



Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center



January 2017

Horicon Marsh Candlelight Hike



Photo Credit: Anne Champeau

Hiking by candlelight, a roaring bonfire, roasted marshmallows and warm refreshments await everyone at the 7th annual Horicon Marsh Candlelight Hike on Saturday, Jan. 21, 2017 from 5-9p.m.

Candlelight skis/hikes are very popular events at DNR properties, with some attracting thousands of visitors on a given night. Given the recent publicity of these events through social media outlets and the department's responsibility to provide a safe recreational experience, access to these events may be restricted at times when parking capacity has been reached. Thank you for helping make these events a success.

The event is sponsored and hosted by the Friends of Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center and Wisconsin DNR. The Education Center will be open for people to warm up, view the 20 minute "Horicon Marsh Story", visit the gift shop, or have the kids do a fun craft to bring home! There are also snacks available for purchase and the Flyway Gift Shop is open for shopping. The Horicon Marsh Explorium will also be open for people to learn about Horicon Marsh through these new interactive displays (fee).

The Northern Cross Science Foundation astronomers will be on site to help you view the night sky through telescopes. Members of the Horicon Marsh Bird Club will be on the trail conducting short owl talks and calling for owls. You can also learn about Wisconsin's mammals on the short "Family Loop" trail! Warm beverages and snacks will be available inside the center as well as a bake sale. Roast your own marshmallows or grab a hot chocolate outside in the picnic shelter.

Friends of Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center will line the trails with candle-powered luminaries to welcome and guide hikers. There are two trails available. One trail is 1.5 miles and another "Family Loop" is only .36 miles.



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Admission to the event is free; however, please consider bringing a non-perishable food item or hats/gloves/mittens for our food drive and mitten campaign. Multiple baskets will also be raffled off to help support future candlelight events. You are welcome to bring your own snowshoes if conditions permit. Leashed pets are allowed on the trails but not in the building.

REMINDER! Parking is limited at the education center so please consider using the shuttles. Free shuttles will be available from Mayville and Horicon from 4:30-9:30pm. The Mayville Shuttle will be located at Theiler Park. The address is N8282 County Road TW, Mayville, WI 53050. The Horicon Shuttle will be located in the Bethesda parking lot at 620 Washington St, Horicon, WI 53032.

For more information, call 920-387-7893. The center is located at N7725 Hwy 28, Horicon, WI between Horicon and Mayville. The Friends and DNR staff invite everyone to join them for the fun event! www.horiconmarsh.org



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Stories at the Marsh 10-11am

Join DNR Wildlife Educators at Stories at the Marsh. Kids will have the chance to enjoy two great stories and make a craft related to the day's topic.

January 12: Scats All That!
January 26: Owls



Be sure to check out new winter items at the Flyway Gift Shop! The Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center and the Explorium will be **CLOSED** January 16 for MLK day.

The Friends of Horicon Marsh thank you for your support of the environmental and wildlife education programs. Your financial gifts, memberships, and volunteerism are what keep us going. Please join/renew your Friend membership or sign up to volunteer at www.horiconmarsh.org.

Upcoming Events

January 7: Walk it Off with Winter Wildlife 10-11:30am. Join wildlife educators as we shed a few holiday pounds while searching for the winter wildlife around the marsh! Snowshoes available if conditions permit!

January 13: Full Moon Hike 7-8pm. Bundle up and join DNR staff for a night hike under the nearly full moon.

January 21: Candlelight Hike 5:00-9:00pm. Visit www.horiconmarsh.org for more information.

February 11: Cooking Wild Game- Fish 10am-12pm. Join DNR staffer and author of "Wild Rice Goose and Other Dishes of the Upper Midwest" for an hour presentation on how to cook wild caught fish. Then from 11am-12pm enjoy tasting some of the delicious meals and ask the author questions.



Owl Prowl

Winter is a great time to search for different species of owls and the Horicon Marsh Bird Club and DNR wildlife educators are inviting the public to join them on an "Owl Prowl" **Saturday February 4th** to try and see one.

The co-sponsored event is a two part trip. Meet at **3 p.m.** at the Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center with members of the Horicon Marsh Bird Club to caravan looking for any owls in the marsh area. At **6:30 p.m.**, a DNR wildlife educator will give a short presentation in the auditorium of the education center about owls and then everyone will hike to Indermuehle Island to call for some owls.

"During the talk, there will be various owl parts exhibited for you to look at," said Wildlife Educator Liz Herzmann, "We'll have owl pellets to dissect as well. Join us for one or both parts. It will be a HOOT!"

You are invited to bring a picnic dinner to eat at the education center between programs. No registration is required and the program is free to the public. All ages are welcome! For more information please visit www.horiconmarsh.org or call 920-387-7893.



Short-eared Owl: Jeff Bahls

Websites of Interest!

Check out the Friends group on [Facebook!](#) Just search for "Horicon Marsh." [Twitter!](#) Just search for FHMIEC! If you would like more information, please e-mail Liz Herzmann at elizabeth.herzmann@wisconsin.gov