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## Horicon Marsh Wildlife Area

Horicon Marsh is the largest freshwater cattail marsh in the United States. Known for its migrant flocks of Canada Geese, it is also home to more than 305 kinds of birds, which have been sighted here over the years.

Beyond the great variety of birds, the marsh is also home to many different kinds of mammals, fish, frogs, turtles, snakes and countless varieties of insects and plants. Because of this diversity, Horicon Marsh is a wetland ecosystem protected by the DNR and the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service for its importance to all of its plants and animals.

## Explorium

### Fees

General Admission \$6

Students (5-17)- \$4

Children (4 and under)- Free

Super Saver Daily Pass (2 adults/2 students)- \$15

Individual Annual Pass- \$15

Friends Member Individual Annual Pass- \$10

Super Saver Annual Pass- \$45

Friends Member Super Saver Annual Pass- \$30

Self-guided organized youth groups- \$25

minimum or \$2 per person

Individuals with patron license- Free

Members of the Armed Services- Free on Veterans

Day and Memorial Day Weekend

### From Green Bay

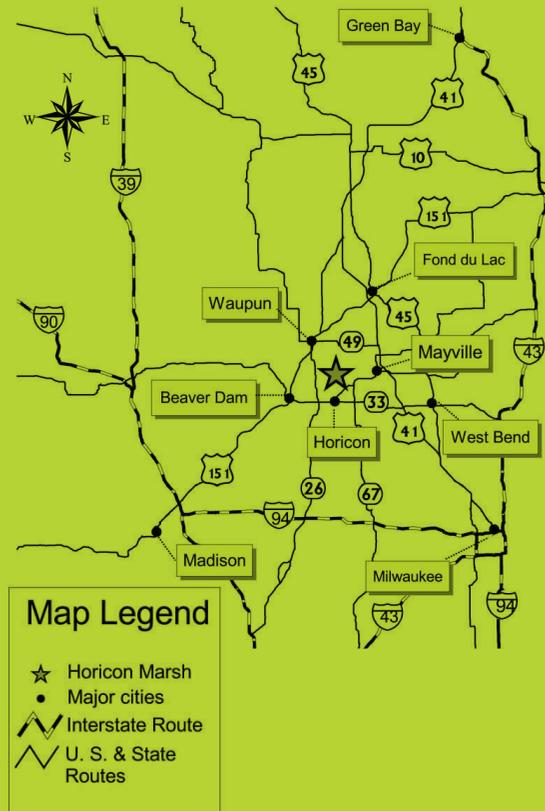
Head south on Hwy 41. At Hwy 33, go west into the city of Horicon. Turn right onto Hwy 28. Follow for 2 miles to the Education Center.

### From Milwaukee

Head north on Hwy 41. At Hwy 33, go west into the city of Horicon. Turn right onto Hwy 28. Follow for 2 miles to the Education Center.

### From Madison

Head north on Hwy 151. At Hwy 33, go east into the city of Horicon. Turn left onto Hwy 28. Follow for 2 miles to the Education Center.



## Things to Enjoy

### On the Wildlife Area

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Birding and Bird Club | Hiking                 |
| Canoeing              | Hunting                |
| Cross country skiing  | Snowshoeing            |
| Education programs    | Trapping               |
| Fishing               | Wild edibles/gathering |
| Photography           | Wildlife viewing       |

# HORICON MARSH EXPLORIUM



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## Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center

N7725 Highway 28

Horicon, Wisconsin 53032

Weekdays 9am - 5pm

Weekends 10am - 5pm

Closed on major holidays.

Phone: 920-387-7889

horiconmarsh.org



### A Dynamic Lobby

The splendid viewing windows are now enhanced by elements worthy of this remarkable natural resource. Interactives and murals encourage you to use your senses while exploring.



### The Great Hunting Grounds

Take a trip back in time to uncover Horicon Marsh 10,000 years ago...a time when the first residents of this area hunted just as humans do today on the marsh.



### Horicon Marsh Once Converted to Farmland?

Did you know that Horicon Marsh was once drained to transform the land for farming? Back in 1910, Horicon Marsh was emptied for local crops. Were they successful?



### The Explorium's Gateway

From the very start of your journey the incredible story of Horicon Marsh's varied history and transformation is revealed through an unlikely story teller.



### Horicon Marsh Becomes Horicon Lake

Horicon Marsh was dammed in 1845 to convert it to Lake Horicon. Was this human intervention a smart move? What happened to the lake? Could the marsh rebound?



### A Little Something For Youngsters

Prepare to enter the underwater world of the marsh. Watch out for the heron! Everyone is encouraged to touch and explore as they learn about the habitats and ecosystems of the marsh.



### A Chilling Exhibit

Walk among glaciers while discovering how these gigantic sheets of ice, often a mile high, laid the foundation for the biodiversity seen in today's Horicon Marsh.



### Commercial Hunting

Horicon Marsh eventually attracted commercial hunters interested in a quick dollar. However, at the same time, local hunting clubs imposed self-regulations for conservation.



### Horicon Marsh—We Miss You

A group of concerned residents were tired of humans changing the marsh. These activists saw to it that the marsh was restored. But was it too late?