



Oak Hammock Marsh prepares for a season of change

The Harry J. Enns Wetland Discovery Centre will temporarily close for exciting renovations this fall

October 11, 2023 – Oak Hammock Marsh, Man. – The thousands of migratory birds flying over Oak Hammock Marsh are a sure sign that change is coming. But this year, the shift in seasons won't be the only transformation happening at this Manitoba tourist destination. The Harry J. Enns Wetland Discovery Centre, famous for its award-winning environmental education programs and hands-on nature activities, will temporarily close for an exciting renovation.

The Wetland Discovery Centre will be closed starting on November 1st as efforts begin on a multi-million-dollar renovation that will completely re-imagine the space.

Plans to re-open are tentatively scheduled for the summer of 2024 when the public will be invited to explore new, interactive exhibits in a state-of-the-art facility.

“We are excited to embark on this significant project,” says Nathalie Bays, Manager of the Wetland Discovery Centre. “Over the past 30 years, the Centre has provided countless people with meaningful connections to wetlands. We look forward to creating even more engaging experiences for our visitors—ones that leverage new technology, demonstrate cutting-edge conservation science, and fully showcase the beautiful surroundings.”

Visitors will still be able to access the network of trails and participate in regular outdoor activities as well as select workshops and events in our Willow Retreat building. A variety of [virtual and online education programming](#) will also remain available for schools and other groups interested in experiential learning.

“Even though the building will be closed, there will still be lots to see and do at Oak Hammock Marsh,” says Bays. “Our staff will be on-site for booked programs and look forward to showing visitors the fascinating features of the Wildlife Management Area. The many creatures that make their home at the marsh will still be here to intrigue visitors, and we encourage Manitobans to continue making the trip to Oak Hammock Marsh.”

Opened as a partnership between Ducks Unlimited Canada and the Province of Manitoba, the Wetland Discovery Centre features a theatre, a scenic café, a gift shop, meeting rooms, rooftop observation deck, and interactive exhibits—all of which will be enhanced as part of the renovation. Ducks Unlimited Canada's national office is also located in the same building and will also undergo renovations in the future. If you can help with a donation towards this project, please visit our website.

Learn more about the Harry J. Enns Wetland Discovery Centre at oakhammockmarsh.ca

About the Harry J. Enns Wetland Discovery Centre: Ducks Unlimited Canada's Wetland Discovery Centre is located on the edge of the Oak Hammock Marsh Wildlife Management Area in Manitoba's Rural Municipality of Rockwood. One of North America's birding hotspots, the wetland is home to 25 species of mammals, 300 species of birds, numerous amphibians, reptiles, and fish, and countless invertebrates. It is located on Treaty 1 territory, the traditional territory of Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, and Dene Peoples, and the homeland of the Métis Nation.

About Ducks Unlimited Canada: Ducks Unlimited Canada is the leader in wetland conservation. A registered charity, Ducks Unlimited Canada partners with government, industry, non-profit organizations, Indigenous Peoples, and landowners to conserve wetlands that are critical to waterfowl, wildlife and the environment. To learn more about Ducks Unlimited Canada's innovative environmental solutions and services, visit www.ducks.ca

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