



# Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center

May 2017



## Horicon Marsh Bird Festival Celebrates 20 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 12-15. From the backyard birder to the world traveler, four days of adventure awaits by foot, boat, bus and bicycle at Horicon Marsh.



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To plan your birding adventure, visit

[www.horiconmarshbirdclub.com](http://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.

## 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 20th from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. for the fourth annual “Wildflowers for Wildlife” event at the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center (Hwy. Z).

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 National Wildlife Refuge and Visitor Center located on Hwy. Z, there will be a native plant sale, displays and consultants available from 9am-1pm. Native landscape demonstration tours between 10am-1pm.

Additional information can be found at [www.horiconmarsh.org](http://www.horiconmarsh.org) or by calling 920-387-7893.





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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 two great stories and make a craft related to the morning's topic.

### June 8: Planting for Wildlife



Visit the Flyway Gift Shop for all of your spring needs! Binoculars, hats, new books and fresh tapped maple syrup! Welcome to spring.

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](http://www.horiconmarsh.org).**

## Upcoming Events

May 19: Night Sounds Hike 8:30-9:30pm. Woodcock, rails and wails oh my! Who's calling once the sun goes down?

May 23: Spring Migrant Hike 7:30-9am. Search for songbirds and other migrants!

June 3: Gardening with Natives 10am-12pm.

Learn about the benefit of planting native, then grab your gloves and lend a hand!

June 6: Summer Bird Hike 7:30-9am. Search for resident and nesting birds.



June 14: Junior Wildlife Biologist: Bird Banding 10-11am. Learn how biologists capture, band and re-release geese! No real geese banded in this program.

June 15: Family Adventure Club: Dip Netting 6:30-8pm. Bring the family, grab a net and explore the waters of the marsh!

## Horicon Marsh Paddle

June 24

7:30am-1pm.

Canoe or kayak the Canoe Trail at the Horicon Marsh State Wildlife Area. Talk with interpreters stationed throughout the marsh to learn more!

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Free shuttle.



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