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Left to Right: Justin Johnson, Ernie, Ally Gibson, Emily Dearing, Scott Austin, Caelen Greidanus, Ben Elliott



*Did You Know? Squirrels accidentally plant trees by burying nuts for winter and forgetting where they hid them.*

## Welcome to Hullett Provincial Wildlife Area!

Whether you're visiting Hullett Provincial Wildlife Area (HPWA) for the first time or returning once again, there's always something new to discover. Spanning 5,400 acres (2,200 ha), Hullett Marsh is home to a remarkable mix of wetlands, forests, fields and active agricultural land, creating a diverse landscape that supports both wildlife and recreation.

Originally developed through a partnership between Ducks Unlimited Canada and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources in the late 1970s and early 1980s, Hullett Marsh remains an important example of conservation, restoration, and community stewardship. Today, that work continues through the ongoing efforts of the **Friends of Hullett** (FoH), who help manage and protect the Marsh through education, outreach, research, and volunteer initiatives.

No matter the season, the Marsh is always changing. Spring brings migrating birds

and nesting turtles, summer fills the wetlands with greenery and pollinators, and fall welcomes vibrant colours and waterfowl migrations along both the Atlantic and Mississippi flyways. Winter offers a quieter perspective, with peaceful trails and signs of wildlife in the snow. With over 12 km of trails and 17 km of dykes to explore, visitors can hike, birdwatch, hunt, paddle, horseback ride, or simply enjoy everything the Marsh has to offer.

### The Friends of Hullett

We are a non-profit organization with the responsibility of taking care of the Marsh and its inhabitants. FoH was officially registered as a charity in 1998, formed to help manage the property when the Ministry of Natural Resources had to take a step back. Our responsibility and passion are to manage and conserve the HPWA as a multi-use multi-season area for generations to come. Each year the protection of the Marsh becomes more crucial, with over 70% of wetlands in

southern Ontario estimated to have been lost through land-use change and development.

Our mandate is to:

1. Maintain the balance within and between the diverse ecosystems found on this property including wetlands, agricultural landscapes and wildlife habitats.
2. Promote youth and adult environmental education leading to wise stewardship of our natural resources.
3. Facilitate recreational users recognition of multi-use activities as beneficial to all and to work towards common goals.
4. Develop financial management systems to ensure the long term fiscal sustainability of this property.
5. Encourage a healthy community involvement, including adjacent landowners, local municipalities and regional tourism.

We achieve this by undertaking a variety of projects, which as of 2026 include:

- **Forest Management** through continued tree planting.
- **Control Invasive Species Growth** by creating a biochar kiln for invasive woody biomass, along with aquatic control of phragmites.

- **Field Conversion** of 50 acres of grasslands and prairie grasslands into a reinvigorated landscape.
- **Parking Lot Improvements** by installing additional concrete barriers.
- **Clearing Overgrown Woody Habitat** through habitat mulching.
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- **New Website** to improve and modernize user experience.
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The Friends of Hullett are excited to continue supporting the Marsh as a thriving place for wildlife, recreation, education, and conservation. None of this would be possible without the support of our volunteers, members, donors, partners, and visitors who share a passion for this incredible landscape. Whether you're exploring the trails, volunteering, or participating in research, we welcome you to experience and help support one of Ontario's most important wetland habitats.

*Did You Know? Despite their tiny size, warblers are some of the most vibrant and vocal songbirds in North America.*

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*What do you think you'll get when you put hikers, hunters, birders, foragers, paddlers, dog trainers, skiers, snowshoers, snowmobilers, farmers, and various others in a room together? Oftentimes, you'd get a battle. Yet here at Hullett, you'll find an incredibly diverse landscape supported by a firm financial foundation. The reason why? All of these different groups are aligned along a common purpose. Sometimes it seems that we live in an increasingly fractious world, so when people come together it really stands out as an achievement, and it's been happening here for over 25 years. In a time when intelligence is becoming artificial and realities virtual, at Hullett you'll find the most real things.*

*Real people doing real work with real results, real biodiversity, real conservation,  
and a real good time.*

*Don't take my word for it. Come and see for yourself. Better yet, get involved and  
be a part of Hullett. – **Bill Vanzaten, Member***

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## Become a Friends of Hullett Member

The Marsh has always been free to enjoy and will remain that way. Friends of Hullett and Hullett Marsh rely heavily on private donations and community support to protect and manage this important landscape. If you regularly visit the Marsh, enjoy spending time outdoors, or are looking for a meaningful way to give back, consider becoming a member or making a donation. Your support helps protect the environmental legacy of Hullett Marsh and ensures it remains a place for wildlife, recreation, and community for generations to come. Thank you for supporting the Marsh!



### *How do I Become a Member?*

Along with a donation of \$35 or more, you can either:

1. Cut out and mail the provided registration form to:

**Friends of Hullett**  
**PO Box 1520, Clinton, ON, N0M 1L0**

2. Email us at [fohoffice@hullettmarsh.com](mailto:fohoffice@hullettmarsh.com)
3. Scan the QR code or visit our website at [www.hullettmarsh.com](http://www.hullettmarsh.com)

Memberships include emailed newsletters, vehicle decal, voting rights at the AGM, shared pheasant release dates, and a tax receipt. **Payment options** include E-Transfer, Cheque, and Card through our website.

**MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you a hunter?** ☐ No ☐ Yes, of: \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you interested in volunteering?** ☐ No ☐ Yes

**Favourite activity at Hullett:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_



## Join us as a Volunteer

We're always looking for passionate people to help with various tasks around the Marsh, such as:

- Trail maintenance
- Mallard tube retrieval
- Invasive species management
- Hunting stake and canoe channel maintenance

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*he Hullett Provincial Wildlife Area (HPWA) has been my neighbour for over 50 years. Last year I noticed a call for volunteers in the User Guide and for a number of reasons I decided that I would give it a try. Maybe the main reason I decided was that Donna and I try to manage our 5 acres in a way that benefits the environment and this is a big task. And I realized that Justin and Ben have to manage the HPWA and it is over 5000 acres! So, I figured that I could give them a hand. And I am glad that I did because I met two wonderful people who care about how the HPWA is managed. Justin and Ben are great to work for and I feel good that I can offer my time to help them reach their goals. The people of Huron County should be happy and proud that they are host to 5000 acres of nature that features wetlands and upland forests and meadows. In addition, if you are not aware, being in a natural area is incredibly helpful for your body's mental and physical health. I wholeheartedly recommend that being a volunteer for the HPWA is a wonderful thing to do. – **Dan Taylor, Volunteer and Member***

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# General Regulations

## MOTORIZED VEHICLES AND BICYCLES

Motorized vehicles (passenger vehicles, ATV's, UTV's, etc.) are permitted on maintained roads and parking lots **only**. Unauthorized use of motorized vehicles is **not permitted** within the HPWA. Motorized vehicles are extremely damaging to the trails, vegetation, and the natural ecosystem of the property. Standard bicycles and E-bikes are permitted throughout the HPWA (see [Ontario Reg. 369/09](#) for definition of E-bikes).

