

HULLETT NEWS



FALL 2025

Board of Directors

Message from the Board

Hello FoH members:

Fall is officially here, and the excitement is building for another busy season at Hullett Marsh! We were able to complete numerous pressing tasks and take on new projects with help from our summer students and volunteers. Water structures received an intensive removal of vegetative growth, parking lots received a make over, a new accessible hunting blind was built thanks to the OFAH, turtle nesting protectors were placed thanks to TD FEF (pg.5), and our *Phragmites* control continues with help from our community conservation partners (pg.5/6). On top of this, **Emily Dearing**, our **Outreach Coordinator**, completed a wonderful new **Hullett User Guide** for another year. We are very thankful for the funding from the **Municipality of Central Huron's Donation Fund**, which helped fund the Hullett User Guide.

For the latest updates and resources, be sure to visit our website homepage often. You'll find many helpful links and downloadable PDFs to keep you informed!

With the arrival of fall, Hullett Marsh becomes a hub of activity, especially with the start of hunting season. As more and more people enjoy this shared space, we want to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone. We kindly remind all hunters to follow all Hullett, provincial, and federal hunting regulations (pg.5). Please remember that the Marsh is a multi-use area; other users, like hikers and birdwatchers, will also be out enjoying the trails. For everyone's safety, we strongly recommend that all visitors wear bright colors to be more while enjoying this space.

We hope you enjoy this newsletter and if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please let staff know by emailing fohoffice@hullettmarsh.com. We hope you enjoy your time here at Hullett Marsh. **Duane Inkpen** – *Chairman of the Board* 🦋



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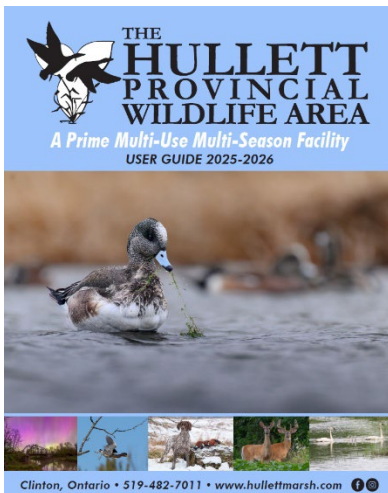
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Horse Access

Hullett Marsh is a beautiful place to ride, and we're happy to welcome our equine friends. To protect the trails and dyke systems during the wetter months, some restrictions are in place. From **October 1st to April 30th, horse access is prohibited in Zone A.** However, **Zone B remains open year-round** for riders to enjoy. By following these rules, you help us keep the trails in great shape for everyone and ensure a safe experience for both you and your horse. 🐾

Hullett User Guide



We're excited to announce that this year's Hullett Marsh User Guide is complete, thanks to the hard work of **Emily Dearing**. This guide wouldn't have been possible without the support of our incredible community partners.

A huge thank you to Blyth Printers for their exceptional design work and diligent editing, and to the Municipality of Central Huron for their generous \$2,200 contribution from the Central Huron Donation Fund. This funding allows us to print 5,000 copies of the guide, ensuring it's accessible to the public.



We are incredibly grateful for the overwhelming support from local businesses who advertised in this year's User Guide. Thanks to a record number of advertisers, all of the proceeds from the ads go directly into managing Hullett Marsh. This incredible partnership allows us to continue our work, and we want to extend a sincere thank you to Armstrong's Home Bakery, Artech Signs & Graphics, Bayfield Berry Farm, Bluewater Golf Course & Campground,

