

Iroquois

National Wildlife Refuge

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Erie National Wildlife Refuge is administratively complexed under Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge.

Purpose

Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge was established for use as an inviolate sanctuary, or for any other management need, for migratory birds.

Public Use Notes

- Visitor contact station
- Live television pictures from an active bald eagle nest
- Spring into Nature celebration in April
- Fishing event hosted in June
- Hunting (big game, small game, waterfowl, turkey)

Management Activities

- Manage 4,000 acres of wetlands to maximize habitat for migratory birds
- Manage 1,400 acres of grasslands primarily for nesting cover for waterfowl and other birds
- Control invasive exotic species
- Monitor and protect bald eagle habitat

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Highlights

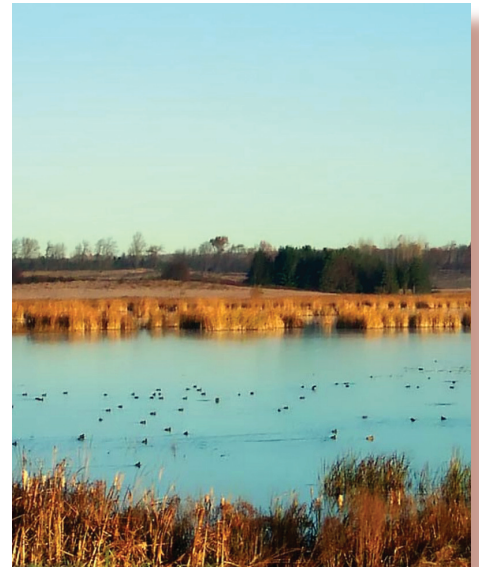
Spring and fall migrations of waterfowl provide great viewing opportunities. Several species of special concern, including black tern, least bittern and sora rail, frequent the marsh habitat.

The bald eagle nest on the refuge is monitored by remote camera, and a live picture feed provides viewing for thousands of visitors.

Several large areas of restored native grassland provide models for other government agencies and non-government organizations.

Issues

Friends of Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, Inc., an active support group for the refuge, has received grants of \$250,000, \$50,000 and \$15,000 to rebuild the Swallow Hollow Nature Trail and boardwalk, reopening in spring



Cayuga Pool

2006. The Iroquois Job Corps Center has been a great partner in rebuilding the boardwalk.

Several species of exotic plants are invading the refuge and degrading valuable wildlife habitat

In partnership with Ducks Unlimited, the refuge has replaced six water control structures at a considerable savings to the U.S. government. This is part of a major wetland rehabilitation of more than 2,000 acres. When completed, it will greatly enhance management capabilities on a major portion of the refuge, improving conditions for waterfowl, black terns, least bitterns and other marsh-nesting species.