## PARKING

Daily parking is permitted between the hours of 5:00 AM and 9:00 PM. Overnight parking is only permitted at 40874 Summerhill Road, and camper trailers are not permitted. Please see page 8 for additional parking regulations related to hunting. **Do not park on roadways or in front of gates, cables, boat launches, bridges, and agricultural access points.** From Sept. 1 to the end of all migratory bird seasons, numbered parking spots in **Zone A** are reserved for hunters of migratory birds. Non-hunters, please park in unnumbered yellow spaces.

## DOG TRAINING

Retriever training activities on water are not permitted in **Zone A** between May 15 and July 31 or in **Zone B** between May 15 and July 15. Dogs are to be leashed or under immediate control of the handler. If you use live birds for training, you must obtain the appropriate permits from the MNR Vineland Area Office. You may need one or both of the following permits:

- Authorization to Conduct Field Trials and Training during closed season.
- Authorization to Release Wildlife Imported into Ontario Propagated from Stock Imported into Ontario.

Contact information for the MNR office:

**519-773-9241 – Aylmer Work Center**  
**519-826-4955 – Guelph Work Center**

**905-562-4147 – Vineland Work Center**  
[MNR.F.AYL@ontario.ca](mailto:MNR.F.AYL@ontario.ca)

## HORSE ACCESS

Horse access is **not permitted** in **Zone A** from October 1 to April 30. Year-round access for horses is permitted **Zone B**. Please note that horses are not permitted on wooden bridges within the trail system.

## SNOWMOBILES

Snowmobiles are permitted **only** on marked OFSC snowmobile trails and when OFSC trails through the HPWA are open. Please visit [www.ofsc.on.ca](http://www.ofsc.on.ca) for locations of trails and trail status.

## WATER ACCESS

Pond access is **not permitted** in **Zone A** between May 15 and July 31, and in **Zone B** between May 15 and July 15. This includes retriever training activities, kayaking, canoeing, and wading. This is to minimize disturbance to nesting waterfowl and support successful breeding.

## RESTRICTED AREAS

Areas including **Satellite Pond 14**, **Pintail Pool**, and the **White Tail Swamp** are off limits to **all users**. Please refer to the map on pages 16-17 for more information.

## FORAGING

Foraging is permitted for personal consumption only. Please be respectful of the resources and only take what you need. Please be advised that many toxic lookalikes of edible species can be found in the Marsh, so be mindful and forage at your own risk.

## SHED HUNTING

Shed hunting is **not permitted** between January 1 and March 20. This rule is enforced to reduce stress on wintering deer and promote winter survival.

## BOOKING FOR GROUP ACTIVITIES

Booking for groups of 20 or more people (**dog trials, training, bird watching, horseback riding, etc.**) may be scheduled by contacting

the Hullett Office. Any large groups found on the property that have not scheduled an event will be asked to leave.

## Prohibited Actions and Uses

- Alcohol is **prohibited** on public lands under Ontario Liquor License Act.
- Camping is **prohibited** anywhere in the HPWA. **Campfires are also not permitted anywhere in the HPWA.**
- Commercial operations are **prohibited** on the property.
- You are responsible for the removal of your own garbage from the property. Please note that there are no garbage or recycling bins within the HPWA.
- All motorized watercraft are **prohibited**, including those with electric motors.



“Yellow Dot” signs are found at each of Hullett Marsh’s twenty parking lots, indicating that some activities are prohibited within the Marsh. By passing beyond these signs and accessing Hullett, you are agreeing to abide by all rules and regulations of the HPWA. These signs have been installed in accordance with the Trespass to Property Act.

Thank you for obeying the rules and helping to keep Hullett a safe and enjoyable space for all users.

*Did You Know? Patience is one of the best tools for wildlife photography.*

# Hunting Rules and Regulations

**\*\*The boundary between Zone A and Zone B is the South Maitland River\*\***

## General Hunting Rules

The **Hullett Marsh Map** can be found on pages 16-17.

### *Firearms:*

All roadways within Hullett are considered maintained. It is illegal to have a loaded firearm within eight (8) meters of a maintained road. **Hunters are not exempt from any federal or provincial laws regarding firearms while hunting in Hullett.**

### *Hunting:*

Hunting is not permitted near maintenance buildings, or on neighbouring private land without the permission of the landowner.

A retriever, waders or canoe is recommended to ensure retrieval of all migratory birds shot. Hunters are required by the Migratory Birds Convention Act to retrieve downed game.

Hunting is prohibited within 400 metres of waterfowl baiting locations. Bait sites are marked on the user guide map and are signed on the property.

From June 1 to August 31, hunting is prohibited on or near the nature trails. **The Hullett Provincial Wildlife Area does not have a late goose season because it has Sunday gun hunting.**

**Consult the Hunting Regulations Summary for a more detailed listing of Ontario's Hunting regulations or view the summary online at:**

[www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/FW/Publication/MNR\\_E001275P/html](http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/FW/Publication/MNR_E001275P/html)

## Zone A Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations

**Zone A** consists of 1020 ha (2520 acres) of which 630 ha (1680 acres) are flooded with shallow open water. The average depth within the five pools is approximately 50 cm (20 in).

Within Zone A, there are 54 hunting stations (stakes) available.

### **The Following Regulations Apply in Zone A:**

1. To lawfully hunt migratory birds during their open season, you must park one vehicle in a numbered parking space in a designated parking lot. The number of your space permits you to hunt at the stake with the same number. Stake locations are shown on the map on pages 16-17. Please refer to page 9 for Waterfowl Hunting Draw Procedure and Stake Selection in **Zone A** to learn how to get to your stake for waterfowl hunting. Draw procedures only apply to opening day.
2. Hunters must keep their firearms unloaded and encased except while occupying the blind or stake.
3. Only two people are permitted at any stake including non-hunters.
4. The stake occupant(s) must hunt within 30 metres of the blind or stake that is marked with the same number as their vehicle's parking space.

