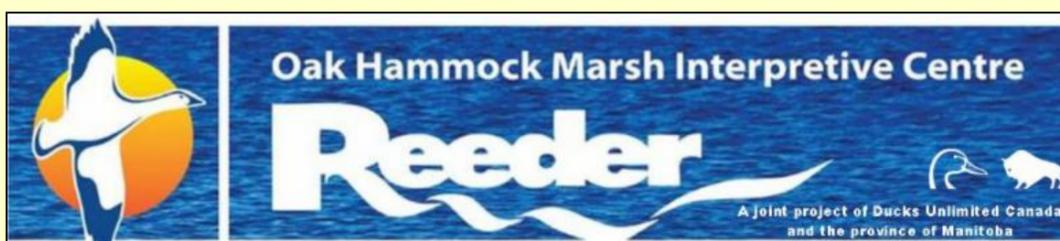


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Greetings!

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

Songbird Banding Workshop

September 6 - 8 to 10 a.m.

Learn all about songbird banding with our Resident Naturalist, **Paula Grief**, and be part of a large scale study taking place all over the Americas for more than 100 years.



Watch how the small songbirds are caught in mistnets, carefully retrieved and banded with expert hands.

You may even get to hold the bird briefly before releasing it into the wild!

This workshop is available for \$5 per person plus admission.

[For more information about this workshop](#)**Archeology, Rocks and Mineral Weekend**

September 13 and 14

The **Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre** presents its annual **Archeology, Rocks and Mineral Show and Sale**.



Learn the techniques of gold panning and discover the many uses of minerals in everyday life. Dig for fossils and be dazzled by the beauty of minerals from around the world.

Admire the fragile beauty of artifacts, rocks and minerals displayed by the **Archaeological Society of Manitoba**, the **Mineral Society of Manitoba**, the **Winnipeg Rocks and Minerals Club**, and many more from local gem and mineral dealers.

Participate in our **Mineral Silent Auction** held both days at **1 p.m. and 3 p.m.** or enjoy a **horse-drawn wagon ride** through the marsh on **Sunday from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.**

A fee of **\$3 for members and \$5 for non-members** apply to this forty-five minute ride.

[For more information about this event](#)**Astronomy Night - Star Party & Fall Constellations**

September 18 - 8 p.m.

Fall is a great time to observe the night sky. The sun goes down earlier and the nights are still relatively warm. It is also a great time of the year to observe many interesting constellations and deep space objects such as galaxies and nebulae.



Explore the fall night sky above **Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre** and learn more about the stories behind some of the fall constellations.

This event is very special as you will get a chance to meet some members of the **Royal Astronomy Society of Canada!** Enjoy a great night of sky watching with fellow stargazers and share their passion for this fantastic hobby.

Canoe Workshop - Bring Your Own Canoe

September 21 - 1 p.m.

Explore the lesser known regions of the marsh! Using your canoe and with paddle in hands you will be transported by the sights and sounds of one of the large areas of water that makes up **Oak Hammock Marsh**.



Canoe expert and author, **Dusty Molinski**, will highlight the different points of interest along the way.

This canoeing excursion will last approximately 2 to 3 hours.

Come join us on this paddling adventure. Pre-registration is required. Call us at (204) 467-3300 to reserve your place! Workshop fee is \$10 per person plus admission.

Migration Dinners & Rooftop Talk

September 23, 25 (6 p.m.) & October 1, 3 and 4 (5:30 p.m.)

Experience the sights and sounds of fall migration while enjoying an elegant three-course dinner prepared by Chef Kelley.

Dinner will be followed by a rooftop migration presentation and fly-in of the geese and ducks at sunset.



Pre-registration is required. Dinner is \$45 for members and \$52 for non-members.

Migration Festival

September 27 and 28

Celebrate this exciting time of the year with a variety of different bird-related activities.

View **songbird banding demonstration** with the resident naturalist daily from 8 a.m to noon (weather permitting) and see these small birds up close and personal.



Meet **Koko, the burrowing owl** ambassador, and learn more about this endangered species. Learn about other birds of prey with **Prairie Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre** on Saturday September 27 and with **Wildlife Haven** on Sunday September 28 from 12:30 to 4 p.m.

Explore the marsh with our **Horse-drawn Wagon Ride - daily from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.** A fee of **\$5 for non-members and \$3 for members** applies to this half-hour to forty-five minute ride.

Join us on the roof of the Interpretive Centre for the daily Rooftop Fly-in at dusk to watch the amazing spectacle as thousands of geese make their way back to the safety of the marsh for the night.

Provincial Hunting Day

September 27

Join us for **Provincial Hunting Day**, an event celebrating the rich tradition of hunting in Manitoba.



Learn all aspects of hunting, from wildlife stewardship and outdoor skills to marksmanship and equipment care.

The event will feature an archery range, hunting dog demos, wild meat samples as well as prizes and raffles throughout the day. Enjoy a delicious lunch from Danny's Whole Hog.

Exhibitors will be on hand showcasing their wares and representing various hunting-related organizations.

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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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