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Ontario and the northern United States.

# A Message from... The Board of Directors of the Friends of Hullett

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Friends of Hullett, I would like to welcome you to the Hullett Provincial Wildlife Area.

If it's your first time visiting the wildlife area, take some time to review the user guide so that you are familiar with the rules and regulations associated with HPWA. If you have been here before, please check the map section as well as the rules and regulation section located on page 3 and 14-15 for any changes that may have taken place since your last visit. Also, don't hesitate to check out our newly improved website for more information on the HPWA and upcoming events.

The Friends of Hullett Inc. is a strictly volunteer group of men and women from around Southern Ontario who spend hundreds of hours outside of their "regular jobs" to direct the management of day-to-day operations at the wildlife area. The Board of Directors meets monthly and corresponds almost daily.

The BOD administers a large agricultural contract, which along with generous donations from the public, provides the funds for maintenance of marsh, grounds and buildings, the funding for new and exciting projects, and the hiring of employees.

Our employees are carefully chosen based on their educational background, patience, and insight. We have been most fortunate to have employees that are "self-starters". The nature of their jobs necessitates the ability to not only see the work at hand, but to work outside a "game plan". This year we were extremely lucky as we have renewed our contract with Marsh Manager, Scott Austin, who is a long time local resident and founding Director of the FOH. Assisting Scott in 2017 is Raeshawn Parsons taking on the responsibility of this new User Guide design, Phragmites removal, web site, GIS mapping, data collection, and management.

Scott has also managed to obtain three summer student employees through various

Federal and Provincial programs. These positions have been dedicated to maintenance and upkeep around the marsh. They have been working on many priority jobs this summer such as replacing parking barriers, signage and extensive timber removal.

Partnered with the O.M.N.R.F and Ducks Unlimited Canada, the Board of Directors continues to manage this amazing 2200 hectare wetland complex in Huron County. The success of our operation, however, depends on much more than the three senior partners. Our employees, of course, are indispensable as are the volunteers that manage many of our projects at Hullett and show up for workdays, either impromptu or planned. If you have an idea for improvement to the area, or a program you might want to see at Hullett, don't hesitate to bring it to the attention of the staff or directors.

The senior partners, the Board of Directors, our employees, and our volunteers all recognize Hullett as a "jewel" tucked away in Southern Ontario.

If you are new to the Hullett area, or are a frequent visitor, you can participate in the "Hullett Experience" by hiking, hunting, horseback riding, canoeing, or simply volunteering some gratifying time to the marsh. Regardless, you won't be disappointed.

**Duane Inkpen, Chairman** 

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### General Regulations:

#### **MOTORIZED VEHICLES**

Motorized vehicles are permitted on maintained roads and parking lots only.

#### **PARKING**

No parking from 9:00 PM to 5:00 AM. Overnight parking is only permitted at 40874 Summerhill Road. Camper trailers are not permitted. All hunters must park in one of the designated parking lots (identified on the accompanying map) and position their vehicle in front of an unnumbered barrier. When towing trailers, please don't block access ways, parking spots, or parking barriers. If possible, unhitch and lock trailers and park vehicle beside.

### **VEGETATION**

No person shall remove or cut any plants, including trees, without permission from the MNRF.

#### **DOG TRAINING**

Retriever training activities on water are permitted in Zone "A" prior to May 15 and after August 1. Retriever training activities on water are permitted in Zone "B" prior to May 15 and after 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 MNRF Vineland Area Office. You may need one or both of the following permits: 1. Authorization to Conduct Field Trials and Training during closed season. 2. Authorization to Release Wildlife Imported into Ontario. Propagated from Stock Imported into Ontario. The MNRF office issuing these permits may be contacted at (905) 562-1177.

### **HORSE ACCESS**

Horse access is permitted throughout the area, except in Zone "A" from October 1 to May 1. Winter access for horses is available in Zone "B".

#### **SNOWMOBILES**

Snowmobiles are permitted only on marked OFSC snowmobile trails.

### **WATER ACCESS**

Water access for any purpose is not permitted in Zone "A" between May 15 to August 1 and Zone "B" between May 15 to July 15. This includes retriever training activities, kayaking, canoeing and wading. This is to minimize disturbances to nesting waterfowl.

### **BOOKING FOR GROUP ACTIVITIES**

Booking for any groups (including dog trials, training, bird watching, and horseback riding) may be scheduled by contacting the Hullett Office at (519) 482-7011. Any large groups found on the property that have not scheduled an event will be asked to leave the marsh.

#### **HUNTING**

Please see page 14 for hunting regulations.

### **FIREARMS**

Please see page 14 for firearm regulations.



Congratulations to Josh Mcleod for winning
Hullett's first Photo Contest in 2017.
We are doing it again this year
and we've sweetened the pot!
See page 9 for details.
Lights, Camera, ACTION!

### Prohibitted Actions

#### ALCOHOL

Alcohol is not allowed on public lands under Ontario's Liquor License Act.

#### **CAMPING**

Camping is not permitted unless special permission is received from the Board of Directors and the MNRF.