5. Portable blinds may be used. No person shall cut any vegetation nor erect and leave a blind of any fashion.
6. Stake numbers F1 and F2 are field hunting stakes. These stakes will be open for hunting once crops are harvested. Please visit our website for updates.

## Zone A Small Game Hunting Regulations

is lawful to hunt small game (including wild turkeys) in **Zone A** only if the following conditions are adhered to:

1. The season for migratory birds must be closed. This includes Mourning Doves.
2. All hunters must park in one of the designated parking lots (identified on the map on pages 16-17) and position their vehicle in front of a parking barrier. Requirements specific to the numbered spaces only apply to hunting during Migratory Bird Hunting season. Parking in any of these parking spaces permits all hunters in the vehicle to hunt small game, outside of Migratory Bird Hunting season, anywhere in **Zone A**.

### **BIG GAME HUNTING IS NOT PERMITTED IN ZONE A**

## Zone B Hunting Regulations

**Zone B** consists of 1060 ha (2620 acres). This zone consists of agriculture fields, meadows, forests, tall grass prairies, woodlands, swamps, and ponds.

### **The Following Regulations Apply in Zone B:**

1. All game for which there is an open season, and during that open season, may be hunted.
2. All hunters must park in one of the designated parking lots (identified on the map on pages 16-17) and position their vehicle in front of a parking barrier. This parking space permits all hunters in the vehicle to hunt anywhere in **Zone B**.

## Pheasant Hunting

For the 2026 pheasant season FoH has purchased 1189 ring-necked pheasants from Royal Game Birds and Creekside Pheasantry for the purpose of hunting in **Zone B** only. Pheasants are released at intervals during the open season and are not scheduled for specific days. FoH staff are not obligated to inform hunters of release locations, dates or times. Release dates are now shared exclusively as a FoH membership benefit. The birds released are provided without charge to the public, but it is highly recommended that hunters support the Friends of Hullett Pheasant Challenge. With the purchase of a ticket, you are entered into a draw to win a portable generator or shotgun!



The future of the pheasant hunt is in the hands of the hunters based on their financial support. The 1189 birds for 2026 were the result of 2025 fundraising. Past releases were 1000 birds in 2025, 1000 birds in 2024, and 1200 birds in 2023.

The Pheasant Challenge is sponsored by Sommers Generator Systems & Clinton Sporting Goods with our sincere thanks. Tickets are available at Clinton Sporting Goods (519-606-3006) or at [www.hullettmarsh.com](http://www.hullettmarsh.com).

## Waterfowl Hunting Draw: Procedure & Stake Selection

### Waterfowl Opening Day For Ducks:

**Before opening day, hunters are required to participate in a draw** conducted by the FoH (does not apply to early goose season). The purpose of this draw is to ensure an equitable allocation of hunting opportunities and encourage safe hunting for everyone. The draw takes place twice on the Friday before opening day at noon.

To participate in the draw, waterfowl hunters must park in front of a numbered barrier in parking lot 40874 Summerhill Road and be present with the vehicle until the time of registration. Registration time begins at 10:00 AM on the Friday morning and the draw is held at 12:00 PM (noon). **The draw determines the order of choice for hunting stakes**, not the stake itself. The first 52 motor vehicles will qualify for the draw (unoccupied vehicles are not eligible). If all 52 stakes are not taken in the draw, the remaining stakes will be allocated on a first come first served basis. **Two people may occupy a hunting stake but only one draw per vehicle will be permitted.**

Upon registration, hunters will receive a Hunter Validation/Harvest Card (HV/HC), at which time **hunters will fill out an identification card** that will be placed with their stake number. This identification card helps keep track of who is occupying which stake. **The HV/HC MUST be displayed in a manner so that it can be easily seen**, preferably on the dashboard of the vehicle.

After the hunt, **hunters are encouraged to return to parking lot 40874 Summerhill Road** for FoH staff to record their harvest for our records. Information collected on birds checked is used for monitoring populations, assessing harvest trends, and managing waterfowl in Ontario.

### Hunting in Zone A After Opening Day

To provide a fair and equal opportunity to all hunters after opening weekend of waterfowl season, hunters that arrive before 5:00 AM must:

1. Line up in the overflow parking lot (40874 Summerhill Road) on a first come first served basis at one of the numbered parking barriers that corresponds to one of 52 hunting stakes.
2. After 5:00 AM, hunters must proceed to the parking lot corresponding with the stake number they have selected to hunt from.

### Accessible Blinds

There are two accessible blinds for your convenience at the Hullett Marsh. Please refer to the accompanying map for locations. These facilities are to be reserved by emailing the FoH Office at **fohoffice@hullettmarsh.com** during normal business hours prior to your hunt. A valid MTO Accessible Parking Permit is required to book an accessible blind. A complete registration form

provided by FoH must be placed in the dashboard of your vehicle and clearly visible before you begin your hunt.

## Additional Comments

Stakes numbered 1 – 50 are permanent locations. **Stakes F1 and F2 are field hunting stakes and are placed after crop harvest.**

Trail and channel markers are placed to help you find some stakes. The markers and stake numbers will show up in the beam of a flashlight. **We urge all hunters to scout the area ahead of time** and take a compass or GPS unit with you. Many stakes will be almost impossible to find in the dark unless you know the area well. Please refer to GPS data for stakes. Wading in unfamiliar waters can be extremely dangerous. Chest waders will be required in most cases. Keep in mind that open water can mean deep water, especially near dykes. Due to management practices, water levels may fluctuate and shorelines may change.

Sky-busting shows poor sportsmanship and results in crippled birds. This is strongly discouraged at Hullett. Know your shotgun and its limitations. Some stakes may be closed at the MNR's discretion during certain periods to restrict hunting activity near waterfowl banding sites and special events such as youth hunts. If done, notices will be posted at the parking space for that stake.

## Access to Hunting Stakes

Walk-in (chest waders highly recommended): 1-9, 11, 22, 27, 32, 33, 42, 46, 48-50. The water level within the ponds are actively managed by Ducks Unlimited Canada. Access will change from year to year and season to season.

