

Great Salt Plains Association Presents

Come See What's Happening at the Great Salt Plains!



Alfalfa County, Oklahoma
April 24 - 26, 2009

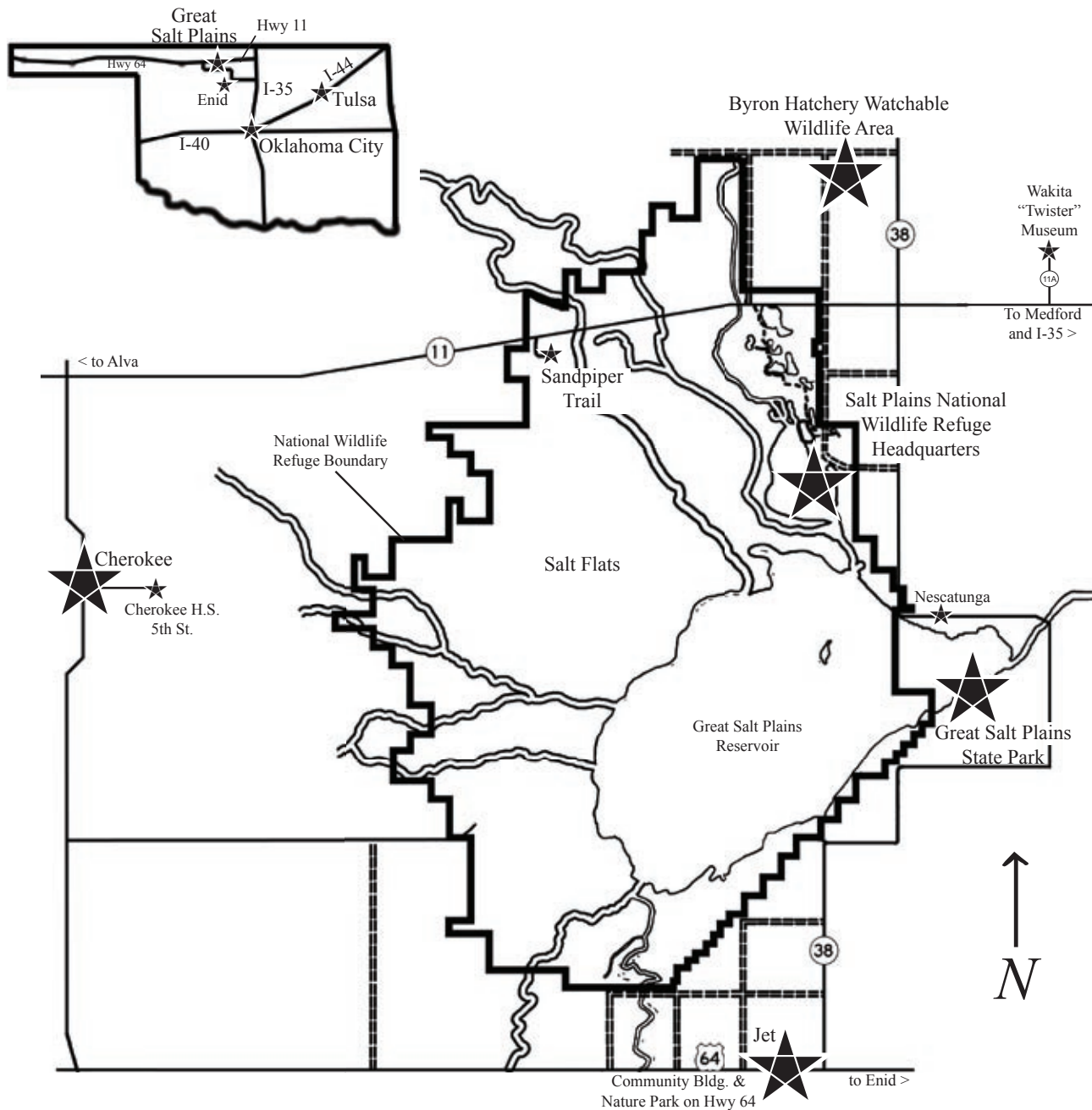
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- Cherokee Mainstreet Association
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- Farmer's Exchange Bank
- Pioneer Spirit Foundation
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The stars on the map below indicate landmarks and areas in the county where events occur. The schedule will be updated frequently, go to www.fws.gov/refuges/southwest/saltplains to check for additions!



Life's Better When You're Outdoors!

Friday, April 24, 2009

- 7 PM **Art Reception** - Goodwin Gallery, Grand Ave., Cherokee. Join local artists for wine & cheese tasting!
- Dark **Stargazing with John and Betty Olson** - State Park, stop by park for directions.
- Dark **Family Movie Night** - Join us at Cherokee's AEC Park to enjoy some family time while watching the Cherokee premiere of "Hoot". Bring your lawn chairs.

