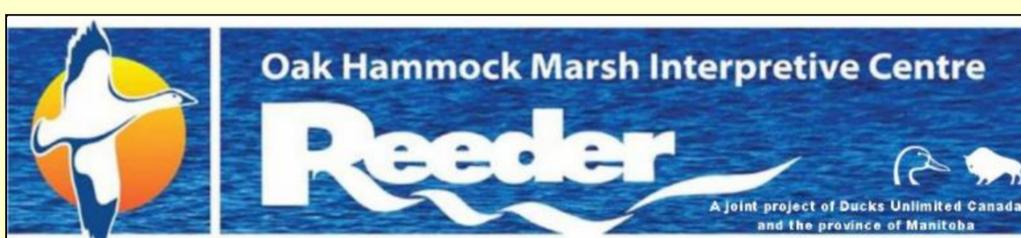


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Greetings!

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

Labour Day Weekend

September 5 to 7

The summer is coming to an end which means the migration season is upon us.

Enjoy the last long weekend of summer at the marsh. Participate in a **guided canoe adventure** or **rent your own canoe** to explore the marsh at your own pace.

Try your hand at the **Sonic Sleuth**, a device that lets you hear the faraway sounds of the marsh as if they were next to you!

Horse-drawn wagon rides will be offered on **Monday from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.** Wagon rides are available for \$5 per person (\$3 for members).

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Archaeology, Rocks and Minerals Weekend

September 12 & 13

The **Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre** presents its annual **Archaeology, 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 and 3 p.m.** or enjoy a **Horse-Drawn Wagon Ride** through the marsh on **Sunday from 12:30 to 3:30 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 - Fall Constellations and Star Party**

September 17 - 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.

[For more information about this event](#)**A Bird in the Hand**

September 20 - 9 to 11 a.m.

Be part of an important research by participating in a real live songbird banding session at the marsh. Learn why **Oak Hammock Marsh** is such an important stop on the migration path. You may get to feel the bird's feathers flutter in your gently closed palm a second before it is released, then unfurl your fingers and let the bird fly free!



The bird banding experience is followed by a canoe excursion or a guided birding walk on the trails. Listen to the many songs of the wildlife at the marsh.

\$20 per person. Pre-registration required.

[For more information about this workshop](#)**Hike the Dyke**

September 19 - 10 a.m. to 12 p.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 event](#)

Migration Dinners

September 22, 24 and 29, October 2 and 3

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 roof-top 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**. Price includes a glass of wine and coffee.



[For more information about the dinners](#)

Decoy Carving Competition and Sale

September 26 and 27

The **Oak Hammock Marsh Carving Guild** is hosting its **Annual Decoy Competition**.

This event is open to True Hunting, Traditional Style and Contemporary Style Waterfowl Decoys, all life-size floating.



This competition will feature five purchase awards.

The **Decoy Sale** begins on Friday, September 25 (3 to 4 p.m.) and throughout Saturday and Sunday until sold out.

There will also be a free youth duck calling workshop on Sunday at 2 p.m. with waterfowler **Chris Benson**.

[For more information about this event](#)

Photography 101

September 26 - 1 to 4 p.m.

This half day workshop by **Ted Muir**, will enable you to take better pictures by helping you understand the workings of your point and shoot or your dSLR digital camera.



The indoor session will cover the basics of exposure and familiarize you with your camera and with the basics of composition for landscapes, family or wildlife.

For the second component of the workshop, you will be using your camera to capture a number of images outdoors. A communal dSLR camera can be made available for this activity. Bring your camera with a charged battery and empty memory card. Each student will receive a handy wallet sized instruction card of photography hints.

The workshop is suitable for photographers of all skill levels.

Workshop fee is **\$15 plus admission**. Pre-registration is required.

[For more information about this workshop](#)

Birding Hour - Waterfowl Identification

September 27 - 1 to 2 p.m.

Learn how to recognize waterfowl during this migration season.

Learn the basics for identifying the many waterfowl found in Manitoba during this workshop with our Resident Naturalist: **Paula Grief**.



This workshop is available for all ages. Workshop fee: \$5 plus admission

[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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