## Hunting Stake Locations

*Coordinates provided in Decimal Degrees*

**Mallard Pool - Parking at 40905 Summerhill Road**

| Stake #  | Latitude    | Longitude    |
|----------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>1</b> | 43.63724194 | -81.4568975  |
| <b>2</b> | 43.64062806 | -81.45459306 |
| <b>3</b> | 43.64108806 | -81.44899806 |
| <b>4</b> | 43.63864    | -81.44952111 |
| <b>5</b> | 43.63529611 | -81.44910194 |

**Bluebill Pool - Parking at 40905 Summerhill Road**

| Stake #   | Latitude    | Longitude    |
|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>6</b>  | 43.64113806 | -81.46692222 |
| <b>7</b>  | 43.64087361 | -81.46633    |
| <b>8</b>  | 43.63735917 | -81.46179778 |
| <b>9</b>  | 43.63413889 | -81.46321111 |
| <b>10</b> | 43.63296528 | -81.46620194 |
| <b>11</b> | 43.631425   | -81.46957556 |
| <b>12</b> | 43.63541472 | -81.46613417 |
| <b>13</b> | 43.63740167 | -81.46466194 |
| <b>14</b> | 43.64122861 | -81.47118806 |
| <b>15</b> | 43.63790389 | -81.46951333 |
| <b>16</b> | 43.63540639 | -81.47034917 |
| <b>17</b> | 43.63361944 | -81.47357083 |
| <b>18</b> | 43.63859361 | -81.47326944 |
| <b>19</b> | 43.64378667 | -81.47148528 |
| <b>20</b> | 43.645965   | -81.47112583 |

**Butterball Pool - Parking at 81001 Burns Line**

| Stake # | Latitude    | Longitude    |
|---------|-------------|--------------|
| 21      | 43.62891861 | -81.47155056 |
| 22      | 43.62809    | -81.46723028 |
| 23      | 43.62476472 | -81.46568    |
| 24      | 43.62411222 | -81.46224167 |
| 25      | 43.62061028 | -81.45988472 |
| 26      | 43.61873194 | -81.45900278 |
| 27      | 43.6221025  | -81.45601667 |
| 28      | 43.62332278 | -81.4593475  |
| 29      | 43.62532667 | -81.45583028 |
| 30      | 43.62821639 | -81.46270694 |
| 31      | 43.62653556 | -81.45973167 |
| 32      | 43.62851278 | -81.45840778 |
| 33      | 43.62772139 | -81.45362944 |

**Whistler Pool - Parking at 81001 Burns Line**

| Stake # | Latitude    | Longitude    |
|---------|-------------|--------------|
| 34      | 43.62411417 | -81.44589278 |
| 35      | 43.62568694 | -81.44895361 |
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**Bluewing Pool - Parking at 41494 Bridge Road**

| Stake # | Latitude    | Longitude    |
|---------|-------------|--------------|
| 45      | 43.61051194 | -81.44644694 |
| 46      | 43.61300222 | -81.44382806 |
| 47      | 43.61558167 | -81.44502417 |
| 48      | 43.61593111 | -81.440875   |
| 49      | 43.61784389 | -81.44452028 |
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**Field Stakes - Parking at 41494 Bridge Road  
for F1, Parking at 81001 Burns Line for F2**

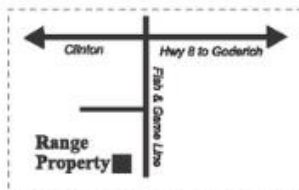
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|---------|-------------|--------------|
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### About the Huron Fish and Game...



- Club was chartered in 1940, with a current membership of over 650.
- Member of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, we also maintain a close relationship with
  - Canadian Wildlife Federation
  - Ducks Unlimited Canada
  - Ausable-Bayfield Conservation Association
- The club owns an 80 acre farm located on Fish and Game Line acquired from the estate of a charter member.
- 100 yard and 200 yard rifle range available
- Restricted Range
- 3D Archery Course open Spring and Summer
- Sporting clay range. Open at 10am on Saturdays.
- The club makes many donations annually, mainly to local groups in and around Clinton.
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## A Word from Our Conservation Officers

Conservation officers regularly patrol the Hullett Provincial Wildlife Area (HPWA). Officers Drew Pegrum and Richard de Paulsen are responsible for Huron and Perth Counties which includes the HPWA. Conservation officers are part of the Ministry of Natural Resources in the Enforcement Branch. If you have an enforcement related question or see a natural resource violation you may contact the Conservation Officers directly using the cell phone numbers provided below. Conservation Officers are dedicated to protecting our natural resources and ensuring the safety of all the HPWA users.

The HPWA is extremely unique and with that comes a unique set of rules that must be adhered to while hunting or recreating within the boundaries. It is very important that all users read and understand the HPWA User Guide. Anyone planning on hunting should also review the general hunting regulations at <http://www.ontario.ca/document/ontario-hunting-regulations-summary>

Conservation Officers would like to remind everyone that all roads within the HPWA are considered to be maintained. It is unlawful to have a loaded firearm on the road or within eight meters of the road. It is important to understand that HPWA is a multi-use area. A wide variety of outdoor activities take place here and may overlap. Please respect all the HPWA user groups. We appreciate that the majority of users adhere to the rules.



Ministry of Natural Resources

Should you observe an activity or event that may be unlawful, please reach out by calling the Conservation Officers directly or using the Tips Line at **1-877-TIPS-MNR (1-877-847-7667)**. If you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crime Stoppers at **1-800-265-8477**.

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You can assist a Conservation Officer by calling our natural resources call line with the following information.

- Nature of the violation (hunting, fishing, species at risk, unlawful harvesting, etc...)
- Vehicle information such as; licence plate, color, make & model of vehicle
- Location of the offence such as civic address or simply where you are in the Hullett
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## Conservation that works: *Meet the residents of Hullett Marsh*

**D**id you know that in Canada, over 500 species of wildlife rely on healthy wetlands at some point in their lives? Since 1978, Hullett Marsh has remained just that. This 5,400-acre wetland complex provides mixed habitats for wildlife in Huron County, a region bordering Lake Huron, one of the Great Lakes connecting Canada and the United States, and a vital migration path for waterfowl and other birds year after year.

In the early 1980s, following the designation of the Hullett Provincial Wildlife Area by the Province of Ontario, Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) worked with its partners to transform the former agricultural landscape with eight large wetland restorations.

Large wetland projects require engineered infrastructure to maintain water levels that support healthy wetland plants to feed wildlife and create habitat they need for survival. Each wetland “cell” at Hullett Marsh is equipped with water-level controls that allow us to mimic natural wetland dynamics and manage high waters from the spring melt along the South Maitland River.

