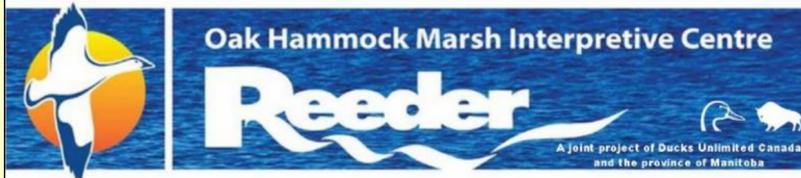


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Welcome to the Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre Newsletter. Here are some upcoming and noteworthy events happening this month.

Tiny Tots at the Marsh

December 4 - 10:30 a.m.

It's toddler time at **Oak Hammock Marsh!**

Visit us for this drop-in session for story time, crafts, and/or games especially designed for the youngest ones of the family. This activity also includes some free time in our interactive exhibits.



This is a great way to spend some quality time with your toddlers in a stimulating learning environment.

Cost is \$5 per child, plus admission.

Most appropriate for children 5 and under.

[For more information about this activity](#)**Hopper Bird Feeder Workshop**

December 7 - 1 to 3 p.m.

The success of a bird feeder in attracting birds depends upon its placement and the kinds of foods offered, as different species have different preferences.



Some bird feeders can be quite elaborately designed or can be very simple. Learn how to make your very own hopper bird feeder and attract many colourful birds to your yard this winter.

Workshop fee is **\$15 plus admission**.

Pre-registration required.

[For more information about this workshop](#)**Candy Cane Tea**

December 13 - 1 p.m.

The "afternoon tea" is a light meal typically served between 1 and 3 p.m. Traditionally, loose tea is brewed in a teapot and served in teacups with milk and sugar. This is accompanied by sandwiches, scones, cakes and pastries.



Today, a formal afternoon tea is taken as a treat in a hotel, café or tea shop.

Join us for our **5th Annual Candy Cane Tea**. Bring some friends and enjoy a selection of specialty Holiday teas and coffees along with fancy sandwiches and dainties.

Take part in the **Snowflake Raffle** to win some great prizes and participate in fun games and other entertainment.

The Candy Cane Tea is available for \$12 per person.

Pre-registration is required.

Astronomy Night - Winter Constellations

December 18 - 7 p.m.

Get to know Orion and other famous winter constellations as we prepare for the winter solstice, the best stargazing time of the year!



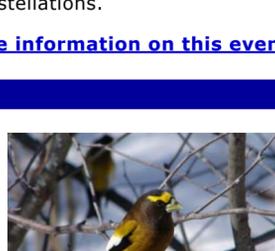
An indoor presentation in the comfort of our multimedia theater will introduce you to the many constellations that will grace our sky this winter. Learn how to locate and recognize these constellations in the night sky through entertaining stories and with the help of your very own hand-made star finder.

Following the presentation, test your skills on the Interpretive Centre rooftop observation deck while you look at those amazing constellations.

[For more information on this event](#)**Christmas Bird Count**

December 20 - 7:45 a.m.

The **115th Annual Christmas Bird Count** season is rapidly approaching. This event takes place all over North America and more than 50,000 observers participate each year. You could be one of them!



This huge conservation effort monitors the status and distribution of bird populations across the continent and contributes to a clearer picture of how the bird populations have changed over time.

Come help us count our winter residents, while exploring the marsh and surrounding area during **Oak Hammock Marsh's Annual Christmas Bird Count**.

Pre-registration required by December 18.

The fee is regular admission to the Centre

[For more information about this event](#)**Birding Hour - Winter Birds**

December 21 - 1 p.m.

Did you know that only 10% of Manitoba birds will stay here for the winter? Some birds even migrate south to Manitoba to spend the winter here!



Who are they? What will they eat?

Find out the answers at the winter bird workshop hosted by **Paula Grief**, our Resident Naturalist.

Pre-register by December 18.

[For more information about the Birding Hour](#)**Winter Camp for Kids**

December 29, 30 and January 2

Enjoy winter by joining us for a frosty good time at winter camp!



Activities may include snowshoeing, bannock baking, winter games and more. This camp has both indoor and outdoor components and is sure to please!

For ages 6 to 9. Runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

Register today!

[For more information about our camp](#)**Premier Healthy Living Sponsors***Premier Healthy Living Sponsors***GIANT TIGER**

The Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre is located 30 minutes North of Winnipeg on highway 67 between highways #7 and #8. For more information call (204) 467-3300.

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