



Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge

2015 Program Schedule

Tamarac provides many opportunities for visitors to experience a natural world where plants, wildlife, and serenity can be found everywhere. Come out and enjoy the refuge. Go for a hike, take in a special presentation or movie, or just go explore! There is something for everyone at Tamarac.

Blackbird Wildlife Drive: In search of wildlife? Take a drive on this five mile interpretive route following the edges of lakes, marshes and meadows. Pick up a brochure at the information kiosk located at the start of the Drive on Hwy 26.

Old Indian Hiking Trail: Follow in the footsteps of the Ojibwe people and experience the beauty of the maple basswood forest on this 2.4 mile loop trail.

North Country Trail: Hike a portion of this 4600 mile National Scenic Trail as it traverses the refuge through a variety of habitats. Access on 400th Ave., Blackbird Wildlife Drive or Pine Lake Parking Area on Cty Hwy 29.

Wildlife Excursions: Explore the refuge with a knowledgeable guide! Tours will be offered every Thursday June-August at 10:00 am. Search for wildlife and learn about the cultural and natural history of Tamarac Refuge. Meet at the Visitor Center.

Wild Wednesdays! 10:00 am June -August. Explore the world of nature with your child during this hour long adventure geared for 3-7 yr olds. Meet at Discovery Center.

Weekend Movies and Presentations: Wildlife films, special programs and activities will be offered every weekend May 17 through October 11.

Visitor Center Hours are Monday-Friday 8:00 am-4:00 pm and summer weekends 10:00 am- 5:00 pm (May 16 -October 18).



For volunteer information, visit the Friends of Tamarac website at www.tamaracfriends.org or check out Tamarac's Facebook page!

For refuge information, contact the staff at 218-847-2641 or visit www.fws.gov/refuge/tamarac.



Movies and Activities



***Sunday Wildlife Movies will begin with or be followed by a short program or activity as it relates to the refuge beginning May 31.**

 **Sunday May 17, 2:00 pm**
Movie: Crane Song


Every year some 80% of the world's Sandhill cranes make their way through the 75 mile stretch of Nebraska's central Platte River Valley on their spring migration. Crane Song weaves together striking visuals and majestic sounds of the birds' journey with the stories and insights of the people who observe them. 60 min.

 **Sunday May 24, 2:00 pm**
Movie: Great Migrations – Race to Survive


Travel to Botswana where hundreds of zebras make a desperate 150 mile long slog so their bodies can take in much needed minerals. Take in the heartbreaking struggle of Pacific walrus that have become victims of Earth's changing climate. Witness a herd of pronghorn antelope and follow its ancient migration through Wyoming. 55 min.

  **Sunday May 31, 2:00 pm**
Movie: Frogs, the Thin Green Line

Frogs have been on this planet for 250 million years. Today they are at the center of one of the greatest mass extinctions since the dinosaurs. Learn about this environmental crisis unfolding in our own backyard. 60 min.


 **Sunday June 7, 2:00 pm**
Movie: Love in the Animal Kingdom

Animals dance, sing, flirt and compete with everything they've got to secure a mate. But are these important bonds love? Take a provocative look at the feminine wiles of a gorilla, the search for Mr. Right among a thousand flamingoes, the soap opera arrangements of gibbons and more. 50 min.

 **Sunday June 14, 2:00 pm**
Movie: The Incredible Journey of Butterflies

Every year 100 million monarchs set off on a journey across North America, flying 2000 miles to reach their remote destination: a tiny area high in the mountains of Mexico. How do they achieve this? Shot in stunning detail, this film reveals the monarch as a scientific marvel caught in an inspiring struggle for survival. 50 min.



 **Saturday June 20, 10:00 am**
A June Morning in Tamarac –Nature Hike Put on your walking shoes and join us as we explore what's happening on the Tamarac Trail Loop. This easy-going walk will focus on plants and trees, but you will also enjoy fresh summer scents, sounds and unpredictable surprises. Coffee and water will be provided. Meet at the Pine Lake Parking Area located on Cty. Hwy 29 at 10:00 a.m. Approximate time: 2 hours. Suitable for families and all ages.

 **Sunday June 21, 2:00 pm**
Movie: Disney Nature - Wings of Life

Celebrate Pollinator Week! Narrated by Meryl Streep, this intimate and unprecedented look at butterflies, hummingbirds, bees, bats and flowers is a celebration of life. One-third of the world's food supply depends on these incredible creatures. 80 min.

 **Saturday June 27, 10:00 am-3:00 pm**
Discovery Center Grand Opening

Join us for a day of celebration with the Friends of Tamarac. Refreshments, music, children's activity booths, ribbon cutting, and building tours. See what your community made possible for students of all ages!

Sunday June 28, 10-3:00

Family Photography Workshop – Northern C.L.I.C.K. (Conservation Lessons Involving Cameras & Kids)

Discover the fun and adventure of photographing wildlife, plant life and the ever changing scenes of nature. The morning will be focused on techniques. The afternoon will consist of a photo safari followed by viewing your photos along with a session on how technology is capturing animal behavior. Meet at the Discovery Center. Bring your own camera and sack lunch. Workshop presented by UMN Extension.



Sunday July 5, 2:00 pm

Movie: North America Episode 1– Learn Young or Die

In the upper reaches of this vast continent, survival is a daily battle. From avalanche dodging grizzlies to head bashing big horn sheep, from diving bears to cunning coyotes, we witness the extremes and wonders of North America’s mountains and forests. 50 min.