On an annual basis, our conservation specialists perform a biological assessment of the marsh to ensure the levels are just right to welcome incoming and returning wildlife. Read on to discover some of the remarkable species that make Hullett Marsh their home.

**Mallards and wood ducks:** The marshes at Hullett provide amazing habitat for these two ducks who enjoy feeding in shallow waters and nesting in the area. Wood ducks nest in the cavities of the surrounding trees, and mallards in the nearby vegetation.

**Blue-winged teal:** Groups of these sky-blue shouldered ducks aren’t typically seen inland, preferring coastal marshes as habitat. However, the sheer size and appealing shallow water levels maintained at Hullett have attracted a large breeding population of these teal each year.

**Snapping and Blanding’s turtles:** These freshwater reptiles frequent the waters of Hullett and can often be seen basking on a log or along the bank. Snapping turtles are listed as a species of special concern while Blanding’s are considered endangered, meaning a healthy habitat like Hullett is vital to their survival.

**Bobolink:** Hullett is home to more than just marshes. Thanks to historical grassland restoration led by DUC and other partners, species like the bobolink can be spotted singing across the tall grass prairie in this area.

Alongside our committed partners in conservation, DUC is investing in long-term solutions that will sustain the health and productivity of one of the most spectacular restored wildlife habitats in Eastern Canada. We’re proud to deliver conservation that works for wildlife, waterfowl, and people at Hullett Marsh.



**Scan the QR code** to learn more about DUC, and how you can help keep wetlands in your community healthy.



WOOD DUCK



BLUE-WINGED TEAL



BOBOLINK



BLANDING'S TURTLE



## Hunting Structures

Hunting structures may be placed, erected, and used on HPWA land **only** if they are being used for the sole purpose of hunting. You may not use any structures for overnight accommodations and must still follow the 5 AM entry rule. Homemade or constructed structures are **not permitted**, you must use a manufactured structure as they are safety tested and approved. Hunting structures may be placed beginning on September 1 and **must** be removed by January 31 of each year. Any structure not removed in accordance to this rule may be removed or disposed of by FoH staff. Please keep in mind that other hunters may use your structure at any time as the HPWA is public land. See figures to the right for examples of approved and non-approved structures.

## Scientific Research

Researchers interested in collecting data within the HPWA are advised to contact the Hullett Office before beginning work. Researchers must follow all rules of the HPWA unless otherwise permitted by the Friends of Hullett.

## Interested in Joining the Board of Directors?

To run for the Board of Directors (BOD), **you must be a valid member of the FoH** and are required to submit an application expressing your interest to run for the BOD. Please contact **fohoffice@hullettmarsh.com** for application information. **Applications are due April 30, 2027** and BOD positions are up for renewal/election on **Sunday, May 23, 2027**.

## Funding

Friends of Hullett has secured significant funding to develop and support several crucial conservation initiatives at Hullett Marsh. The Invasive Species Center (ISC) has generously provided \$2,000 from the Invasive Species Action Fund to build a biochar kiln to repurpose woody invasives. The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) has provided \$2,700 from the Community Conservation Fund to support part of the duck feeder platform build, and we received \$1,000 from The Ontario Wildlife Foundation (OWF) to monitor and support avian Species at Risk. Thank you to all our funders for their support of Hullett Marsh.



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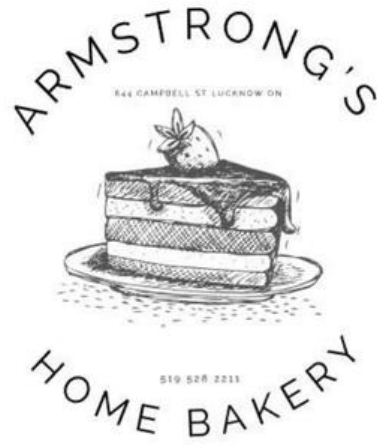
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# Trails at Hullett Marsh

## Red Trail

The Red Trail goes through mature forest and fallow fields and includes a great view of Whistler Pool from the lookout.

**Length: 1.1 km**  
**Difficulty: Medium**  
**Time: 20-30 min**  
**Slope: 0-3%**  
**Min. EL: 298m**  
**Max. EL: 303m**



## Orange Trail

The Orange Trail provides access to the dyke system and will lead you to the highest point in the Marsh, looping back to the parking lot.

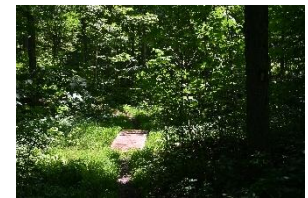
**Length: 1.2 km**  
**Difficulty: Medium**  
**Time: 20-30 min**  
**Slope: 0-8%**  
**Min. EL: 303m**  
**Max. EL: 315m**



## Yellow Trail

The Yellow Trail connects to the Blue Trail and offers a great short loop. It's a great space to find spring ephemerals like Hepatica and Trout Lily.

**Length: 0.4 km**  
**Difficulty: Easy**  
**Time: 10-15 min**  
**Slope: 0-4.5%**  
**Min. EL: 299m**  
**Max. EL: 304m**



## Green Trail

The Green Trail intersects the Blue, Purple, and White Trails. It will take you through both woodland and meadow habitat.

**Length: 2.4 km**  
**Difficulty: Medium**  
**Time: 30-50 min**  
**Slope: 0-8%**  
**Min. EL: 299m**  
**Max. EL: 313m**



## Blue Trail

The Blue Trail stretches from Wildlife Line to Front Road, through both woodland and meadow habitat, intersecting the Yellow, White, Purple, and Green Trails.

**Length: 2.3 km**  
**Difficulty: Medium**  
**Time: 30-50 min**  
**Slope: 0-8%**  
**Min. EL: 298m**  
**Max. EL: 309m**



## Purple Trail

The Purple Trail is a connector trail for the Blue and Green Trails, and offers a short walk through some of the most mature deciduous forest stands at Hullett Marsh.

**Length: 0.3 km**  
**Difficulty: Easy**  
**Time: 30-50 min**  
**Slope: 0-8%**  
**Min. EL: 298m**  
**Max. EL: 309m**



## White Trail

The White Trail is the longest trail, spanning from Wildlife Line to Hydro Line Road.

