

Events and Volunteer Days – 2018

Green Bay National Wildlife Refuge



Refuge open Memorial Day through Labor Day, daylight hours only.

- May 18-20** **Washington Islands Birding Festival** – The event will be located on Washington Island, with side trips to Green Bay National Wildlife Refuge’s Plum Island, and Rock Island State Park. Activities include: Bird Banding (capturing, banding, recording data, and releasing birds); Birding Hikes led by experts; and Big Sits at locations where experts have recorded over 90 bird species in a single day! Registration and details at: <http://www.wianc.org/bird-festival>
- May 25-26** **Door County Festival of Nature** - The Ridges Sanctuary partners with local conservation groups to offer hikes, workshops, and presentations that highlight the incredible beauty and diversity of Door County. The Friends Of Plum and Pilot Islands (FOPPI) provides – Plum Island Habitat Hikes May 25-26. Registration opens April 1. More information at <http://www.ridgessanctuary.org/>
- June 8-10** **Door County Lighthouse Festival**- The Door County Maritime Museum sponsors this annual event, offering tours of area lighthouses. The Friends of Plum and Pilot Islands (FOPPI) offer guided tours of Plum Island’s rear range light as part of the event festivities. More information at <http://www.dcm.org/>
- July 14** **Friends of Plum and Pilot Islands Annual Sunset Cruise**- FOPPI invites you to join them on a Sunset Cruise through beautiful Death’s Door Passage. Enjoy close up views of Plum and Pilot Islands, part of the Green Bay National Wildlife Refuge. Learn about the lighthouses and historical maritime structures found there, and help FOPPI’S campaign to restore and preserve them.
- July 21** **Friends of Plum and Pilot Islands Annual Picnic and Volunteer Recognition**- All FOPPI members and volunteers are invited to attend the annual meeting held on Plum Island, transportation is provided. A business meeting, volunteer recognition, and picnic lunch will all take place, before taking a hike to the island’s range lights. More information at <http://plumandpilot.org/>
- August 19-20** **Explore Plum Island Days**- The USFWS & FOPPI offer guided hiking, kayaking, and snorkeling tours of Plum Island, providing information about the island’s habitat, wildlife, and historical maritime structures.

Please visit the Friends of Plum and Pilot Islands (FOPPI) website for up-to-date program information: <http://plumandpilot.org>

Or contact Park Ranger Dustan Hoffman at 920-948-5037 dustan_hoffman@fws.gov

Some events dependent on weather and safe boat access to Plum Island.

Volunteer Work Days on Plum Island – Plum Island is an incredible place to volunteer, offering great nature viewing opportunities, a setting rich in historical maritime structures, and people passionate about serving the refuge’s resources. Your day will include a boat ride to Plum Island to work, rewarded by a chance to venture around the refuge, and see the view from the top of the Plum Island lighthouse (which is really a rear range light, but we’ll fill you in on that later). Work days that include a campout, will afford us the opportunity to get more work done, and have more fun. These are the only opportunity to camp at Plum Island, and they make for great star gazing, sunset and sunrise pictures, and a chance to relax around a campfire with likeminded people. Women In Preservation volunteer on the refuge, offering women a chance to learn new skills from volunteer mentors. Some of the projects they will be taking part in this year are: building bat boxes, building a purple martin colony home, tagging monarchs, and building their own tool boxes.

Plan to bring with you: A signed Volunteer Services Agreement, long pants, warm clothes, sturdy shoes, and work gloves (we can supply gloves), also bring water, and lunch for that day.

If you are interested in participating and wish to sign-up, please visit:
<http://www.plumandpilot.org/> Dates and duties will be announced by March 1st.

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	Single Work Day	Work Days Campout	Women In Preservation
May	12 Mother’s Day weekend	26-27	Use contact
June	16 Father’s Day weekend	23-24, 30-1 July	information
July	28	June 30-1 July	below
August		11-12, 25-26	for dates
September		8-9	

For questions, please contact the following:

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