



Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center

April 2018



Horicon Marsh Bird Festival Celebrates 21 Years!



Grab your binoculars, bring a fellow bird enthusiast and experience the sights, sounds and natural beauty of birds in peak spring migration at Horicon Marsh. As one of the largest freshwater marshes in the United States, the Horicon Marsh Bird Club will host the 20th annual Bird Festival, May 10-14. From the backyard birder to the world traveler, four days of adventure awaits by foot, boat, bus and bicycle at Horicon Marsh.

This year's Keynote speaker will be birder and humorist, Al Batt.

To plan your birding adventure, visit www.horiconmarshbirdclub.com and click on the Bird Festival link for complete list of events, descriptions and registration information or contact Wildlife Educator Liz Herzmann at 920-387-7893.

Many tours require advanced registration and fees. Partners for this amazing event include the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Marsh Haven Nature Center, Horicon Marsh Boat Tours, Friends of Horicon NWR and Friends of Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center.

Wanted: Nest Box Monitoring Volunteers

Although it may not feel like spring in the next couple of days, we are getting plenty of migrating waterfowl around the marsh and soon tree swallows and bluebirds will be nesting.

Are you looking for an outdoor volunteer opportunity that's educational and healthy? You can monitor nest boxes! Studies have shown that tree swallows are declining in numbers. By doing regular monitoring you can add to citizen science and our understanding of tree swallows and whatever else may use nest boxes at Horicon Marsh. We have several routes available along our hiking trails. You will be trained in monitoring protocol, given tools to do the job, instructions on how to fill out data sheets and the opportunity to input data.



Monitoring would take place every 10-14 days (good) or once a week (excellent) based on your schedule. Time would be about 1-2 hours depending how many boxes you chose to monitor and how fast you walk. Monitoring can be done any time of day. Share duties with a friend or family members. Starting late April. Ending mid-late July. Flexible training. Please contact wildlife technician, Jeff Bahls, at 920-210-4832 or Jeffrey.bahls@wisconsin.gov if you are interested in monitoring part of a nest box trail.



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**Stories @
the Marsh**
10-11am

Join DNR Wildlife Educators at Stories at Horicon Marsh. Kids will have the chance to enjoy stories, crafts and activities.

April 12 : Don't be a Litter Bug
May 17: Beaks!



Visit the Flyway Gift Shop for all of your spring needs! Hiking sticks, bird friendly coffee and gifts for the kids!

The Friends of Horicon Marsh thank you for your support of the environmental and wildlife education programs. Your financial gifts, memberships, and volunteerism are what keep us going. **Please join/renew your Friend membership or sign up to volunteer at www.horiconmarsh.org.**

Hunting from an Elevated Stand

On Saturday, April 28, join hunter safety instructors from either 9-11am or 1-3pm for a refresher on hunting from an elevated stand.

Did you know that 1 in 3 hunters will fall from a stand or tree? Many hunters are more seriously injured from a fall than from a firearm or any other hunting equipment. How safe are you from falling? This hands-on workshop will provide harnesses and the opportunity to safely practice climbing into a stand. **Pre-registration is required at www.horiconmarsh.org/events.**



Free event, and all ages are welcome. For more information, call 920-387-7893 or e-mail elizabeth.herzmann@wisconsin.gov.

Wildflowers for Wildlife

Are you yearning for spring? Do you wish you could have a beautiful garden that is bursting with color all season long? Are you looking for a way to attract butterflies, birds and pollinating insects to your yard? Then mark your calendars for Saturday, May 19th from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. for the fifth annual "Wildflowers for Wildlife" event at the Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center (Hwy. 28).

The event hosted by the Friends of Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center and Friends of Horicon National Wildlife Refuge. They have partnered with Taylor Creek Restoration Nurseries and Applied Ecological Services for a native plant sale that will help enhance your backyard, schoolyard, park or natural area and in turn, benefit wildlife.



At the Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center located on Hwy. 28, there will be a native plant sale, displays and consultants available from 9am-1pm.

Additional information can be found at www.horiconmarsh.org or by calling 920-387-7893.

Websites of Interest!

Check out the Friends group on [Facebook!](#) Just search for "Horicon Marsh." Instagram! Just search for Horicon Marsh! If you would like more information, please e-mail Liz Herzmann at elizabeth.herzmann@wisconsin.gov

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