Blyth Printing, Central Huron Automotive, China Palace, Clinton Sporting Goods, Clinton Veterinary Clinic, Creekside Pheasantry, Dale Rentals, Ducks Unlimited Canada, Excalibur Insurance, Exeter Game Farm, Farmer's Dell, Forbes Custom Carpentry, Gateway Casinos Clinton, Hill & Hill Farms/Varna Grain, Huron Fish & Game Conservation Club, Huron/Perth Youth Pheasant Hunt Committee, Hyde Brothers Farm Equipment, Kelly Auto Services, M.G.M. Townsend Tires, MicroAge Basics Goderich, Munro Honey & Meadery, Municipality of Central Huron, Nahuel Painting, Nature's Nest, NRG Sanctuary, Pineridge BBQ Catering Company, RE/MAX – Elaine Coombs, Robinson Electric, Royal Game Birds Inc., Scott Dale Carpentry, Smith Farmhouse, Sommers Generator Systems, Ten Point Financial, The Ashwood Inn, The Old Mill Blyth, The White Squirrel Golf Club & Restaurant, Tim Hortons, West Coast Leisure Sales, Wighty's Repairs Inc., and Zeiss Optics for their support!

Keep an eye out for the new User Guide in our map boxes this fall! You can also download a digital copy from our website to conveniently view anywhere! 🐾

Pheasant Challenge

The Friends of Hullett's annual Pheasant Challenge raffle is the primary source of funds to support the release of pheasants in the marsh each year. This year is no exception!

Your \$10 ticket helps us continue our goal of releasing 1,000 birds annually, ensuring the future of the pheasant hunt. Tickets are available for purchase at **Clinton Sporting Goods** or at hullettmarsh.com.

This year's draw features some fantastic prizes, including a **Stevens 555 O/U 3" 20 ga. shotgun** provided by Clinton Sporting Goods as the first prize, and a **Briggs & Stratton 3000W portable inverter generator** donated by Sommers Generator Systems as the second prize.

We sincerely thank those who purchased tickets for their incredible support. The future of pheasant hunting at Hullett is truly in your hands! 🐾

Thank You Sommers Generator Systems!

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Sommers Generator Systems. Sommers Generator Systems has donated a 3000W Briggs & Stratton Inverter Generator for the 2nd place prize in our Pheasant Challenge draw this year. FoH is extremely grateful for this support and strong community partnership. 🦋



Summer Students



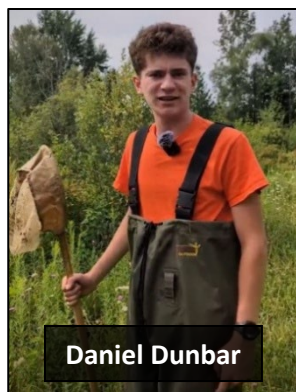
Emily Dearing

This summer, our team was stronger than ever with the addition of four dedicated students. Thanks to funding from Canada Summer Jobs, we were able to bring on a fantastic team to help us manage and maintain the marsh.

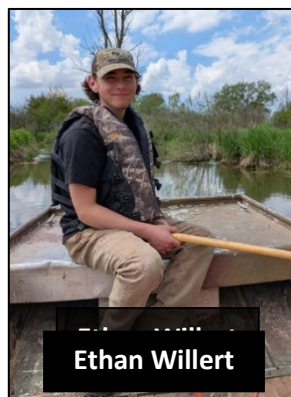
Returning for her third summer, **Emily Dearing** took on the role of

Outreach Coordinator. Emily accomplished some big things, including creating our new Hullett User Guide, leading a workshop on building turtle nest protectors, and taking our social media to new heights—literally—with her drone photography.

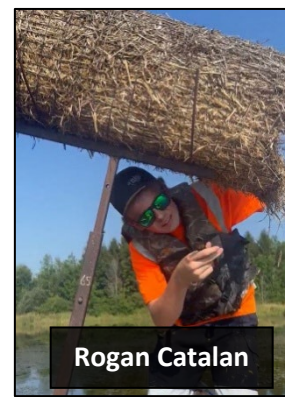
Our maintenance team was led by **Maintenance Supervisor Daniel Dunbar**, a recent graduate of Fleming College's Fish and Wildlife program. Daniel took on a marsh-wide benthic macroinvertebrate monitoring project to assess the aquatic health of the marsh. He was joined



Daniel Dunbar



Ethan Willert



Rogan Catalan

by **Maintenance Workers Rogan Catalan and Ethan Willert.** Rogan, an accomplished outdoorsman who is going into grade 12 this year, is a frequent visitor to the marsh who loves hunting pheasants with his German Short-haired Pointer, Mack. Ethan came to us through a co-op placement while attending St. Anne's in Clinton and will be starting the Fish and Wildlife program at Fleming this fall. We wish him the best in his studies!

