

Horicon Marsh Schedule of Events

Fall & Winter 2018-2019

Logos represent the location of each event.



September 8: Monarch Tagging 10am-12pm. Catch monarchs and watch as DNR staff tag these migrants as they head to Mexico. Bring your best bug-catching net if you have one!



September 8-9: Grandparents Weekend 9am-5pm. All grandparents and grandchildren receive free admission to the nature center.



September 14: Guided Paddle 8am-12pm. Guided Paddle of Horicon Marsh SWA. Pre-registration required and \$15 fee. Register at: www.horiconmarsh.org.



September 18: Astronomy 8pm. Start inside with an astronomy program and move outside where we will look for the summer triangle, Sagittarius, and other constellations. Free.



September 20: Stories at the Marsh: Owls 10-11am. Come learn about this nocturnal bird through stories, activities and a craft.



September 21: Fall Living History Festival Education Day 8:30am-2:30pm. School groups and students of all learning styles are invited to the Marsh Haven encampment for a day filled with hands-on demonstrations and a step back into the pages of Wisconsin history. History Passports provided to all visitors. Free.



September 22: National Public Lands Day Seed Collection 10-11am. Help collect native prairie seeds. Long pants and sturdy shoes are recommended. Meet at the Egret Trail boardwalk parking lot off of the refuge auto tour (Hwy 49).



September 22: National Hunting and Fishing Day 10-11:30am. Activities for kids who are interested in bowhunting and fishing. Shoot a bow and arrow, safely climb into a tree stand or practice your casting. All equipment will be provided. No prior training is needed. All ages are welcome.



September 22-23: Fall Living History Festival The general public is invited to visit the past at this encampment and learn more about Native Americans, Voyageurs, the War of 1812, soap making, candle making, trapping, blacksmithing, fiber arts, rug weaving, and so much more! \$



October 6: Wild Birds of Prey 1pm. Have you ever wanted to see a hawk or owl close up? This program will introduce some of Wisconsin's raptors through a photo presentation, mounted specimens, and LIVE birds. \$



October 6: Family Bicycle Tours 10-11am and 1-2pm. Pedal portions of the refuge with a guide. Two one-hour tours offered. Meet at Main Parking lot of refuge auto tour (Hwy 49).



October 6-7: Where are the Geese and Cranes? 10am-5pm. Drop in throughout the day to find out where the Canada Geese are and learn about their history at Horicon.



October 13: Refuge 5K Run/Walk for Wildlife 9-11am. For pre-registration information: www.FondDuLacRunningClub.com



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October 13-14: Horicon Marsh Archaeological Festival Sat: 10am-5pm, Sun: 10am-4pm. Buckskinners encampment, atlatl throwing, fire-starting, artifacts, a drum circle, expert speakers, vendors and more!



October 18: Stories at the Marsh: Bats 10-11am. Come learn about the benefits of this flying mammal through stories and activities.



October 20: Invasion on the Marsh! Join us as our Explorium becomes haunted! For more information visit: www.horiconmarsh.org.



October 21: Monsters on the Marsh 9am-4pm. Visit in costume for games, scavenger hunt, cupcake decorating, and hike through the haunted woods! Visit with our costumed critters, go fishing in the fish pond and make a fall-themed craft to take home. Family-friendly. \$



October 23: Bats LIVE! 7-8pm. Come nose to nose with a fruit bat and learn from a bat biologist!



October 27: Birding Old Marsh Road 9-10:30am. Guided hike to view birds in an area of the refuge that is only open seasonally. ½ mile - easy walking. Meet at the Egret Trail boardwalk parking lot off of the refuge auto tour off Hwy 49.



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November 3: Autumn Open House 10am-3pm. Musical performances by children's artists Ken Lonquist and Dave Adler at 11am and 1pm; nature crafts; and family activities. Horicon Refuge Visitor Center (Cty Rd Z).



November 10: Evening of Music & Nature 5pm: Meet the Marsh Haven animal ambassadors. 7pm: John Denver Tribute Concert by Jim Curry. Prairie Theater at UW - Fond du Lac. Tickets available at www.hometowntickets.com



November 10-11: Veterans Weekend Free admission to all veterans.



November 15: Stories at the Marsh: Waiting for Winter 10-11am. Come learn about hibernation through stories and activities.



November 17-25 & December 6-9: Auto Tour Closed to Vehicles for Deer Gun Seasons



Visitors are still welcome to use the area for hiking and other permissible activities but are required to wear blaze orange.



December 1: Entire Refuge Opens for wildlife observation and nature photography via hiking, snowshoeing and cross country skiing through March 15.



December 8-9: Christmas at Marsh Haven & Holiday Nature Craft Show 10am-3pm. Sleigh rides, food and beverages, crafts for the kids.



December 10: Marsh Haven Closes for the winter season. See you on April 13, 2019!



December 13: Stories at the Marsh: Coats and Mittens 10-11am. Come learn about how to prepare for winter through stories and activities.