**Length: 4.7 km**  
**Difficulty: Medium**  
**Time: 60-90 min**  
**Slope: 0-3%**  
**Min. EL: 304m**  
**Max. EL: 307m**



## Dyke System

Hullett's 17 km of dykes offer relatively flat, even hikes and can be found all over the Marsh. There's minimal tree coverage but great views of open water, wildflowers, and wildlife.



## Trail Markers

Each of Hullett's seven trails have been marked with new trail direction markers. The arrow points to the direction in which the trail continues, with the angle corresponding to the degree of the turn.



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*"I have always lived close to the Marsh but it wasn't until I retired from dairy farming in the fall of 2019 that I began to explore it and that increased when COVID hit in the spring of 2020. Seeking exercise and something to do, my sister Melody and I made it a goal to walk every trail and dyke on the map. We still hike there on a regular basis through every season and there is always something to see! The first signs of spring with the tundra swans, freshly hatched yellow goslings, the fall colours and the white tailed deer as they run and leap are among my favourite things to see in the Marsh. This year I have been enjoying Justin's birding tours, which have given me even more to look out for as I continue to explore. It is just so refreshing to be in the quiet of nature for a while and there is so much variety with water, open meadows and woods. Because I use the Marsh so often, it made sense for me to volunteer. It is my way to give back in return for all of the enjoyment I get from the Hullett Marsh." – Carolyn Van Dorp, Volunteer and Member*

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*Did You Know? Monarch butterflies can travel up to 4,000 km during migration between Canada and Mexico.*

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## Birding at Hullett Marsh

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or visit our website  
for a Hullett Birding  
Checklist!

*Hullett Marsh is a magical place for bird photography. There are several access points offering different viewpoints and habitats which vary during the seasons. The photo of the Yellowlegs (featured on the cover) was taken last September with my Nikon D500 and a 500mm PF prime lens. At that time, the water levels were quite low, and the shorebirds were feasting to their heart's content. They were quite preoccupied and this made them willing and cooperative subjects. Photographing birds is a lot like fishing. Some days you get one. Some days you don't. Your heart can skip a beat when you manage to snag a good one and, of course, there is always "the one that got away". – Suzan Johnson, Member and 2026 Photo Contest Winner*



## Geocaching at Hullett Marsh

There are 8 registered geocaches hidden within the Marsh!



Scan the QR code or visit our website for clues and coordinates.

## Interactive Google Map



Toggle the layers to find exactly what you're looking for – trails, stakes, parking lots or boat launches!

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# 2027 Photo Contest

*Bigger Prizes. Five Categories. Your Photo Could be on the Cover.*

The 2027 Hullett User Guide Photo Contest is introducing an exciting new format! This year features bigger prizes, four competition categories, and a panel of professional and amateur judges who will select the top images in each category. The finalists will then be put to a public vote, with the winning photo in each category featured prominently throughout the 2027-28 User Guide.

Complete Contest Guidelines and Official Rules are available on our website. Please make sure you understand and follow all rules, or your photo(s) may not be considered.

## New For 2027

- Multiple Categories
- Public Voting
- More Prizes
- Limited entries for non-members

## Categories

- Wildlife
- Plants
- Landscape
- Smartphone
- Recreation

## Prizes

- Grand Winner/Best Image
  - \$200 Gift Certificate
  - Image featured on the cover of the Hullett User Guide.
  - Opportunity to write a portfolio article in the User Guide.
- Category Winners
  - Branded FoH Merch
  - Image featured in the User Guide.
- Category Runners-up
  - Image showcased in the User Guide or FoH Newsletter.

## Rules at a Glance

### Who Can Enter

- FoH members receive unlimited entries.
- Non-members receive 5 total entries.
- You may become a member at any time to receive unlimited entries.
- Photos must have been taken within the HPWA.
- All photographers must follow ethical wildlife photography practices.

### Photo Requirements

- No illustrations, paintings, or AI generated photos allowed.
- Digital adjustments are permitted provided they do not deceive the viewer or misrepresent the reality of nature or the image originally captured by the camera.
- Images must NOT have a border, watermark, signature, logo or any other identifiable data.

### Judging and Image Use

- Images can be entered in up to two categories but can only win in one category and as best image.

- Friends of Hullett will not retain copyright, ownership, or any other rights to your images. However, by submitting your photo(s), you give FoH permission to use your images in Hullett Marsh promotions, social media platforms, and the Hullett Marsh User Guide.

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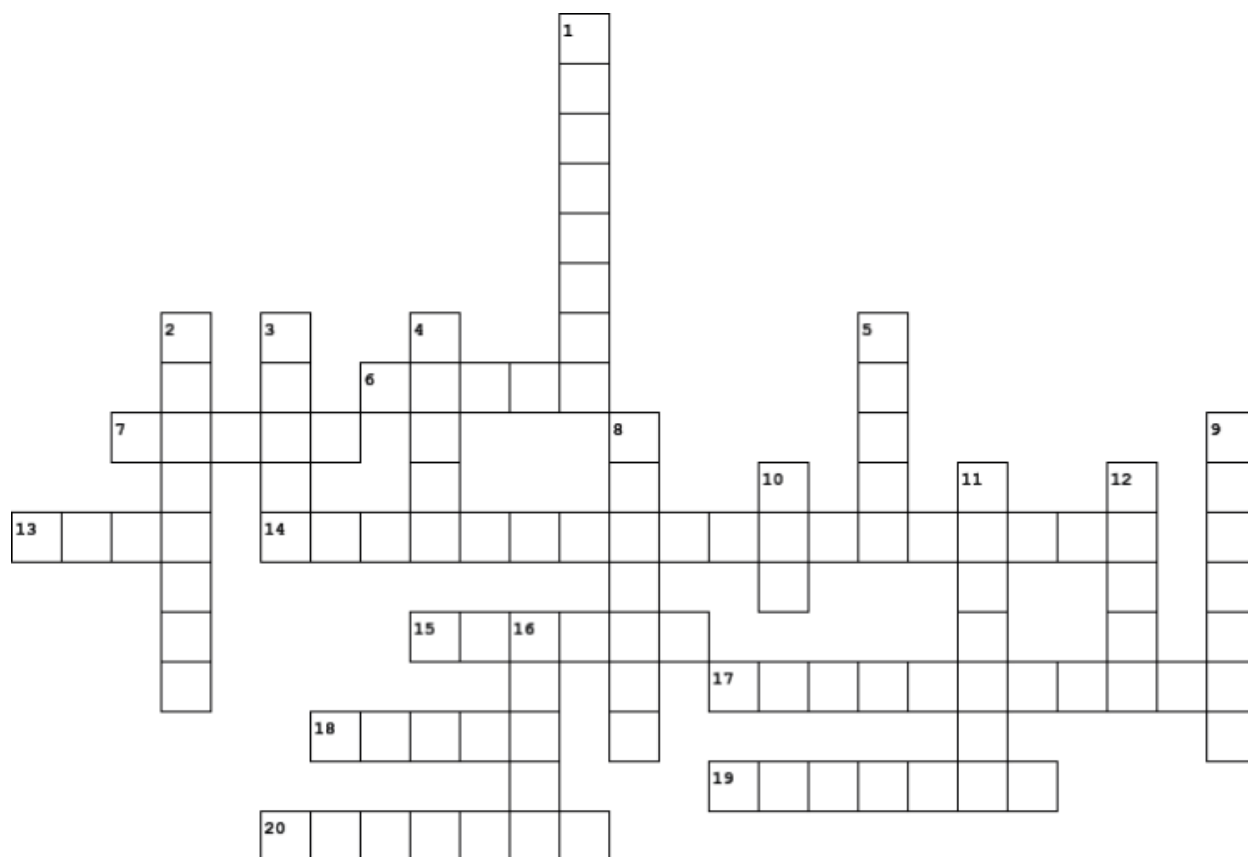
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# Hullett Marsh Crossword



