird walk, tree identification walk, or hawk watch at the Glacial Groves. Bird banding at Long Point.

October 2003

October 11, 2003 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Perry F. Johnson Day—A National Celebration

Sandy Ridge Reservation, Johnson Wetland Center
6195 Otten Rd., North Ridgeville, Ohio (440) 327-3626

Join us for a day of birding hikes, displays, and more.

October 12-19, 2003 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

National Wildlife Refuge Week

Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge
14000 W. Route 2, Oak Harbor, Ohio (419) 898-0014

Many displays about the refuge system and Ohio's only National Wildlife Refuge. Area organizations are invited to put up displays and there will be many family activities. The auto tour will be open for the day on October 19th.

October 10, 2003 7:30 p.m.

Nite Hike

Magee Marsh, Sportsman's Migratory Bird Center
13229 W. State Route 2, Oak Harbor, Ohio (419) 898-0960

Join us for this unique opportunity to experience the marsh in the moonlight and discover creatures of the night.

November/December 2003

November 16, 2003 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and

December 14, 2003 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Auto Tour

Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge
14000 W. Route 2, Oak Harbor, Ohio (419) 898-0014

Drive through a variety of habitats and view various wildlife on this 7 mile self-guided auto tour.

November 24, 2002 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Wooden Feather Day

Magee Marsh Wildlife Area
13229 W. Route 2, Oak Harbor, Ohio (419) 898-0960

Relax by the fire as carvers demonstrate their craft. Cast your vote for your favorite wooden feather. Refreshments provided by the fireside.



2003 Nature Festivals & Events Ohio's Lake Erie Wing Watch Region



Hotel discounts designed for birders are available by calling the following:

Ottawa County Visitors Bureau (for rooms in Port Clinton, Lakeside-Marblehead, Put-in-Bay)
1-800-441-1271

Sandusky/Erie County Visitors & Convention Bureau (for rooms in Sandusky, Huron, Kelleys Island)
1-800-255-ERIE

Lorain County Visitors Bureau (for rooms in Lorain, Avon, Avon Lake, Elyria)
1-800-334-1673

Join us at our local Audubon meetings:

Firelands Audubon, Sandusky — fourth Tuesday, September through May. (419) 625-7783

Kelleys Island Audubon, Kelleys Island — third Thursday, June through October. (419) 746-2258

March 2003

March 2, 2003 Noon-4 p.m.

Canada Goose Day

Magee Marsh Wildlife Area

13229 W. Route 2, Oak Harbor, Ohio (419) 898-0960

Sit by the fire and enjoy carving demonstrations & refreshments. Take a guided walk through the marsh., 1p.m./3p.m.

March 14-16, 2003

Centennial Celebration Weekend

Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge

14000 W. Route 2, Oak Harbor, OH (419) 898-0014

Open house/auto tour Fri.-Sat., 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; New Visitor Center Ground Breaking Ceremony followed by reception, 10 a.m.; silent auction/guest speaker, Sun., 1 p.m.

April 2003

April 2, 2003, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Woodcock Walk

Osborn Park, Frost Center

3910 E. Perkins Ave., Huron, Ohio (419) 625-7783

Be amazed at this bird's strange courtship ritual!

April 5-6, 2003

Lake Erie Wing Watch Weekend

Firelands BGSU

One University Dr., Huron, Ohio 1-800-255-3743

A fun-filled and educational weekend for birders from beginning to advanced.

April 6, 2003 9 a.m.

Lake Erie Wing Watch Hike

Magee Marsh, Sportsman's Migratory Bird Center

13229 W. State Route 2, Oak Harbor, Ohio (419) 898-0960

Take a guided walk through Magee Marsh and Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge held in conjunction with the Lake Erie Wing Watch Weekend.

April 6, 2003 9 a.m.-11 a.m. & 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

April 16 & 24, 2003 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

Eagle Watch

The Coupling Reserve

11618 State Route 13, Milan Twp., Ohio (419) 625-7783

Stop by and see how the "turnpike" nest eagle family is doing! On April 6, 2 p.m.-4 p.m., tour the train cars at the depot, roast marshmallows, hike the trails.