We are incredibly grateful for all their hard work this summer, which has had a lasting impact on Hullett Marsh. **Without funding from Canada Summer Jobs, the continuing support of our membership, and the help of these youth, the marsh would not be what it is today.** Having them here allowed for much more work to be done, and their hard work can be seen across the marsh. 🦋

Hunting Regulations

Before you begin your hunt, please be sure you have read and fully understand all Hullett, Provincial, and Federal hunting regulations. This is essential to ensure the safety of everyone who uses the marsh this season. Links to these regulations are provided here for your convenience: [Federal Regulations](#), [Provincial Regulations](#), [Hullett Regulations](#). FoH would like to wish all hunters a safe and successful hunting season! 🦋

REMINDER: Hikers and other visitors to Zone A, please park in the yellow unnumbered spaces. This helps ensure the numbered spots are available for migratory bird hunters.

Youth Waterfowl Clinic

Friends of Hullett recently hosted our annual Youth Waterfowl Clinic, welcoming young participants on September 20th.



Participants spent the day gaining essential skills and hands-on experience in waterfowl hunting and

conservation. The clinic provided a wide range of activities, including gun safety, canoe and water safety, clay shooting, and waterfowl identification. The youth learned about ethical hunting, decoy placement, calling, concealment, and the importance of protecting wetland habitat.

A key part of the day was getting hands-on with our Mallard Tube program. The youth worked with FoH staff and volunteers to investigate tube contents, collect important data, and rebuild the tubes for next year.



A huge thank you to all the organizations, dedicated volunteers, and supportive parents who made this event a success. Your commitment helps us inspire the next generation of conservationists and ethical hunters. 🦋

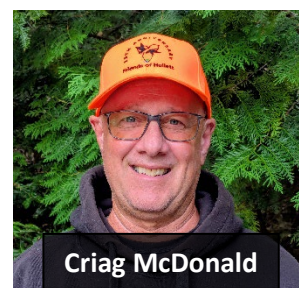
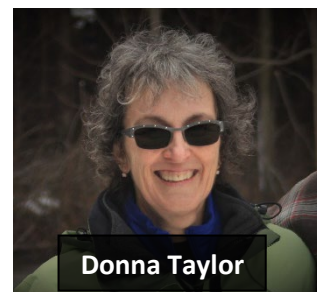
2025 Board of Directors

Our work is guided by a dedicated and passionate group of eight volunteer board members. With diverse backgrounds and a shared love for the

Hullett Provincial Wildlife Area (HPWA), these individuals meet monthly to help staff with key decisions that shape the management and future of the marsh.

FoH would like to thank Chris Ambrose, for 7 years of dedicated volunteer service as he stepped down from his position as the Friends of Hullett Treasurer. We would also like to thank Barb Orchard for 2½ years of service as a member of the Board of Directors. The insights and experience of Chris and Barb will be missed; we wish them the best on their future endeavors!

This year, we welcomed two new Board members! A long-time naturalist and environmentalist, **Donna Taylor** has a background in wildlife management and naturalization. Living adjacent to Hullett, she has a vested interest in the health and well-being of the area.