January 5: Walk it Off with Winter Wildlife 10-11:30am. Join wildlife educators as we shed a few holiday pounds while searching for winter wildlife around the marsh! Snowshoes available!



January 8: Back to Basics: Snow Forts 1-2:30pm. Test your fort building skills and see how warm it stays. Dress warm! Youth program.



January 10: Stories at the Marsh: Winter Bugs 10-11am. Come learn about insects in the winter through stories, activities and a craft.



January 15: Back to Basics: Do You Want to Build a Snow-Mammal? 1-2:30pm. You've built the snowman, but can you master the mammal? Dress warmly! Youth program.



January 19: Candlelight Hike 5-9pm. For more information visit: www.horiconmarsh.org.



January 22: Back to Basics: Snowshoeing 1-2:30pm. Wear your mittens and hats—we'll see the winter wonderland on top of the snow! All snowshoe levels welcome! Youth Program.



January 29: Back to Basics: Owl Pellets 1-2:30pm. Have you ever wondered what is inside an owl's hairball? Youth program.



February 2: Owl Prowl 3-8pm. Two-part field trip. Pre-registration required for 3-5:30pm bus trip at www.horiconmarshbirdclub.com. From 6:30-8pm, the public is welcome in the auditorium for a program and hike to call for owls.



February 5: Back to Basics: Tracking 1-2:30pm. Hike the trails in search of winter wildlife signs! Youth program.



February 9: Winter Wonderland 10am-2pm. Visit the rustic environmental education barn and enjoy crafts, displays, and hot chocolate after snowshoeing, skiing, or hiking on the refuge. Some snowshoes are available for loan. N10755 South Point Rd. (Off Cty Z & H).



February 12: Back to Basics: Science Experiments 1-2:30pm. Wear your best thinking cap and prepare to get messy! Youth program.



February 14: Stories at the Marsh: Footprints in the Snow 10-11am. Come learn about animal tracks in winter and make a track to take home!



February 16, 23: Snowshoeing at the Education Barn 10am-2pm. Visit the environmental education barn for snowshoeing or hiking and hot chocolate. Snowshoes will be available for loan. N10755 South Point Rd.



February 16: Winter Wild Women Workshop 8am-12pm. More information and required pre-registration at: www.horiconmarsh.org.



February 16: Eagle Adventure 1-4pm. Meet at the Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center. Carpool to some areas that have held Bald Eagles in the past. Bring warm clothes and binoculars. Eagle be a good time!



February 19: Super Full Moon Hike 6:30-8pm. Grab your warm layers and embark on a hike under the beautiful winter sky!



February 26: Back to Basics: Bird Brain 1-2:30pm. Become birds for the day and stretch your wings with some games! Youth program.



March 2: Nestbox Seminar 9am-1pm. Learn about cavity nesting birds and how you can help. More information at: www.horiconmarsh.org.



March 5: Back to Basics: Scavenger Hunt 1-2:30pm. Use your senses to explore the marsh and see what you can find! Youth program.



March 12: Back to Basics: Archery 1-2:30pm. Try your aim with NASP equipment. Please arrive on time to receive instructional/safety information. Youth program.



March 14: Stories at the Marsh: Trees in Winter 10-11am. Learn about what happens to trees when it gets cold via stories and activities.



March 16: Majority of Refuge Closes to visitor access for bird migration/nesting seasons. Public use areas (auto tour/trails, Bud Cook Hiking Area, Main Dike Road, fishing accesses, Hwy 49 Viewing Area) remain open year-round for approved recreational activities.