## Across

6. What you should check yourself for after leaving the Marsh.
7. The open season for this group of animals is from September 27th, 2026 to January 11th, 2027.
13. What each hunter is required to participate in before waterfowl opening day at the HPWA.
14. The boundary between Zone A and Zone B.
15. The number of parking lots at Hullett Marsh.
17. The longest standing staff member of Friends of Hullett.
18. The number of trails at Hullett Marsh.
19. The shorthand term for the turtle species characterized by long, dinosaur-like tails.
20. Hullett Marsh was historically molded by the movement of this large structure 10,000 years ago.

## Down

1. This group of small, active songbirds are known for their vibrant plumage and melodic, complex songs.
2. The easternmost pool in the Marsh.
3. Engineered embankments meant to hold back water.
4. The number of geocaches that can be found in the Marsh.
5. The kind of hunting stakes that F1 and F2 are.
8. The town Hullett Marsh is just east of.
9. Hunting structures can be used for this purpose only.
10. What your best friend will be when visiting the Marsh.
11. What you can't hunt in Zone A.
12. The road closest to Greenwing Pool that also connects to a trail.
16. The name of the office dog.



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# A Decade of Partnerships Key to Managing “Canada’s Worst Invasive Plant” at Hullett Marsh

Friends of Hullett (FoH) and Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) have been working in partnership to manage phragmites at the Hullett Provincial Wildlife Area (HPWA; Hullett Marsh) since 2017. FoH and ABCA made significant progress over this time; although water levels, access, funding and available “tools” such as herbicide registered to spray over-water created factors which limited full-scale management at the Marsh. This work was supported by Ducks Unlimited Canada, and Huron Clean Water Project.

In 2025, the Ontario Phragmites Action Program established the Huron Phragmites Management Area Working Group (PMAWG) as part of ongoing efforts to enhance a coordinated response to invasive phragmites on the landscape. This program is made possible through support from the Ministry of Natural Resources implemented by the Nature Conservancy of Canada and the Invasive Species Centre.

“Establishing a local Working Group was a pivotal step in enhancing our management efforts at both the Hullett Marsh, and at a regional scale, across Huron County” said Nathan Schoelier, Stewardship, Lands and Education Manager at ABCA. The Huron PMAWG is led by the ABCA, and FoH is a member, contributing expertise gained over the past decade of managing phragmites at the Marsh.

“Local working group partners, along with collaborators across the province, benefit from the expertise that Friends of Hullett bring to our collective efforts to manage phragmites” said Kyle Borrowman, South Regional Coordinator for the Ontario Phragmites Action Program.

In 2026, the Huron PMAWG will continue to create new partnerships, while supporting existing partnerships to expand phragmites management across Huron County. The Huron PMAWG will also use new management tools, to effectively control phragmites at Hullett Marsh.

“We look forward to utilizing new tools and technologies, to address management gaps, as we work towards long-term, landscape-level control of invasive phragmites” said Schoelier.

To learn more about phragmites management at the HPWA, please visit:

**[www.hullettmarsh.com/invasive-species-management](http://www.hullettmarsh.com/invasive-species-management)**





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# Wildlife Watch: Species Spotlights

## Midland Painted Turtle, *Chrysemys picta marginata*

### How to identify

Painted turtles are easily identified by their smooth, flat, dark-green to black upper shell (carapace) and vibrant red or yellow markings. Look for distinct yellow and red stripes on their heads and legs, bright yellow spots behind the eyes, and a vividly coloured underside (plastron).



### Best time/place to spot

June is one of the best times to spot a Painted Turtle, as females leave the water to search for nesting sites. Early mornings and dusk offer the best chances of seeing them travelling or exploring suitable nesting areas. They tend to prefer communal basking on exposed logs, rocks, and muddy shorelines.

### Fun Fact

Turtles can draw on calcium from their shells to neutralize otherwise harmful acids that build up in their bodies through brumation.

## Bufflehead, *Bucephala albeola*



### How to identify

One of the smallest ducks in North America, an adult male can be identified by a large white head patch from the eye to the back of the head, with the remainder of the head black with iridescent green and purple tones. The breast and sides are white, with a gray belly and black back. An adult female can be identified by gray-brown plumage and a small white patch on the head below and behind the eye.

### Best time/place to spot

Often found on lakes, ponds and rivers. Preferred nesting habitat is around ponds and small lakes in open mixed coniferous and deciduous forest. The best time to spot a Bufflehead is during their migration periods in the Spring (mid-to-late April), Fall (August to mid-September), and during the winter.

### Fun Fact

Buffleheads are also known as Butterballs for their compact shape. The largest pool in Hullett is named for them.

## Marsh Wren, *Cistothorus palustris*

### How to identify

A small, round-bodied wren with a short tail positioned almost vertically along its back, along with a thin bill and short wings. Whitish below and rusty brown above, this wren has black-and-white streaks down its back and a white eyebrow.

### Best time/place to spot

Marsh Wrens occupy wetlands with cattails, sedges, phragmites, and bulrushes year-round. These wrens “bounce” around with their tails in the air, grasping different stalks of vegetation with each leg. The best times to spot Marsh Wrens are at dawn and dusk, when they are most vocal, and during their late-May to mid-July breeding season.

