

# Hiking at Hullett Marsh

A fact sheet to help you understand, research and enjoy your hiking/skiing/snowshoeing experience at the Hullett Provincial Wildlife Area (HPWA)

## *The HPWA is a Multi-Use Property*

- *Please be mindful and respectful of other property users such as hunters, canoeists/kayakers, photographers, horseback riders, foragers, birdwatchers, school groups and nature groups*
- *Wearing a blaze orange hat/vest will increase your visibility to other property users for the safety of all concerned and is recommended at all times of the year such as runners and cyclists wear on roadways*
- *You are obligated to have care and control of your dog at all times*
- *A blaze orange collar or vest and a bell on your dog is encouraged to provide visibility and make your dogs presence known to other property users*

### Property Location:

- The HPWA is located in **Huron County** near the towns of Clinton and Seaforth
- **The HPWA is a 5,400-acre (2,200 hectare) multi-use crown property**
- All 20 access parking lots have a designated **911 #**
- No winter snow removal is performed on Hullett interior roads
- **Zone B parking lots 40672 Hydro Line Rd. and 80602 Wildlife Line** receive winter snow removal by staff when time and resources permit providing winter access to users

### Property Management:

- This unique property is managed by the **“Friends of Hullett” (FOH)** in partnership with Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry & Ducks Unlimited Canada
- FOH is a non-profit charitable organization incorporated in 1998 with 2 staff members and 9 volunteer Board of Directors
- **Habitat management and enhancement is a main priority of the HPWA**
- Hullett is not a park or conservation area, alcohol, camping and fires are not permitted
- Please do not park in front of gates, cable-closed roads or agricultural accesses

## **Hiking Tips and Facts:**

- **First and foremost, all hikers using the property must read and understand [Hullett regulations](#) before using the property**
- Hullett is a free-use property open 365 days per year with no fees charged to hike
- **Hullett has 7 colour coded marked hiking trails that total over 12 km with many connecting loops;** bicycles and horses are welcome on the trails
- **Over 18 km of Dyke-tops provide a great hiking in various wetland ecosystems**
- Water access is restricted **during certain periods of the year** to minimize disturbance to nesting waterfowl, this includes wading, canoeing, dog swimming and training
- The property is divided into **2 zones** each with very different regulations. **Refer to the [User Guide](#) for rules pertaining to each management zone; both A & B**
- The South Maitland River is the **boundary** between each zone
- **Zone A has 6 access parking lots and Zone B has 14 access parking lots**
- The property has 3 areas that **no public access is permitted** 365 days a year; 2 baited areas and 1 wildlife refuge (**White Tail Swamp**)
- **Over 90% of Zone A is located in non-hunting areas** during the fall months and therefore provides hiking opportunities away from hunters
- **Hullett is open for hunting 365 days a year with September 1 to December 31 the busy season for hunting activity**
- **Spring Wild Turkey** hunting occurs in both Zones from April 25 to May 31 each year
- Firearm discharge is permitted at Hullett 365 days per year
- **Motorized vehicles are not permitted off roadways** with the exception of snowmobiles on the registered trail, Hullett staff, OPP and MNRF, Hydro-One and registered trappers
- **Furbearer trapping occurs on the property to manage beaver and muskrat populations**

## **Scouting and Property Knowledge:**

- At 5,400 acres, Hullett Marsh is a **very large and intimidating property** especially for first time hikers visiting the property
- Research and scouting are key elements as you discover the property
- **The Hullett map that is located in the center of our [User Guide](#) is your best friend while you navigate the property.**
- **[User Guide](#)** are available online via our web site and hard copies can be found in the map boxes located at each of our 20 access parking lots

## **Volunteering and Membership advantages:**

- Volunteering your time helping with nesting programs, events, habitat care and general property maintenance is a great way to scout and learn about the Hullett landscape.
- **[Becoming a FOH member](#)** not only helps support us financially in property maintenance and signage but it also gives you access to updates and newsletters via email.