### **COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS**

Commercial operations will not be located on the property. No monopolization of the area is permitted. All persons and/or groups are expected to remove any and all equipment they bring into the area.

#### ATV's

ATV's are not permitted within the HPWA except for Friends of Hullett (FOH) management purposes, under the permission of FOH, and in accordance with guided Whitetail Swamp waterfowl hunts.

ATV's are extremely damaging to the trails, as well as vegetation and the natural ecosystem of the property. Charges have been laid in the past.

#### **LITTERING**

DO NOT LITTER! You are responsible for the removal of your own garbage and property.

#### **MOTORIZED BOATS**

All motorized boats are prohibited, including those with electric motors.

### Wetlands at Hullett Provincial Wildlife Area

It was a vision that led to the creation of Hullett Marsh, but it's partnerships that keep it thriving.

IN 1867, ONTARIO WAS ONE OF FOUR PROVINCES THAT formed the young country of Canada. Today, this birth-place of great Canadian icons like Sir Frederick Banting, Alice Munro (and the Beavertail pastry) is also home to our nation's capital, the country's only major league baseball team, and one of Ducks Unlimited Canada's (DUC) most notable conservation efforts in 2017: Hullett Provincial Wildlife Area.

Locally known as Hullett Marsh, this 5,420-acre (2,200-hectare) wildlife management area includes nearly 1,800 acres (728 hectares) of wetlands and plays host to a diversity of wildlife, including 18 different species of waterfowl. People seek it out to experience nature, to hike, canoe and hunt.

Ontario's wetlands are diverse. They take the form of marshes, bogs, fens, swamps and open water. They appear on coastlines, in forests and farmland and even in the boreal forest. Every type of wetland helps to keep our communities healthy and safe.

This one is teeming with wildlife. It's home to a variety of waterfowl including the wood duck – who enjoy an abundance of nesting opportunities among the forest tree cavities and nesting structures. Hullett Marsh also provides habitat for an incredible diversity of plants and animals including great blue herons, egrets and bald eagles as well as a wide assortment of mammals, fish, reptiles and amphibians.

Wetlands like this also play an important role in the health of our communities. They protect us from water pollution by cleaning the water we enjoy. They protect us from flooding by reducing the amount of water sent downstream, and from drought by holding water when conditions are dry. They also protect us from climate

change by reducing greenhouse gases, and they provide a host of recreational opportunities for individuals, groups and families – a place to unplug and connect with nature.

### **A Wetland Restoration Success Story**

Starting in the 1970s, the Province of Ontario purchased the land where Hullett Provincial Wildlife Area is situated from local landowners with a vision to turn it into a wild-life management area. A longstanding partnership between the Province and DUC then formed, and in 1983, the vision become reality when the large wetland projects that you see today, were completed.

In 1998, the not-for-profit group Friends of Hullett formed in response to provincial cutbacks. Today, that group oversees the day-to-day operations of the area, while DUC and the Province team together to maintain infrastructure (like wetland water control structures).

Since 2010, DUC has invested close to \$1 million (with over \$400,000 in 2016) to replace, upgrade or rebuild the infrastructure that is critical to maintaining Hullett's wetlands. The successful partnership between the Province and DUC bodes well for the future, and the legacy, of the Hullett Marsh wetlands that we all enjoy.

To learn more about Ducks Unlimited Canada, and how you can help keep the wetlands in your community healthy, visit **ducks.ca** 

To learn more about the Hullett Provincial Wildlife Area check out DUC's interactive Canada 150 story map at **ducks.ca/150000-acres** or visit **hullettmarsh.com** 



### DID YOU KNOW?

Hullett PWA is an important migration stop over for over 18 species of ducks and geese. The area is also host to a wide array of mammals, fish, reptiles and amphibians, including the snapping turtle (above), which has been identified as a species of concern on Ontario's list of more than 190 species at risk.



### Hullett History

The Hullett Wildlife Management Area was once covered by a vast primeval forest. Sugar maple, American Beech, American Elm, and Basswood were the predominant tree species, with large numbers of Eastern Hemlock growing near the South Maitland River.

In the early 1800's, aboriginal communities still inhabited the area. They were situated mainly along the South Maitland river, within the management area. Three historical aboriginal sites have been located in the Hullett Marsh, one known to belong to the Petun Tribe. This land was treatied for in 1826 where it was then parceled up and sold to settlers who originated from England, Ireland, Scotland, Germany and France.



Most of the land was cleared for crops and cattle. Though the land was fruitful, it was also a broad floodplain which lead to annual flooding of some 2000 acres. Hundreds of acres were left unusable which became the perfect canvas for the Department of Lands and Forests (now MNRF) who were looking for Wildlife Management Areas. This was basically the beginning of the HPWA plan.

