

WELCOME TO THE MARSH MATTERS NEWSLETTER, A MONTHLY PUBLICATION TO KEEP OUR VALUED MEMBERS, VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS IN THE LOOP ABOUT THE HAPPENINGS OF THE WYE MARSH!



DID YOU KNOW?

Wye Marsh has a new resident— Ernie the Broad-Winged Hawk!

Ernie is a male Broad-Winged Hawk who comes to us after being found in Victoria Harbour and rehabilitated with the Owl Foundation. Ernie cannot be released to the wild because he has a fused right shoulder which prevents him from flying. Ernie will be well cared for and admired at Wye Marsh by staff and volunteers.

Broad-winged Hawks are small, compact raptors with chunky bodies and large heads. They have a wing span between 81-100 cm. Broad-Winged Hawks are very common to the Simcoe County area, keep your eyes open for them around the edges of forests in particular!



SKI TRAILS: OPEN

All 25km of Wye Marsh's Cross Country Ski Trails are open for exploring. Trails are groomed as conditions allow. Enjoy the last of the ski season before it melts!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MARSH?

March Break Programming

March 14-22

Escape, explore and experience all that nature has to offer with our family friendly March Break activities. Tour a working sugar shack, roast bannock over the open fire, meet some of the creatures who call Wye Marsh home, and explore the trails!

Sweetwater Harvest Festival

March 28 & 29
10:00am-4:00pm

The biggest event in Wye Marsh's calendar! Celebrate an uniquely Canadian tradition in a distinctively Canadian landscape. Escape to a time when maple syrup was made over an open fire, experience our history and explore nature at its best.

Adults: \$10.00 pp, Children: \$5.00 pp. Pancake breakfasts: \$5.00. Cash only festival.



Photography Workshop: The Beauty of Early Spring

April 4
10:00am-12:30pm

Join Marj Dubeau as she shares her passion and knowledge for photography through a hands on workshop followed by a hike in the marsh where she will provide tips and tricks on photography composition. \$30.00 pp.

3rd Annual Earth Day Celebrations

April 26
1:00pm-4:00pm

Wye Marsh celebrates Earth Day! Unearth your learning with activities designed for families to learn about stewardship in a hands-on way, such as an invasive species pull, BioBlitz, live animal demonstrations, and a surprise for the first 50 families to plant at home! Come out and enjoy a day in support of responsible living on our beautiful Earth! Admission by donation.



MARCH BREAK ACTIVITIES!

