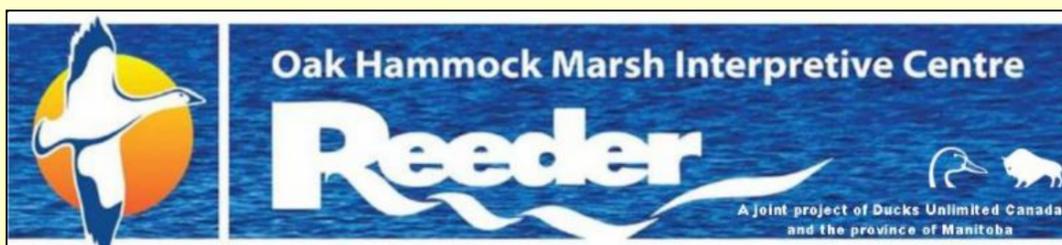


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Greetings!

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

Migration Festival

October 3 & 4

Witness a spectacular natural event. The fall migration at **Oak Hammock Marsh** is truly unforgettable with hundreds of thousands of birds using the marsh as a staging area in preparation for their long journey south.



Participate in the Migration Medallist Challenge & Giveaways on **Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.** and meet the **Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries IMPACT Ambassadors:**

- **Janine Stephens, 2012 Olympic Silver Medallist, Rowing**
- **Jared Funk, Three-time Paralympic Medallist, Wheelchair Rugby**
- **Josh Wytinck, Professional Golfer**

They will be giving away binoculars, bird seeds, plants and medals for all participants.

Learn all about songbird banding with our Resident Naturalist, **Paula Grief**, from **noon to 4 p.m.** Watch how the small songbirds are caught in mistnets, carefully retrieved and banded with expert hands.

Explore the marsh by **horse-drawn wagon rides** this weekend from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. The wagon ride is available for \$5 per person (\$3 for members of the Interpretive Centre).

Make sure to stay for the nightly fly-in of the geese from the rooftop observation deck!

This event is one of several at taking place at wetland centers across Canada - timed to coincide with the launch of **Ducks Unlimited Canada's Rescue Our Wetlands Campaign**. Rescue Our Wetlands is the largest conservation campaign in North America's history. It aims to change the relationship people have with nature.

[For more information about this event](#)

Thanksgiving Birdseed Sale

October 10 to 12

Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre invites you to join us for our **Annual Birdseed Sale**.

Stock up on birdseeds, supplied by **Pick of the Birds**, on all three days from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or make you very own pine cone bird-feeder to help out our feathered friends this winter.



This weekend is also your last chance of the season to enjoy the horse-drawn wagon ride experience with **Allan Webb** on **Sunday and Monday** from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Listen to his many stories and watch the birds as you explore some lesser known areas of the marsh. A fee of \$3 for members of the Interpretive Centre and \$5 for non-members apply to this forty-five minute ride.

With tens of thousands of waterfowl at the marsh, this is a great time to come see the geese and ducks before they all leave for the winter.

[For more information about this event](#)

Astronomy Night - Migration

October 15 - 7 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**, learn more about bird migration, and see how they use stars to navigate.

[For more information about this event](#)

Hike the Dyke

October 18 - 10 a.m.

Oak Hammock Marsh has over 30 kilometers of trails. Join an interpreter for a guided hike to the lesser seen



parts of the marsh. The hike will start with a meeting at the Interpretive Centre to

determine the hike location based on weather, trail conditions and other factors.



This hike will be through rough terrain. Expect tall plants, insects and other obstacles. Proper walking footwear, clothing and water are a must, along with the ability to walk a far distance. Note that there are no facilities (benches, washrooms, shade) along the outer trails.

Hike may be shortened or cancelled due to weather. Workshop fee: **\$10 plus admission**

[For more information about this workshop](#)

Migration Farewell Concert

October 25 - 7:30 p.m.

Experience a memorable musical experience as we say goodbye to the geese for the season.

Join us for our **Migration Magic Farewell Concert** on Sunday, October 25 to be charmed by the music of the **Manitoba Chamber Orchestra**.



Wine and cheese will be served during intermission.

The concert starts at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are **\$25.00 for members** of the Interpretive Centre or **\$30.00 for non-members**. All proceeds support the Interpretive Centre's wetland education programs.

Call (204) 467- 3300 to reserve your seat today!

[For more information about this event](#)

Pumpkin and Gourd Decorating Workshop

October 31 - 1 to 3 p.m.

Take part in the pumpkin and gourd decorating workshop and learn to make fabulous designs without all the mess! Pumpkins, gourds and all supplies included.



The workshop fee is **\$10 per person** and pre-registration required.

[For more information about this workshop](#)

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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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