Starting small, with the concept of establishing a permanently flooded and managed wetland, they began with one large flooded pool reminiscent of the annually flooded area followed by a second. At this point, Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) came into the picture and raised a new concept: A series of independently managed cells. The advantages of this concept were two-fold. First, the South Maitland River would remain unobstructed and virtually unaltered. Secondly, the original flood zone could be a divided into a number of independently managed cells. This led to the seven large wetland habitat cells (known as pools) and ten satellite ponds. In time, additional works, including a 125-acre sub-cell and many more satellite and small pairing ponds, increased the flooded habitats within the WMA to more than 2000 acres. Numerous water management structures were incorporated into more than 21 kilometres of



earthworks, including some of the largest dykes ever built by DUC, rounded out the Hullett wetlands. By 1983, HPWA was complete.

Hullett Marsh has rapidly evolved into a variety of diverse habitats. About 3000 acres of uplands have been reforested, hedgerow maintenance and habitat connection corridors. About 60 acres of the intended 200 acres of native grassland has been planted and several hundred acres are used for agricultural land that is still cropped on rotation and minimum tillage basis.

Named after John Hullett, a member of Hullett Bros. and Co., Hullett Marsh was historically moulded by the movement of a vast glacier which covered the area approximately 10,000 years ago. It was bounded by a kame moraine on the west and south, and a till plain and esker to the east. Now it has been moulded again by the hands and minds of humans to create a home for hundreds of species, diverse habitats, recreational activities, educational opportunities and, of course, a Provincial Treasure.



### Grassy Homes

Grass tends to be underrated these days. People seem to forget that we have dozens of native species of grasses in Southern Ontario alone. Habitats composed of these resilient plants, like Oak savannah, prairie grassland and even agriculture fields all play an important part in the world as well as right here in our own backyard. Grasslands in Ontario have been disappearing for years and most habitats and species associated with them are now threatened. Hullett is proud to support a healthy agricultural community, a thriving Savanna grassland and glorious tall grass prairies. These habitats are full of life and species that are seldom found anywhere else as well as beautiful displays of flowers, butterflies, bees, and birds. Wild bergamot, Savannah Sparrows, Karner Blue Butterfly, Oh My! Tall Grass Prairies and Grassland Savannas are a couple of the rarest ecosystems in Canada, with about 3% remaining in Ontario.

#### **Tall Grass Prairie & Savanna Grassland**



The name tall grass originates from dominant tall grasses that grow up to a metre or more in height. The native tall grass community here at the HPWA has a combination of Big Bluestem, Little Bluestem, Switch grass and Indian grass.

Grassland savanna differs from prairies because of their tendency to have the occasional tree or shrub mixed in with the herbaceous plants and grasses. When visiting Hullett Marsh, keep an eye out for these trees for they are prime targets to see surveying birds of prey like Red-tailed Hawk, Cooper's Hawk and maybe even the Loggerhead Shrike (See page 7.)

Not only has urban and agricultural development demolished the native populations, they have also suppressed the only way new grasslands can be created; by naturally occurring fires. Forest fires burn old forests and brush areas, sending a burst of light and nutrients back into the soil where fast growing grasses and flowers take back the land. Without fires, the trees and shrubs grow into the prairies and outcompete the native species.

### **Agriculture Fields**

Agricultural fields play a huge role in not only benefiting our community, but also our local and migrating wildlife. Many species of wildlife and plants only breed or grow in edge habitats like those between forests and crop fields. Local wildlife such as deer, Ruffed Grouse and turkeys use these habitats for food, shelter, and breeding displays. The scattered fields provide the additional benefit of being close to other habitat requirements of the animals. What's special about the agriculture fields within Hullett Marsh is that they use a reduced tilling method which increases the microbial and invertebrate life in the soil. Worms, beetles, and nematodes are large food sources for birds, small mammals, reptiles and amphibians. Rodents, like mice and voles, eat the scattered grain and use the fields for shelter but they are also prey to weasels, snakes, owls, foxes, coyotes, and even birds like Great Blue Herons and Sandhill Cranes, which are all part of the Hullett Habitat.





### ALIEN vs. TREASURE:

### Species in the Spotlight

Hullett Marsh has been home to large amounts of plants, animals, and fungi but some are not so welcomed. Canada Fleabane, Garlic Mustard, Common Buckthorn, Purple Loosestrife, Autumn Olive and Miscanthus sinensis are some invasive plants that have found their way into the Marsh. One that has caught The Friends attention the most is Phragmites australis or 'Phrag', a giant invasive reed that has been taking over marshes, ditches, beaches, and roadsides all over North America, even into the Northwest Territories! This species of phragmites, native to Eurasia, can grow from seeds but more commonly grows from rhizomes (lateral root systems). These rhizomes crawl through the water and the ground where it sprouts up new individuals, sometimes spanning to 40 meters long! Like giant hugging arms, phragmites squeezes out the light and nutrients from the soil, leaving a dense stand of only one plant: The Phrag. To protect our treasured environment and native species we must do our part in reducing the spread of this highly invasive plant.



For more information on identification and control of this plant please visit: www.invadingspecies.com.

