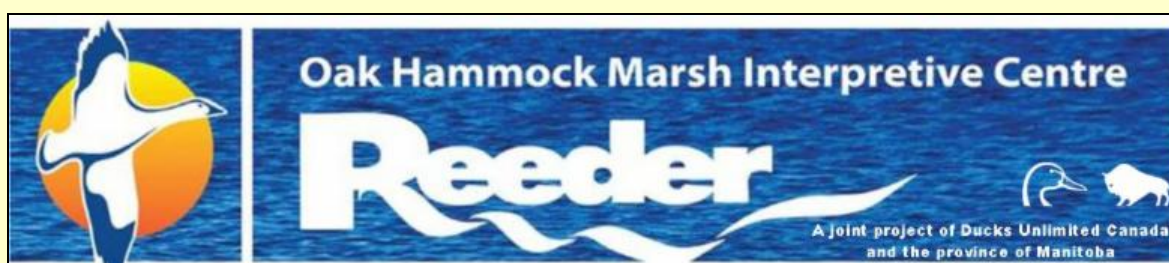


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Welcome to the Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre Newsletter. Here are some upcoming and noteworthy events happening this month.

**Hazy Lazy Days of Summer**

August 2 to 4

Is the heat wearing you down? Is the beach too crowded for you? Are you looking for a great way to stay cool this summer?



Join us at **Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre** for some fun and a unique way to spend those hazy, lazy days of summer.

Try a **toe-dipping contest** at our artesian spring or other fun water games to keep you cool. This is also a great time of year to see the flowers of the prairie in bloom!

[For more information about this event](#)**Birding Hour - Birding by Ear**

August 10 - 1 p.m.

Many birds are very discreet and are seldom seen in the marsh. We know they are present, however, because of their song.



Learn to identify birds by their call during this workshop with **Paula Grief**, our Resident Naturalist.

Pre-registration is required. The fee for this workshop is **\$5 per person** plus admission.

[For more information about this workshop](#)**Wildlife Management Area Van Tour**

August 9 and 23

**Oak Hammock Marsh** is a 3,600 hectare (9000 acre) Wildlife Management Area that features a restored prairie marsh, aspen-oak bluff, waterfowl lure crops, artesian springs, some of Manitoba's last remaining patches of tall-grass prairie and 30 kilometers of trails to explore.



It is home to 25 species of mammals, 300 species of birds, numerous amphibians, reptiles, and fish, and countless invertebrates.

The vast majority of our visitors only see a very small fraction of this wonderful wetland as some of the most remote area are not as easily accessible.

Explore some of these remote areas with an experienced guide on August 9 and 23 as we take visitors on an exclusive tour of the Wildlife Management Area in the Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre van.

This special tour is **\$10 per person** plus admission. Sign up early as space is very limited.

[For more information about this event](#)**Dragonfly Festival**

August 16 &amp; 17

Did you know that Manitoba is home to more than 100 species of dragonflies and damselflies?



Learn more about these fascinating creatures during the **Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre's** annual **Dragonfly Festival**.

Equipped with a net, join a **Dragonfly Safari** where you can catch and identify many different species of dragonflies and damselflies.

You can also try catching dragonfly nymphs from the waters of the marsh with a net and pail. See them magnified on our giant screen.

Learn about dragonflies with our displays and presentations or participate in our **Dragonfly Food Art Contest** and our Colouring Contest to win a prize.

This event will be a lot of fun for the whole family!

[For more information about this event](#)**Waterfowl Basics Workshop**

August 23 - 1 p.m.

Over 25 species of ducks and other waterfowl can be seen at Oak Hammock Marsh during the migration season. Learn how to recognize your dabbling from your diving ducks during this educational workshop.



Pre-registration is required.  
Workshop fee is **\$5 plus admission**.

[For more information about this workshop](#)

#### Camp for Kids

August

Camp is a great way to gather precious memories and build special friendships that will last a lifetime! The **Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre** offers camps for kids of all ages during the summer. We have a variety of age- appropriate camps to choose from throughout August:



**Cattail Camp:** ages 5 to 7 - Animal detective, puzzle hunt, crafts, games, tasty snacks and more!

**Blackbird Camp:** ages 8 to 10 - Games, scavenger hunts and a cool craft. Don't miss out!

**Wetland Adventure Camp:** ages 11 to 13 - Compass scavenger hunt, survival skills, canoeing, and geocaching!

[For more information or to register](#)

#### Labour Day Adventure

August 30 to September 1

Join us this **Labour Day** for a last weekend of family fun before school starts.

See the migrating birds return during a **Birding Marshwalk** as a nature interpreter guides you through the many trails of **Oak Hammock Marsh**.



Participate in a **Sonic Sleuth Walk** and tune into the sounds of the marsh using a hand-held listening device and discover nature in a whole new way.

Explore the marsh either in one of our three Voyageur-style canoes for a one-hour excursion or by **Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides** with **Allan Webb**.

A fee of **\$5 for non-members** of the Interpretive Centre and **\$3 for members** apply to the canoe excursions and the wagon rides.

Wagon rides only on **Monday - 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.**

[For more information about this event](#)

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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