Sunday July 12, 2:00 pm

Tricky Tracks and the Scoop on Poop!

Join us for this fun family activity. You may not always see animals but they leave plenty behind! Learn how to identify scat and tracks of some wild critters. Create your own animal scat and make a track out of plaster to take home. Meet at the Discovery Center.



Sunday July 19, 2:00 pm

Movie: Leave it to Beavers

Once valued for their fur or hunted as pests, beavers are seen in a whole new light. This film reveals the ways in which beavers transform and revive landscapes. These rodents are being recruited to accomplish everything from re-establishing water sources in bone-dry deserts to supporting whole communities of wildlife drawn to the aquatic ecosystems they provide. 55 min.



Saturday July 25, 10:00 am

Nature Photo Adventure

Capture the beauty of nature as we explore the refuge. You’ll become inspired as we take you to some scenic and perhaps lesser known areas of the refuge. You never know what may be around the bend. Bring a snack and water for this 2 hour photo shoot. Meet at the Discovery Center.



Sunday July 26, 2:00 pm

Movie: Disney Nature- Bears Showcasing a year in the life of a bear family, their journey begins as winter ends. Emerging from hibernation, a mother and cubs face the bitter cold and an exciting but very risky outside world. Astonishing footage captures the fast-moving action and suspense of an endearing family learning to live life to its fullest in the wilds of Alaska. 78 min.



Sunday August 2, 2:00 pm

Movie: Hummingbirds, Magic in Flight

Hummingbirds take extraordinary to a whole new level. By using cameras able to capture over 500 images a second, the hummingbirds’ magical world can finally be seen and appreciated. 55 min.



Sunday August 9, 2:00 pm

Butterfly Kisses and Wetland Jewels

Join John Weber, butterfly enthusiast and citizen scientist, for an intriguing look into the world of butterflies and dragonflies. Learn about their fascinating lifestyles and their significance in a changing climate through a beautiful slide presentation. Weather permitting, we will then travel to Chippewa picnic area in search of these beauties of summer.

Sunday August 16, 2:00 pm

Insect Adventures!

Insects are part of a healthy ecosystem on the refuge. We’ll explore their habitat as we work the meadows with sweep nets. After collecting, we’ll view these critters up close with magnifiers and identify a few species. Meet at the visitor center for this family fun adventure.



Sunday August 23, 2:00

Movie: Owl Power



For centuries, the mysterious nighttime lives of owls have made them fascinating hallmarks of children’s stories and folk tales the world over. But what actually makes owls so special? Using the latest in camera technology, computer graphics, x-rays and microphones, we can take a brand new look at owls in more detail than ever before. 55 min.

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Sunday August 30, 2:00 pm

Movie: Animal House

From a small depression in the sand to an elaborate, multi-chambered tunnel- animal structures can be simple or architectural marvels. These structures are sites of great dramas and extraordinary behaviors. From owls to beavers, Animal House provides a fascinating look at the homelife of wildlife. 55 min.



Sunday September 6, 2:00 pm

Movie: Mino-Bimadiziwin: The Good Life

The Good Life is an engaging portrait of a community on the White Earth Reservation where the peoples' lives revolve around the annual harvest of wild rice. Many wonderful and intimate moments show the hardships and rewards experienced by those who continue to live off the land. 57 min.

Sunday September 13, 2:00 pm

Movie: A Sense of Wonder: Rachel Carson's Love of the Natural World and her Fight to Defend it

When pioneering environmentalist Rachel Carson published Silent Spring in 1962, the backlash from her critics thrust her into the center of a political storm. This film is an intimate and poignant reflection of Carson's life as she emerges as America's most successful advocate for the natural world. 60 min.



Saturday September 19

Fall Photo Safari 2:00-4:30 pm

Experience autumn on the refuge through the lens of your camera. Visit some unique areas to capture the changing color. Bring a snack, water and your creativity! Led by refuge volunteer guides and members of the Detroit Lakes Photography Club. Meet at the Discovery Center.



Sunday September 20, 2:00 pm

Movie: Pollen Nation

Follow the journey of a commercial bee keeper from the honey harvest on the high plains to the warm winter feeding grounds of California. Learn why honeybees and numerous species of native bees are in serious decline and how it's affecting our dinner table and that of wildlife. 25 min.



Sunday September 27, 2:00 pm

Movie: Beavers, the Biggest Dam Movie You Ever Saw!

Take an intimate swim with beavers and experience the rich aquatic habitat of one of nature's greatest engineers. 38 min.



Saturday October 3, 10:00- 4:00 pm

Annual Fall Festival

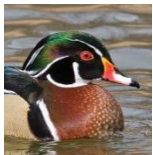
Spend a beautiful fall day on the refuge and celebrate the Monarch Butterfly. Discover their importance in the ecosystem and why this species is in peril. Learn what conservation efforts are being made and how you make a difference. Children's activity trail, annual photo contest exhibit, guided tours and more! Lunch will be available for sale by the Friends of Tamarac.



Sunday October 5, 2:00 pm

Movie: Planet Earth, Seasonal Forests

Investigate temperate regions and find some of the most elusive creatures and well-adapted plant life on earth. From the giant sequoia to the Siberian forests, *Forests* bring to life a seemingly familiar world that remains largely unexplored. 55 min.



Sunday October 11, 2:00 pm

Movie: An Original Duckumentary

Ducks waddle, glide, dive, dabble and their feathers shimmer with dazzling hues. Take to the skies with a flock of green-winged teal. Watch wood ducks raise a family. Learn why goldeneyes head north in the winter. 50 min.