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### The Hunt for The Butcher Bird

The Loggerhead Shrike (Lanis Iudovicianus) may be the only songbird in Canada that has the appetite of a hawk. It is a true carnivore at only 8" to 10" in size. The endangered Loggerhead Shrike is a bird that can be found in grasslands, orchards, open areas of woodlands and alvars. They range from southern B.C, central Alberta & Saskatchewan and the southern parts of Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec. In my whole life of bird watching, I have only seen them once and that was at Grasslands National Park in Saskatchewan. It was sitting on a fence post, surveying the rolling sea of grasses that was his domain. In the winter, you'll find these little meat eaters south of the border, along with many other Canadians that try to escape our colder climate. You can identify this little bandit by the dark grey above, white below, with a black bandanna across his eyes and over the bill.

The Loggerhead Shrike has a fairly unique hunting and feeding technique. It captures its prey much like a falcon would and then flies back to a tree where it will impale it onto a thorn, or sturdy twig, or jam it in between two close branches, using it kind of like a vice. They are even known to use the farmers barbed wire fences to impale its victims. Now it can tear off strips of its prey as need be, or save it for later. If the meal happens to have poison in its system, like some grasshoppers, caterpillars or butterflies, it will let it hang there for 3 or more days. Apparently the poison becomes inactive at that point. They will eat pretty much anything its own size or smaller. Small birds, lizards, frogs, grasshoppers, mice and even small ground squirrels. No wonder some folks call this songbird, "The Butcher Bird".

Now the only place I know of in Ontario where you would be almost guaranteed a sighting of these amazing critters is near Carden Alvar Provincial Park. This is near the Kawartha Lakes area. There is another Alvar type landscape near Napanee that has scored some regular sightings too. If you check out E-Bird's web site, you may see some odd sightings here and there, like the one in Goderich in 1995.

Currently there are no sightings of the Loggerhead Shrike in Hullett but there is a possibility that they may be here. I'm hoping one day to see these rare birds at Hullett Marsh, considering the area has everything the Loggerhead would need to set up home. There are plenty of thorny hawthorns, grasses and a smorgasbord of prey for this little songbird to have its daily 'shish kebab'.

Conservation efforts are being done with the Toronto Zoo and Wildlife Preservation Canada. A breeding program has been going on for a number of years now, and initial reports are very promising. To find out more about these amazing creatures, go on-line and check them out.

Happy birding from volunteer Paul Parsons!