**Fun Fact**

Marsh Wrens make dummy nests to entice females into mating. The production of many dummy nests is an indication of male quality.



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## The Smallest Marsh Workers

When we think about wetlands, we often picture turtles basking on logs, herons wading through the shallows, or flocks of migrating waterfowl. Yet some of the most important marsh residents are much smaller: pollinators. Pollinators are not only bees and butterflies – beetles, moths, hoverflies, mosquitoes and many others play a role in keeping ecosystems healthy and diverse. By helping flowering plants reproduce through transferring pollen, they support the growth of countless native plant species that provide food and shelter to many species throughout the Marsh.

Pollinators are especially important along marsh edges, where wetlands transition into meadows, trails, and upland habitats. Native wildflowers blooming throughout the growing season provide nectar and pollen sources for many species, including Monarch butterflies, bumblebees, and a wide variety of solitary native bees. These connected habitats act as ecological corridors, helping pollinators safely move across the landscape in search of food, mates, and nesting areas.

Creating pollinator-friendly habitat doesn't require a large property. Even a small garden,



Common Willow Calligrapher Beetle,  
*Calligrapha multipunctata*

planter, or unmowed corner can provide valuable resources for wildlife.



Monarch Butterfly, *Danaus plexippus*



Hummingbird Clearwing Moth, *Hemaris thysbe*

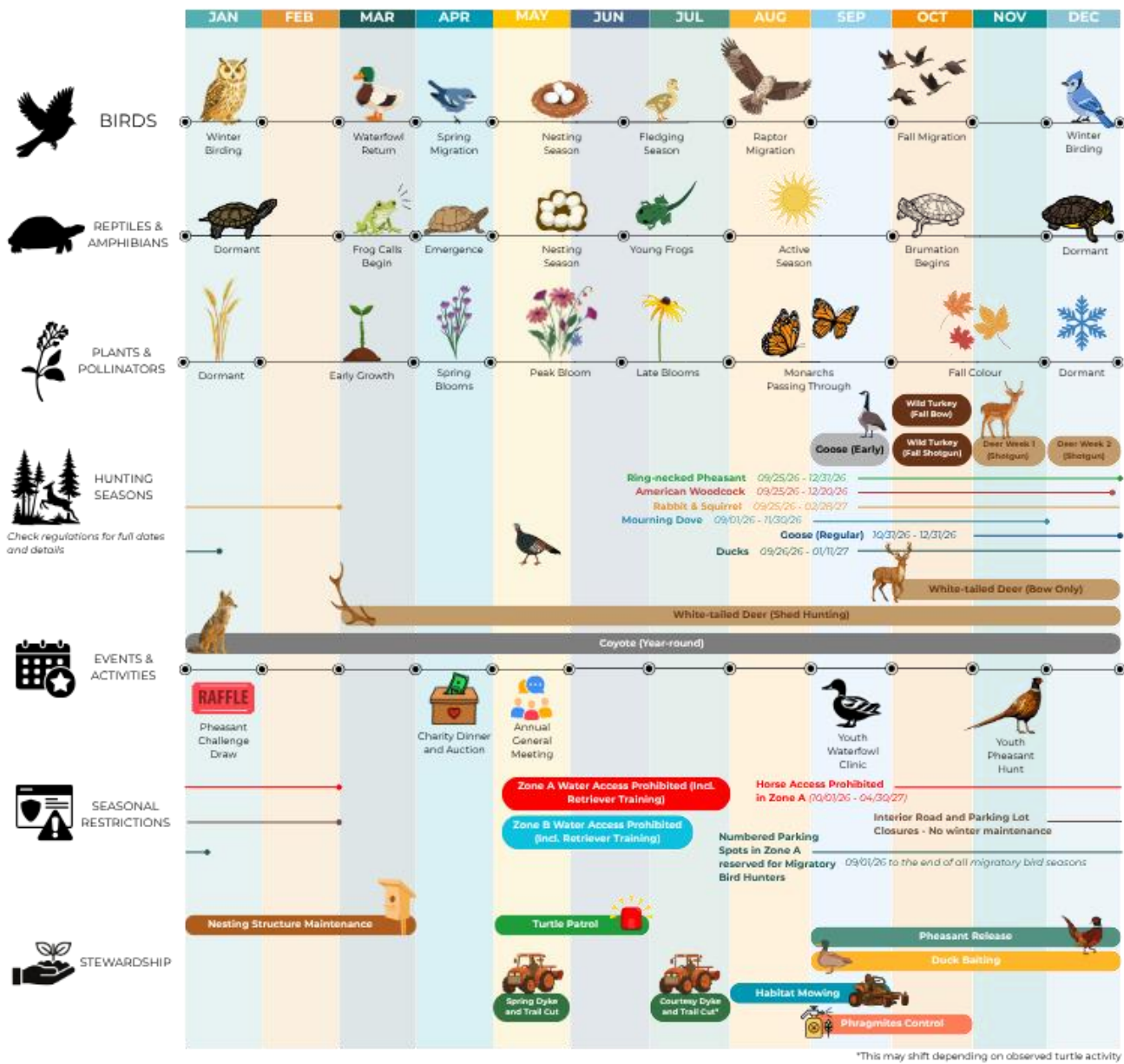
### Some native Ontario plants that support pollinators include:

- Butterfly Milkweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)
- Wild Bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*)
- Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*)
- New England Aster (*Symphyotrichum novae-angliae*)
- Joe-Pye Weed (*Eutrochium maculatum*)
- Wild Columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*)

### When planting for pollinators:

- Choose native species whenever possible
- Aim for blooms from spring through fall
- Avoid pesticide use
- Leave some natural areas undisturbed for nesting habitat

## A Year at Hullett Marsh



\*This may shift depending on observed turtle activity

## Crossword Answer Key

- ### Across

- ## 6. Ticks

- ## 7. Ducks

13. Draw

- #### 14. South Maitland River

15. Twenty

- ### 17. Scott Austin

- 18. Seven**

- ## 19. Snapper

- ## 20. Glacier

- Down

- ## 1. Warblers

- ## 2. Bluewing

- ### 3. Dykes

4. Eight

- ## 5. Field

- ## 8. Clinton

- ## 9. Hunting

- ## 10. Map

- ## 11. Big G

- ## 12. Front

- 16. Ernie**



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