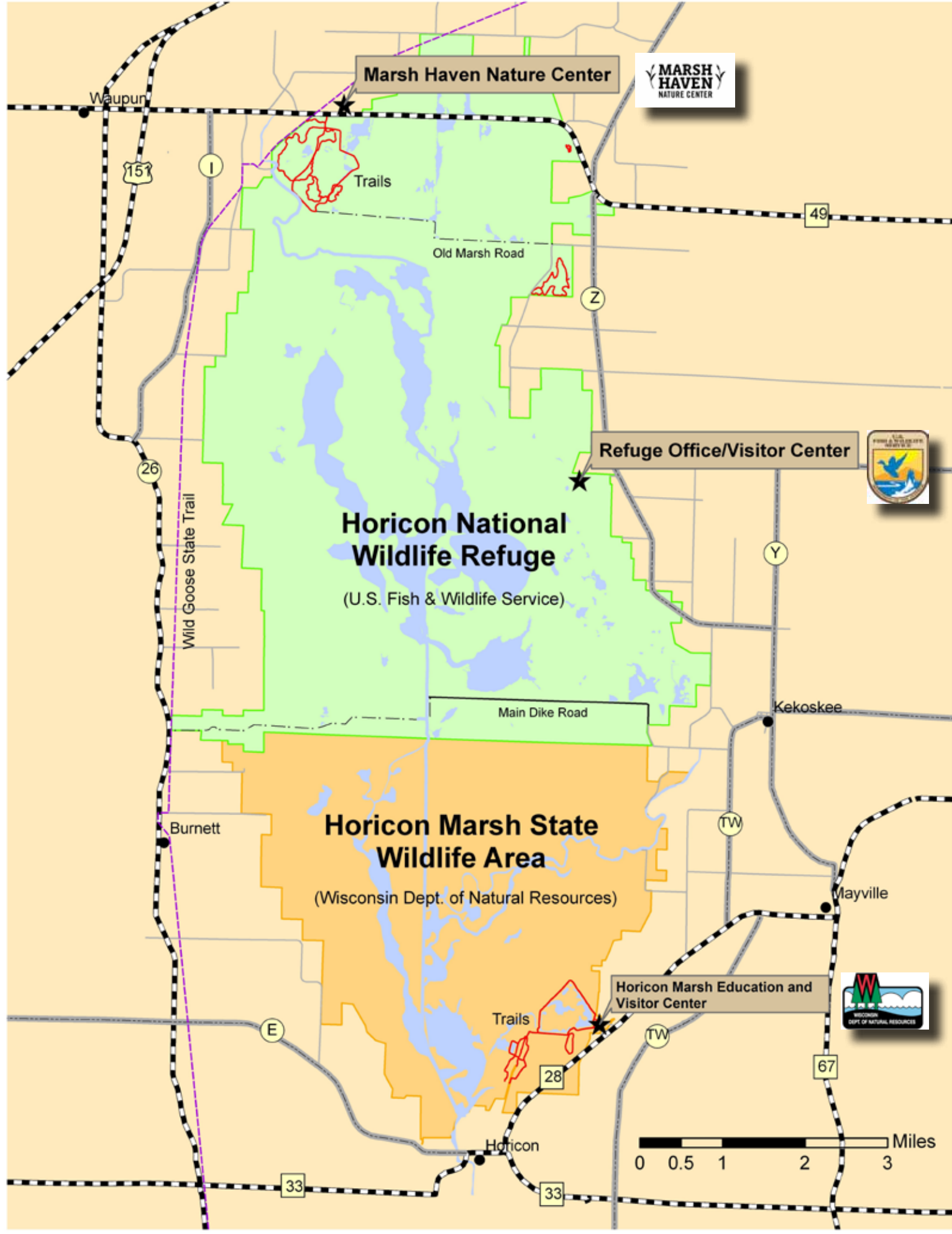
March 19: Back to Basics: Geocaching 1-2:30pm. Borrow our GPS units to try your hand at the world's largest treasure hunt! Youth program.



March 26: Back to Basics: Duck, Duck, Goose 1-2:30pm. Grab your binoculars, or borrow ours as we go for a walk and do some waterfowl watching and games! Youth program.



**** All events are subject to change; please check the appropriate website for changes and/or additional events. ****



The Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center is operated and owned by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR). See map for location.

The Friends of the Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center strengthens the connection between people and the Horicon Marsh through collaboration, financial support and volunteer assistance to the WDNR. For more information about the Friends group please visit horiconmarsh.org or call 920-387-7890.



Marsh Haven Nature Center is a non-profit nature center. As an independent nature center run by volunteers, Marsh Haven is supported by a strong and loyal membership, small admission fees, grant funding, and support from businesses and other organizations. Visit marshhaven.org for more information and calendar updates. See map for location.



The Horicon National Wildlife Refuge Office and Visitor Center is operated and owned by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. See map for location.

The Friends of Horicon National Wildlife Refuge's mission is to promote conservation, awareness, and appreciation of the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge. For more information about the Friends group please visit horiconnwrfriends.org.

Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center

N7725 Hwy 28
Horicon, WI 53032

Contact:

920-387-7889
elizabeth.herzmann@wisconsin.gov
dnr.wi.gov keyword search "Horicon"
www.horiconmarsh.org

Hours:

Weekdays 9am-5pm
Weekends 10am-5pm
Closed on Major Holidays

Marsh Haven Nature Center

W10145 State Hwy 49 East
Waupun, WI 53963

Contact:

920-324-5818
920-318-9518 (Director's mobile)
director@marshhaven.org
www.marshhaven.org

Hours:

Weekdays 12-4pm
Weekends 9am-5pm
Open mid-April through mid-December.
Extended hours by appointment

Horicon National Wildlife Refuge Office/Visitor Center

W4279 Headquarters Road
Mayville, WI 53050

Contact:

Phone: 920-387-2658 ext. 124
erin_railsback@fws.gov
www.fws.gov/refuge/horicon
www.horiconnwrfriends.org

Hours:

April-November: Mon.-Sat. 9am-4pm.
Open Sundays in October.
Jan-Mar: Mon.-Fri. 9am-4pm plus
1 Sat/month (2019: Jan. 12, Feb. 9, Mar. 2)
Open Labor Day and Columbus Day.
Closed all other federal holidays.

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EVENT CALENDAR**



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