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INFORMATION

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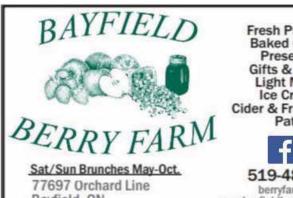
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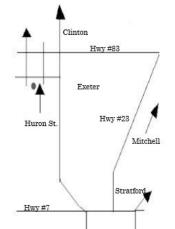
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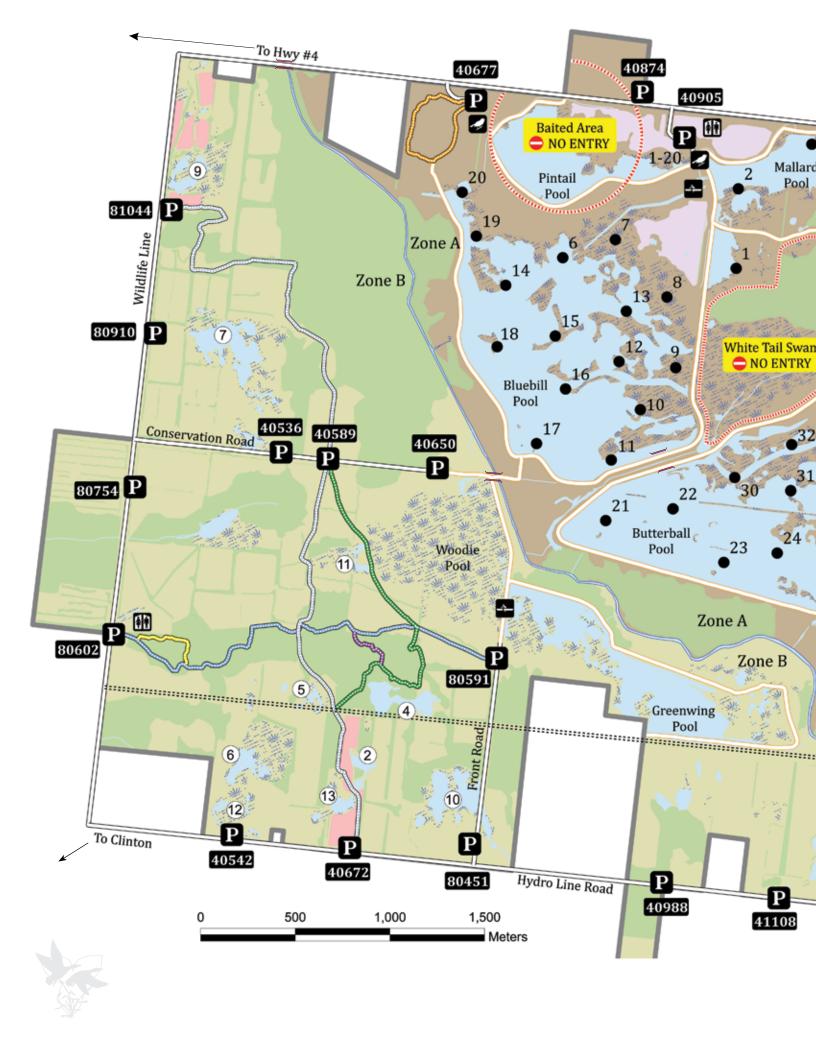
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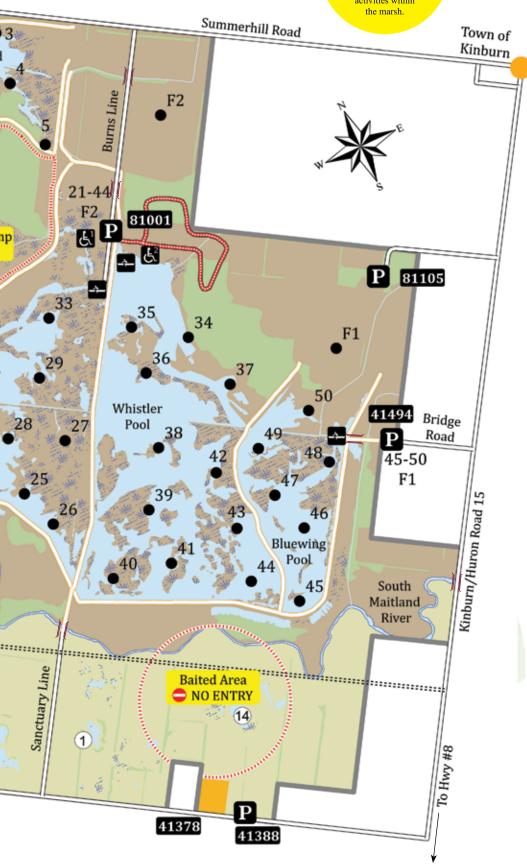
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Pied-billed Grebe	Sandhill Crane	Willov	v Flycatcher	Nashville Warbler	
Horned Grebe	American Coot	Great	Crested Flycatcher	Yellow Warbler	
American White Pelican	Sora	Easter	n Kingbird	Chestnut-sided Warbler	
Double-crested Cormorant	Black-beilled Plover	Easter	n Wood Pewee	Magnolia Warbler	
American Bittern	Semipalmated Plover	Easter	n Phoebe	Yellow-rumped Warbler	
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Cattle Egret	Lesser Yellowlegs	North	ern Rough-winged Swallow	Palm Warbler	
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Black-Crowned Night Heron	Common/Wilson's Snipe	Cliff S	wallow	Black and White Warbler	
Trumpeter Swan	American Woodcock	Barn S	wallow	Blackpoll Warbler	
Tundra Swan	Wilson's Phalarope	Blue J	ay	Cape May Warbler	
Canada Goose	Bonaparte's Gull	Ameri	can Crow	Mourning Warbler	
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Blue-winged Teal	Black-billed Cuckoo	Sedge	Wren	Ovenbird	
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Gadwall	Eastern Screech Owl	Golde	n-crowned Kinglet	Rufous-sided Towhee	
American Widgeon	Great Horned Owl	Ruby-	crowned Kinglet	American Tree Sparrow	
Canvasback	Snowy Owl	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		Chipping Sparrow	
Redhead	Long-eared Owl	Easter	n Bluebird	Clay-colored Sparrow	
Ring-necked Duck	Short-eared Owl	Veery		Field Sparrow	
Greater Scaup	Common Nighthawk	Hermi	t Thrush	Vesper Sparrow	
Lesser Scaup	Whip-poor-will	Wood	Thrush	Savannah Sparrow	
Common Goldeneye	Chimney Swift	Swain	son's Thrush	Grasshopper Sparrow	
Bufflehead	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Ameri	can Robin	Song Sparrow	
Hooded Merganser	Belted Kingfisher	Gray (	Catbird	Swamp Sparrow	
Common Merganser	Red-headed Woodpecker	Brown	n Thrasher	White-throated Sparrow	
Red-breasted Merganser	Red-bellied Woodpecker	Boher	nian Waxwing	House Sparrow	
Ruddy Duck	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Cedar	Waxwing	Dark-eyed Junco	
Turkey Vulture	Downy Woodpecker	Northern Shrike		Snow Bunting	
Osprey	Hairy Woodpecker	European Starling		Bobolink	
Bald Eagle	Northern Flicker	Yellow-throated Vireo		Red-winged Blackbird	
Northern Harrier	Pileated Woodpecker	Solitai	ry Vireo	Eastern Meadowlark	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	Warbl	ing Vireo	Rusty Blackbird	
Cooper's Hawk	Olive-sided Flycatcher	Red-eyed Vireo		Common Grackle	
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Hullett has been signed in accordance with the Trespass to Property Act. These Signs have a yellow circle that is 10 cm in diameter. They will refer to prohibited activities within







### Hullett Nature Trails

HPWA has 7 different marked trail systems with a combined length of over 13 km. All trails are natural paths that explore many types of habitat. The level of difficulty is moderate for all trails with the Yellow and Orange trails suitable for short hikes and small children. All trail heads are accessible from designated parking lots with new Trail Head signage marking the start and finish of the trails.