Saturday, April 25, 2009

- 7 AM **Early Birdwatching** Join Refuge staff on a 3 hr birding tour of Salt Plains NWR. Meet at refuge headquarters
- 7:30AM **Bird Walk** Join Refuge staff for an hour of birding on the Eagle Roost Nature Trail.
- 8 AM - **Byron Hatchery Watchable Wildlife Area** - Visit the nature center for hands-on fun for the entire family. Each family can build their own bluebird nestbox to take home with them!
- 9 AM **Wildlife Photography Session** with renowned wildlife photographer Bill Horn Classroom time and then you're in the field. Meet at refuge headquarters.
- 9 AM - **Art Show** - Head to Cherokee to view local artwork displayed on the courthouse lawn. Don't forget to visit Marion Goodwin's Art Gallery in Cherokee.
- 10:30AM **Zoomobile Program** - Join Oklahoma City Zoo staff at the refuge! Featuring live animals from the Zoo!
- 11:30AM **Zoomobile Program** See 10:30 program definition
- 1 PM - **Carp Round-Up** Catch carp by hand, AEC Park, Cherokee

- 1 PM - **Antique Tractor Show** - Come and see the tractors of yester-year at the State Park!
- 2 PM **Eagle Roost Nature Trail Guided Tour** - Explore the trail and marvel in nature's mysteries! Meet at trail parking lot.
- 2 PM - **Blacksmithing** - Meet and talk to re-enactors who will demonstrate this age-old technique.
- 4 PM **Afternoon Birdwatching** - Can't get up at 7 AM? Here is another chance to discover the refuge's feathered residents. Meet at refuge headquarters.
- All Day **Geo-cache/Digital Photography Scavenger Hunt** - Pick up rules and clue list at refuge visitor center.

All Day **Sidewalk & City-wide Garage Sales** - in Cherokee. Come find your treasure!

Saturday, 1 PM - 4 PM, Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters Lawn:

- Live Music!** - Enjoy the acoustic good ol' boy country music of Mike Warehime. Feel free to dance!
- Concession Stand** - sponsored by the Ackerman Scholarship Fund.
- Natural Resource Conservation Service** - Learn about wetlands conservation projects while enjoying the Stream Trailer!
- Duck Identification** - Learn all about waterfowl and test your skills with a fun, interactive Wing-ID game.
- Wildlife Rehabilitation** - Learn about the joys and challenges of working with injured wildlife.
- Reptile Rehabilitation** - Tandy Keenan will be here with her scaly friends. Learn about her work and see some of her clients.
- Tomahawk & Atlatl Demonstration** - Try your hand at primitive spear tossing, stick-tossing and tomahawk tossing*. (*Must be at least 5 ft. tall)

Art Contest - Come see the spectacular art from the 7th Youth Art Contest. Winners displayed at the refuge, all participants exhibited at the Jet Community Bldg.

Youth Archery Contest - Sponsored by the Enid Archery Club, ages under 18 are eligible. All equipment is provided.

Youth Casting Contest - Sponsored by the Byron State Fish Hatchery, ages under 18 are eligible. All equipment is provided. Meet at the Bonham Pond.

Trap Shoot - Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation brings you the opportunity to test your shooting skills at clay targets.

Fire Shoot-Out - Join the Nescatunga Volunteer Fire Department to "put out" fires and learn about fire safety.

Hidden Treasures - Join the Enid Gem & Mineral Club to see what is "hidden" under the surface at salt plains.

Wildlife ID - Test you skills at tracking wildlife and make your own animal track to take home!

Skins & Skulls - Ever wonder how many teeth a bobcat has? Or what a raccoon's hide feels like? Come see the different wildlife found in Oklahoma!

Insect ID - See all the different creepy crawlies that can be found in Oklahoma!

Migration Headaches - Head to the Eagle Roost Nature Trail for a fun filled, self-guided game on the "headaches" birds experience during migration!

FireWise - Learn about prescribed burning and keeping your home and land "fire wise".

Sustainability - Learn more about how to turn your house into a "green" building.

National Wild Turkey Federation - Join the Enid chapter as you discover the wild side of turkeys.

Relics of Oklahoma - Plains Indian & Pioneer Museum

Bird Feeders - create your own backyard bird feeder.

Saturday Evening

- 5:30 PM - **Dinner in Cherokee** - Cherokee
- 7 PM Mainstreet Association fundraising dinner at the Cherokee High School Cafeteria (\$5.00)
- 7 PM **Music Concert** - Cherokee High School Auditorium
- 7 PM **"Bats! Bats! Bats!"** Naturalist Tandy Keenan will present an interactive program on the bat. Byron Hatchery Watchable Wildlife Area.
- 8:15 PM **"The Prairie Under Cover of Darkness"** Participate in a guided night walk along the Watchable Wildlife Nature trail. Please dress warmly! (1 1/2 hours) Meet at the Byron Hatchery Watchable Wildlife Area
- 9 PM **Owl Prowl with Steve Metz** - Go for a night hike around the refuge in search of elusive owls. Bring your flashlights!
- Dark **Stargazing with John and Betty Olson** - State Park, stop by park for directions.

Sunday, April 26, 2009

- 7 AM **Early Birdwatching** - Join Refuge staff on a 3 hr birding tour of Salt Plains NWR. Meet at refuge headquarters
- 8:30AM **Wildwood Chapel Church Service** - located on River Road by Shelter #1, State Park
- 9 AM **Bird Walk** - Join refuge staff for an hour of birding on the Eagle Roost Nature Trail.
- 2 PM **Gospel Sing** - Join the community of Cherokee in a gospel sing along at the AEC park in Cherokee.

171 Species of birds were seen at last year's festival. Check on-line for a list!
<http://saltplains.fws.gov>

* Festival Events often get added to the agenda after the printing of this brochure - Check on-line at <http://saltplains.fws.gov/> for additions!