April 6, 2003 All Day

Open House at Back to the Wild

Wildlife Rehabilitation & Nature Education Center

4504 Bardshar Rd., Castalia, Ohio (419) 684-9539

Tour the facility to learn what is being done to help injured wildlife and return them back to the wild. See over 45 raptors, bobcats, fox, and more.

April 8, 2003 7 p.m.-8 p.m.

Nectar Lover's Garden

Osborn Park, Frost Center

3910 Perkins Ave., Huron Twp., Ohio (419) 625-7783

Learn what to plant and how to design your garden to attract hummingbirds, butterflies, and honey bees.

April 19 & 26, 2003 8:30 a.m.

Saturday Morning Bird Walk

Magee Marsh Wildlife Area-West End of the Boardwalk

13229 W. State Route 2, Oak Harbor, OH (419) 898-0960

Do all warblers look alike to you? Come out and brush up on your identification skills as we enjoy the spring migrants.

April 19, 2003 3 p.m.

Butterflies & Dragonflies of N.W. Ohio

Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge

14000 W. Route 2, Oak Harbor, Ohio (419) 898-0014

Explore the fascinating world of butterflies & dragonflies!

April 26, 2003 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Auto Tour

Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge

14000 W. Route 2, Oak Harbor, Ohio (419) 898-0014

Drive through a variety of habitats and view various wildlife on this 7 mile self-guided auto tour.

April 27, 2003 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

Open House

Castalia Quarry Reserve

State Route 101, Margaretta Twp., Ohio (419) 625-7783

Take a bird/wildflower hike, dig for fossils, take a quarry rim van tour, enjoy refreshments on the observation deck.

April 30, 2003 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.

Trillium Hike

Edison Woods Preserve, Parking Lot

South on State Route 61, Berlin Hts., Ohio (419) 625-7783

Discover what blooms at Edison Woods!

May 2003

May 3 & 18, 2003 8:30 p.m.

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May 3-4, 2003 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Migratory Bird Weekend

Sandy Ridge Reservation

6195 Otten Rd., North Ridgeville, Ohio (440) 327-3626

The birds are back! Welcome the songbirds, shorebirds, waterfowl, and wading birds. There will be birding displays,

May 10, 2003 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

International Migratory Bird Day

Magee Marsh Wildlife Area

13229 W. Route 2, Oak Harbor, Ohio (419) 898-0960

A fun-filled day of activities related to songbird migration. Bird banding, wagon rides, food & optics tents, much more!

May 10, 2003 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

International Migratory Bird Day

Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge

14000 W. State Route 2, Oak Harbor, Ohio (419) 898-0014

This day provides spectacular birding, many displays, guided bird hikes, and family activities. Visitors will be able to take an auto tour through the refuge.

May 10, 2003 7 a.m.-11 a.m.

"The Birds are Back!"-International Migratory Bird Day

Old Woman Creek Estuarine Research Reserve

2514 Cleveland Rd. East, Huron, Ohio (419) 433-4601

Celebrate the return of neotropical migratory birds! Walk the trails in search of warblers and view exhibits. Refreshments.

May 10, 2003 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Lakeside Daisy Open House

Lakeside Daisy Nature Preserve

Alexander Pike, Marblehead, Ohio (800) 441-1271

Among the rarest of plants! Spend time walking among these little, hardy yellow flowers that only bloom in May. Naturalists guide tours and answer questions.

May 11-17, 2003 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Nest with the Birds

Kelleys Island, Ohio (419) 746-2258 \$5 minimum donation

Welcome migrating songbirds! The week-long program includes morning and afternoon guided bird walks at different locations each day and afternoon nature lectures. The program ends Saturday with our bi-annual bird banding.

May 17, 2003 3 p.m.

Bird Migration

Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge

14000 W. Route 2, Oak Harbor, Ohio (419) 898-0014

A short talk and then a walk to explore the wonderful world of migrating birds.

June 2003

June 13, 2003 8:30 p.m.

Nite Hike

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