A Zone Trails
Orange Trail – 1.2 km
Red Trail – 2.2 k

### Blue – 2.3 km Yellow – 0.4 km

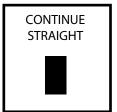
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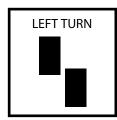
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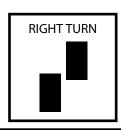
White - 4.6 km

**Dyke Trails**Bluebill Loop – 4.6 km
Butterball Loop – 6.9 km

Our trails have all been colour blazed according to a standardized method used across North America. Two by six inch rectangular paint blazes can be seen on trees or posts depending on the habitat. Sharp turns are double blazed.







### Message From The Marsh

Hullett Marsh Waterflower Association

This is a volunteer sub-committee within the FOH. The group was formed after many requests from FOH members to organize and carry out dedicated waterfowl related work at the marsh. The HMWA's mandate is to continue to improve the production, attraction, and harvest of waterfowl at Hullett. These improvements can only occur if time, hard work, and money are spent making the area increasingly attractive to both nesting and migrating waterfowl. The work that the HMWA does is to that end.

In 2016, the list of accomplishments was long. Again in 2017, a lot is happening.

- The Invasive Phragmites is being treated, in late summer/early fall.
   The waterfowlers have pushed for this action and are helping locate and identify the problem areas to be sprayed.
- The Mallard Tube programme is continuing to be improved. Data has been collected, from 2016, so that optimal locations for placement can be determined. Tube maintenance and data collection are always enjoyable whether the volunteers are on the ice in the winter, in canoes in spring and summer, or in the workshop on those nasty days. Chris Ambrose, a new director, has stepped up to keep this programme on track.
- The Wood Duck Boxes have all been renumbered and GPS'd. Our local Wood Duck population is in great shape. Over 280 Wood Ducks were banded at Hullett in 2016, thanks to our programme and the large number of natural cavities that exist in our hardwoods.
- The Whitetail Swamp Rehabilitation project is closer to reality.
  Funds are being secured and plans for work in the swamp have begun.
  Some standing water, year round, in the form of potholes and ponds should provide nesting, loafing, and roosting areas for waterfowl. A variety of wading birds and raptors will also benefit.
- New signage is in place in the 1-50 parking lot as well as at the hunting stakes.
- On request of the HMWA, the Whistler Pool boat launch has been dredged as has the canoe canal out to #40.
- Bait will be placed in two baited areas by staff and waterfowler volunteers throughout the hunting season.

Again, if this sort of volunteer work interests you, then drop Ed Allen or Scott Austin an email. We'll keep you up to date on waterfowl activities at the marsh.

Hello Hullett users. My name is Scott Austin and I have been fortunate enough to be the care-taker of this great property since early in 2013. Habitat care and public use, as well as community involvement, are major priorities in the management of the Hullett Provincial Wildlife Area.

#### 2017 Season Highlights

- Hiring of **3 summer students** with funding provided by both the provincial and federal governments. Two students were trained and certified as chain saw operators and you will notice a difference in the marsh.
- 500 tonnes of gravel placed and graded on Hullett roads, agricultural access points and parking lots by the Municipality of Central Huron at no cost to FOH.
- Planning and implementation of the 2nd annual "Hullett Marsh Youth Waterfowl Clinic" in celebration of Waterfowl Heritage Day.
- Excavation of Whistler Pool access and canoes routes along dyke costing FOH \$2000.
- Purchase of a used heavy duty diesel **Kubota Lawn tractor with 6 foot cut** for office complex and parking lots costing \$9500.
- Improvements to the 10 acre office complex lot (41378 Hydro Line Rd.) and installion of a new 4 x 8 foot **User Map sign with legend of the entire 5420 acre property** at the office complex. A locked mail dropbox was fabricated and installed at the office complex gate.
- A "Donation Tube" was installed at the "Sugar Bush" 80602 Wildlife Line to help offset the costs of privy construction and maintenance.
- Phragmites removal targeting all known sites on the property. This large project is the most important undertaking for 2017 to protect our wetlands. Funding has been provided by MNRF.
- Construction of a **new accessible concrete privy and holding tank** at the main viewing stand at 40905 Summerhill Rd. **costing FOH \$20,000**. The Municipality of Central Huron helped FOH fund this project with \$4000 coming from their **"Donation Fund"**.
- 1000 pheasants will be released this fall and we encourage you to support the "Ideal Supply Pheasant Challenge" lottery in 2017 to provide funds for the 2018 release. New for 2017 is a lovely shotgun as the first prize along with the generator as the second prize donated once again by Ideal Supply.

Please contact us by email at fohoffice@tcc.on.ca with your ideas, comments and concerns. We would also welcome you as a volunteer to help us in varied tasks that are rewarding for you!