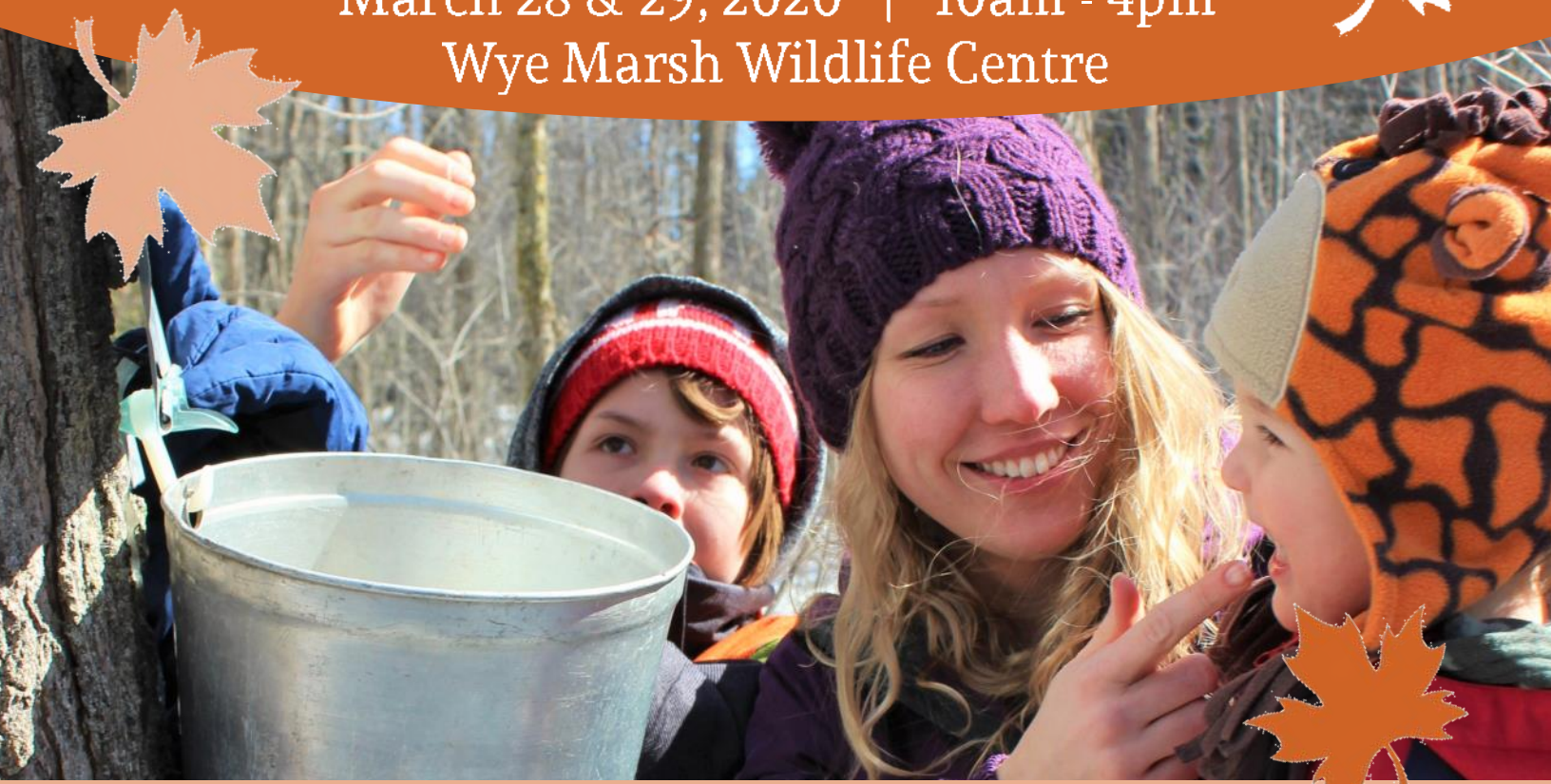
March 14-22, 2020

- Sugar Shack Demos - 11am-1pm
- Bannock Roasting - 11am - 2pm
- Feature Creature Demo - 1pm
- Guided Snowshoe Eco-Hike - 2:30pm
- Chickadee Feeding - All Day
- Cross-Country Skiing - All Day
Rentals are available, or bring your own
- Snowshoeing - All Day
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- Trumpeter Swan Viewing - All Day

All activities are included in the cost of admission to Wye Marsh. Rental fees are extra.

SWEETWATER HARVEST FESTIVAL

March 28 & 29, 2020 | 10am - 4pm
Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre



\$10 Adults | \$5 Kids
\$5 Pancake Breakfast

Maple Taffy in the Snow · Live Music
Sugar Shack Tours · Kid's Activities
Horse & Wagon Rides · Local Vendors
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CURRENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Consider becoming to be part of our enthusiastic team! To sign up for or inquire about these positions, contact Amanda at 705-526-7809 ext. 217 or ASWICK@WYEMARSH.COM

Sweetwater Harvest Festival

March 28 & 29, 2020

The success of Sweetwater Harvest Festival is due largely to the volunteers who make it possible! Volunteer with us for a day of fun in one of the following roles. There are AM (9:30am-12:30pm) PM (12pm-4pm) shifts, or all day (with lunch break) on March 28 or March 29.

- Pancake Hall Helper (3 volunteers)
- Pancake Running (2 volunteers)
- Pancake Mixers (2 volunteers)
- Maple Kids Zone Helpers (2-4 volunteers)
- Parking Directors (5-7 volunteers)

Front Desk Volunteers

ROLE: Greeting visitors, answer the phone, provide direction, and process admission and gift store purchases. Training provided.

TIME COMMITMENT: Between 4-12 hours per month

March Break Fire Keepers

ROLE: Light and tend to small fire at the Log Cabin, demonstrate bannock roasting to guests, and assist if needed.

TIME COMMITMENT: 11am-2pm, on March 14, 15, 16, 17 or 22.

March Break Guided Hiker s

ROLE: Light and tend to small fire at the Log Cabin, demonstrate bannock roasting to guests, and assist if needed.

TIME COMMITMENT: 2:30pm-3:30pm on March 16, 17 or 22.

DAY CAMP AT WYE MARSH

March Break Camp—March 16-20

Campers will learn to cross-country ski or snowshoe, tour a working sugar shack, hand feed chickadees, see live reptiles, amphibians, and birds of prey, plus much, much more!

More info/ registration is available on our website, or by contacting Makenzie at 705-526-7809 ext. 202.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT:

Each of our volunteers is invaluable to the success of the Wye Marsh, and we appreciate every role that is taken up. This monthly volunteer spotlight is meant to highlight some of the great work done by our team of volunteers.

Thank you to all!

TOM LOCK

Tom Lock can be seen frequently around Wye Marsh, especially in the winter months. This winter Tom has been a saving grace as a fire keeper and assisting with guests' cross country ski & snowshoe rentals on weekends & at events. An avid skier himself, guests are grateful for the tips and tricks he provides to them about skiing the Wye Marsh trails. We would have been at a loss on Family Day weekend without his help in the Ski Shed—it was so busy we even ran out of ski poles! **Thank you for all of your help Tom!**



Tom Lock at the Log Cabin, leading bannock roasting at Wye Marsh's Winter Open House!

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