



MARSH HAPPENINGS

Archaeology, Rocks & Minerals Weekend

September 18 & 19

Visit the many exhibits featuring collections from the Mineral Society of Manitoba and the Rock and Mineral Club of Winnipeg. Be dazzled by the beauty of minerals from around the world. Fossil, mineral and gem dealers will be on site as well. Learn about the history of Manitoba with displays from the Archaeological Society and view the numerous artifacts they have unearthed during the past years.

Other activities will include gold panning, flint knapping demonstrations and digging for fossils. Be sure to participate in the exciting Rocks and Mineral Silent Auction on both days at 1 and 3 p.m. Enjoy a horse-drawn wagon ride on Sunday from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.



Migration Festival

September 25 & 26, October 2 & 3

Migration is an amazing natural phenomenon. Each fall billions of birds migrate along the Mississippi flyway, an aerial highway which spans Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Ontario. Oak Hammock Marsh is a perfect sanctuary for waterfowl to rest and feed before continuing their journey south. Come to Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre to experience the wonder of thousands of geese and ducks migrating during the Migration Festival.



Participate in one of the many activities taking place during these two weekends. A special showing of "Winged Migration" in our 120-seat theatre will be shown daily at 4 p.m. Learn to identify waterfowl by sight, watch a puppet show, play a migration game, dissect a real owl pellet, and get up close and personal with some of Manitoba's smallest migrants by checking out songbird banding. The Prairie Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre will be bringing live birds of prey on September 25 and 26 from 1 to 4 p.m. Step on the "pizza scale" to find out how much food you would need to eat in order to migrate. Walk the trails, paddle in a voyageur style canoe, or relax on a horse-drawn wagon. Stay for the evening and enjoy a four-course dinner on September 26, October 2 and 3. At sunset, join an interpreter on the roof and learn some interesting migration facts while watching the geese returning to the marsh for the night.

Migration Magic Farewell Concert

October 24

Experience a memorable musical event as we say goodbye to the geese for the season. The audience will be treated to music by the Cambrian string quartet featuring members of the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra. Wine and cheese will be served during intermission, when you can bid on fabulous silent auction items. The concert starts at 7:30 p.m. and lasts approximately two hours.

Tickets are \$25.00 plus admission to the Centre. All proceeds support the Interpretive Centre's wetland education programming. Reservations are required. Call the Centre to reserve your seat today!



MARSHY QUIZ

- Which bird has the longest annual migration, making an annual round-trip of 35,405 km (22,000 miles)?
- There are 650 species of birds that breed in North America. What percentage of these migrate?
- Which species of North American hawk has the longest migration?
- How far can the Sora migrate?
 - 482 km
 - 4,828 km
 - 48,284 km
- How many species of birds (worldwide) are migratory?
 - 1,000 species
 - 2,000 species
 - 3,000 species
 - 4,000 species
- True or false? A flock of Bar-headed Geese have been seen flying over Mount Everest (9,375 m high).
- Which three North American waterfowl undertake the longest migrations?
 - Mallard, Canada Goose, and Snow Goose
 - Mallard, Blue-winged Teal, and Northern Pintail
 - Blue-winged Teal, Green-winged Teal, and Northern Pintail
 - Green-winged Teal, Canada Goose, and Tundra Swan
- True or false? Most waterfowl migrate at night.
- Which animal encounters the most daylight?



- Answers:**
- Arctic Tern
 - 80%
 - Swainson's Hawk
 - b
 - d
 - True
 - c
 - True
 9. The Arctic Tern breeds in the Arctic and winters in the Antarctic, shifting from one region of extended daylight to the other.

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Hours of Operation

September & October
10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
November to August
10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*Call ahead for Café hours.

Extended hours during the fall.

The Interpretive Centre is open beyond its public hours for group bookings and meetings.

ASK THE NATURALIST

How long do birds fly at one time without resting?

Common birds usually fly at speeds of 30 km/h (18 mph) to 90 km/h (55 mph) during their migration. They may cover a distance from 240 km (150 miles) to over 485 km (300 miles) daily depending on their size

and energy reserves.

A sustained flight of 10 hours per day in still air could carry herons, hawks, crows, and smaller birds from 160 km (100 miles) to 400 km (250 miles). Ducks and geese might travel as much as 645 km (400 miles) to 800 km (500 miles) in the same period.

LOCAVORE DINNER

In 2007, Oxford Dictionary announced the word of the year would be "locavore." Now more than ever, people are interested in eating locally-grown foods. They want to know what they are eating, where their food came from, and how their food was grown, made and transported to market. The connection between food and the environment is one that cannot be ignored. Buying food that is close to home, supporting local farmers, buying organic produce whenever possible – these are all ways that people can tread lightly on the planet.

Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre is proud to host its first locavore

dinner. Celebrate Local Foods: A Locally Grown Dinner, will be held at the Interpretive Centre on September 11th at 6 p.m. The dinner will feature Manitoba products ranging from carrots to oats, wild rice and pasture-fed, hormone-free beef. Following dinner, food producers, farmers, and growers will be on hand to talk about their craft, share their stories, and answer questions to encourage and inspire you to try some of these ideas at home. The dinner is available for \$31 plus admission and \$15.50 for children under 12. For more information or to reserve a seat for the dinner, please call 467-3300.