Scott Austin, Marsh Manager

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## Hunting at Hullett Rules & Regulations

### Zone "A" Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations

Zone "A" is a unit consisting of 1020 ha (2520 acres) of land of which 680 ha (1680 acres) are flooded with shallow open water. The average water depth within the five compartments is approximately 50 cm (20").

There are 52 hunting stations available in Zone "A"

The following regulations apply:

- 1. To lawfully hunt migratory birds in Zone "A", during their open season, you must park one vehicle in a numbered space in a designated Zone "A" parking lot. The number of your space permits you to hunt at the stake with the same number. Stake locations are shown on the accompanying map. Please refer to Waterfowl Hunting Draw Procedure and Stake Selection in Zone "A" to learn how to get your stake for waterfowl hunting.
- 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 two people must hunt within 30 metres from the blind or stake that is marked with the same number as the vehicle's parking space.
- Portable blinds may be used. No person shall cut any vegetation nor erect and leave a blind of any fashion in Zone "A".
- Stake numbers F1 and F2 are field hunting stakes. These stakes will be open for hunting once crops are harvested. Please refer to the hunting page on our website for details.

### Zone "A" Small Game Hunting Regulations

It is lawful to hunt small game in Zone "A" only if the following conditions are adhered to:

- 1. The season for migratory birds must be closed.
- 2. The vehicle arrived in must be parked in a designated lot for Zone "A" but not in a parking space designated for a waterfowl stake.

Big Game hunting is not permitted in Zone "A"



### The Boundary between Zone "A" and Zone "B" is the South Maitland River

### Zone "B" Hunting Regulations

All game for which there is an open season, and during that open season, may be hunted under the following conditions:

- All hunters must park in one of the designated parking lots (identified on accompanying map) and position their vehicle in front of an unnumbered barrier. This parking space permits all hunters in the vehicle to hunt anywhere in Zone "B".
- 2. As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 a MNRF license will no longer be required to hunt raccoon at night but a licenced dog is still required. Coordination with, and notification to, the FOH is requested in order to verify reports of shooting on the property at night.

### **Pheasant Hunting**

Pheasants may be hunted during the open season and are supplied by **Uplands Pheasantry**. Pheasants are released at intervals during the open season and are not scheduled to specific days. FOH staff are not authorized to inform hunters of release locations, dates or times. The 1000 birds released during the season are provided without charge to the public for hunting purposes. The FOH conduct a "Pheasant Challenge" lottery each year in order to defray the cost of the birds. All visitors of the HPWA are encouraged to support the lottery for a chance at the Portable Generator or the Over-Under Shotgun! Several birds are banded each release with small prizes when you return your band.

The "Pheasant Challenge" is sponsored by Ideal Supply with our sincere thanks. Tickets are available at the Exeter, Goderich, Mitchell, Stratford, Wingham, and St. Mary's Ideal Supply locations. You may also purchase tickets "by chance" at the Hullett Office Complex and Clinton Sporting Goods (519-606-3006) . If you harvest a banded pheasant please contact the Hullett Office to claim your prize.

### Hullett Wildlife Area Hunting Regulations

#### **Firearms**

All roadways within Hullett are considered 'maintained'. It is illegal to have a loaded firearm within 8 metres 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 will be necessary to ensure retrieval of all birds shot. Hunters are required by the Migratory Birds Conservation 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 September 1, hunting is prohibited on or near the nature trails.
Consult the Hunting Regulations Summary for a more detailed listing of Ontario's

http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/B usiness/FW/Publication/MNR EO 01275P.html

Hunting regulations or view the

### Monopolization

summary online at:

No monopolization of the area is permitted. All persons and/or groups are expected to remove any and all equipment they bring into the area.

### Vegetation

No person shall cut or remove any plants or trees without the permission of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

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### WATERFOWL OPENING DAY FOR DUCKS

Hunters are required to participate in a draw conducted by the FOH and the MNRF (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 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 made at 12:00 pm.

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).

In the event that all 52 stakes are not taken in the draw, the remaining stakes will be allocated on a first come, first serve 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 are to deposit a piece of identification (NOT any licence required to hunt, possess firearms, or operate a vehicle) with the parking lot operator. Identification will be returned to the hunter at the conclusion of the hunt after their daily harvest has been checked. Information collected on birds checked is used for managing waterfowl in Ontario.

The HV/HC MUST be displayed in a manner so that it can be easily seen, preferably on the dash of the vehicle.

### Hunting in Zone "A" After the 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 (40974 Summerhill Road) on a first come, first serve basis at one of the numbered parking barrier 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.

#### **Handicap Accessible Blinds**

There are two handicap accessible blinds for your convenience at the Hullett Marsh. Please refer to the accompanying map for locations. Use of these facilities are to be reserved by calling the FOH Office at 519-482-7011 during normal business hours prior to your hunt.

### **Additional Comments**

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 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.

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

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.

Sky-busting shows poor sportsmanship and results in crippled birds. This is strongly discouraged at Hullett. Know your shotgun and its limitations.

Due to management practices, water levels may fluctuate and shorelines may change.

Some stakes may be closed at the MNRF'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 and the FOH. Access will change from year to year and season to season.

NOTE: Some stakes may be shut down during early goose season for waterfowl leg banding.

### A Word from our Conservation Officers

Drew Pegrum and Deane Waite are the Conservation Officers that patrol the Hullett Provincial Wildlife Area along with Huron and Perth Counties. We are part of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry in the Enforcement Branch - Guelph Enforcement Unit. If you have any enforcement related questions, feel free to contact either of us, our phone numbers are at the bottom of this article. We hope you have an awesome adventure during your time at this great outdoor learning facility!

The Hullett Provincial Wildlife Area always seems to have lots of activities going on, and with a bit of co-operation and understanding the area can be appreciated by all. We encourage you to support the "Friends of Hullett" in their various programs such as membership, volunteering or financial support. Thank you for picking up one of the user guides. Please make sure you read and understand what types of activities are allowed as well as when and where they are allowed.

A large part of our job involves checking resource users to ensure they are in compliance with the variety of laws that are in place. Remember that these laws are there to protect the fish, wildlife, habitat, environment as well as you and us. We appreciate your adherence to the laws; however, we greatly appreciate your help in notifying us if you see any suspicious activity. Should you observe an activity that you believe is not allowed or you know is contrary to the law, we strongly encourage you to pass on your observations.

This can be done by calling our OMNRF Tips line at 1-877-TIPS-MNR (1-877-847-7667) or if you wish to remain anonymous call Crime stoppers at 1-800-265-8477. The important thing is that you call and let someone know, because it is you that can help us to keep the Hullett Provincial Wildlife Area the really awesome place that it is to visit and share your experiences with others. The majority of the people we encounter are just out to have a relaxing and enjoyable day in the outdoors. Sometimes we do encounter those that are committing a violation of a law that falls within our mandate. We encourage you to read and understand the resource user guide and if you are involved in hunting we strongly encourage you to review the provincial hunting summary prior to coming to the Hullett. This summary can be found digitally at: http://www.ontario.ca/document/ontario-hunting-regulations-<u>summary</u>

The staff continues to work on maintaining and adding to the signs that help notify all of us as to the acceptable uses of this area. Please obey all of the signs especially the Private Lands and Yellow Dot signs that will indicate what activities are allowed. We have a low tolerance for violations of this type. If you have any questions always ask before you make a mistake. All roads within the Hullett are considered to be maintained and therefore it is illegal to have a loaded firearm while on the road or within 8 meters of the road. This is a safety hazard and we have no tolerance for this type of activity.

As you are out enjoying your activity in this public land area, you will no doubt encounter other resource users. We hope you take the time to get to know each other as you likely have similar interests in this great outdoor area.

Whether you are on a trail observing wildlife and birds or actively taking part in one of the allowed regulatory harvests, let's all be responsible for helping to safeguard our wonderful natural resources here in Ontario.

### **Drew Pegrum**

Conservation Officer Bus: 519-482-3667

Cell: 519-766-8158

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### **Deane Waite**

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### PLEASE REPORT NATURAL RESOURCE VIOLATIONS BY CALLING 1-877-847-7667

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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### Thankyou Hullett Supporters!

The sincerest of thanks goes out to the many incredible people who help the Friends of Hullett operate and manage the marsh with financial, material and volunteer support. Our members, user guide advertisers, community hour students, pheasant challenge participants and donors to fundraisers all contribute to the success of the HPWA.

The countless volunteer hours dedicated, by the many different groups and individuals, is increasingly precious and critical to the future of Hullett Marsh. The care and concern for this magical jewel by visitors and volunteers alike is invaluable.

The support from the local **Municipality of Central Huron** has been instrumental with the yearly operations at Hullett. In 2017 Hullett was again fortunate to have Central Huron's road department donate 500 tonnes of gravel to our parking lots, road ways and our agricultural access points.

An emense thank you continues to go out to Hill & Hill Farms and Varna Grain for their donation of corn for our baited areas.

A very special thank you goes out to Tim MacDonald of Ideal Supply for his donation of tools, supplies, safety equipment and, of course all the prizes for the Pheasant Challenge.

The 4th annual Charity Dinner and Auction was held once again at the **Albion Hotel** in Bayfield in May of 2017. The FOH would like to thank **Kim Muszynski** for closing his hotel and organizing this very successful fundraising event.

Visit us today @HullettMarsh on our new Instagram account and Facebook page and, as always, find new and updated information on our website www.hullettmarsh.com. Be the first to know about new events and join in the fun with our weekly Trivia Tuesdays. Remember to stop by our brand new Donation tube at the Sugar Bush parking lot.

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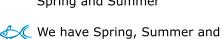
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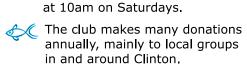
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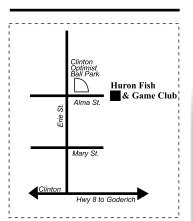
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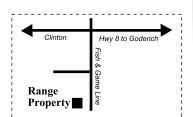




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