Hullett is pheasant hunting and dog training home base for **Craig McDonald**. As a new Hullett board member, he looks forward to learning about and supporting the many other activities and initiatives at the marsh. 🦋

Fall Forestry Workshop

Following the success of last year's workshops, we are thrilled to partner again with the **Ontario Woodlot Association** to host another series of forestry workshops at Hullett Marsh! It is a pleasure to see so many landowners joining us to gain the tools and knowledge for sustainable forest management. Over the course of the program, participants are



gaining hands-on experience in creating a personalized stewardship plan, mapping their property, and conducting a full inventory. This initiative supports our ongoing commitment to public education and community engagement, and we encourage anyone interested in learning more to contact the office or check our website for more information. 🌿

Reporting Violations

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.

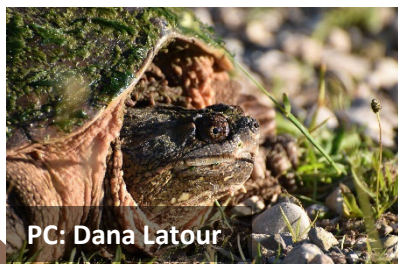
- Nature of the violation (hunting, fishing, species at risk, unlawful harvesting, etc...)
- Vehicle information such as; licence plate, color, make & model of vehicle
- Location of the offence such as civic address or simply where you are in the Hullett
- Specifics about the event that you saw including date, time, persons involved if name known if not descriptions of people

1-877-TIPS-MNR

If you see someone committing a violation on Hullett Marsh property, please be sure to contact the appropriate authorities. Friends of Hullett staff do not do any type of enforcement so it is important to either contact OPP or a Conservation Officer depending on the type of situation. **Phone numbers for our local Conservation Officers can be found on page 4 of the 2025-2026 User Guide.** 🌿

Turtle Nest Protection

This year marks the seventh year of our turtle nest protection program. With support from the **TD Friends of the Environment Foundation**, we placed 50 new nest boxes to boost the survival rate of turtle



PC: Dana Latour

eggs. It's crucial work, as most of the nests we found this year belonged to the **Common Snapping Turtle**, a

species that doesn't reach maturity for 12 to 15 years

Additionally, we are also partnering with the **University of Waterloo** on the **MarshReach** project and exploring the creation of nesting mounds.

With these new partnerships and initiatives, we're not just protecting our turtles—we're building a brighter, more secure future for them at Hullett Marsh. 🌿

Volunteering

With a small staff and a sprawling 5,400-acre property to manage, volunteers are the backbone of everything we do at Hullett Marsh. Your efforts are what keep our infrastructure, programs, and habitat thriving.

We have a job for everyone, regardless of your age or how much time you can give. Whether you can spare just an hour or a full day, your help is always welcome. For our hunting community, volunteering is a fantastic way to give back to the space you love. It's also an excellent opportunity to scout the area and get a firsthand look at waterfowl activity before your hunt.

If you're interested in volunteering or organizing a volunteer day for a group, email Friends of Hullett at fohoffice@hullettmarsh.com or call us at 519-482-7011. 🌿

Phragmites Removal

Phragmites, also known as Common Reed, is an aggressive invasive species that has become established in Hullett Marsh. *Phragmites* forms dense stands that crowd out native plants, which in turn reduces critical food and habitat for wildlife. These invasive mats also lower water levels and block sunlight, threatening the biodiversity of our wetlands.



Invasive Phragmites

Friends of Hullett is part of the new Huron County Phragmites Management Area Working Group, a collaborative effort with many other organizations working to eliminate *Phragmites* from

Huron County. Within the Marsh, our *Phragmites* control capacity has grown considerably thanks to new sprayers, purchased using funds from the OFAH Foundation's Community Conservation Fund. With this support, and crucial financial backing from the Huron Clean Water Project and Ducks Unlimited Canada, we've seen incredible results. The amount of *Phragmites* in the marsh has decreased by roughly 75% since control began in 2016.



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We sincerely thank all our partners in the Huron County Phragmites Management Area Working Group for their collaboration, and a special thank you to the OFAH Foundation, Huron Clean Water Project, and Ducks Unlimited for their crucial financial support in this ongoing effort. If you see *Phragmites* in Hullett, be sure to report it to the Hullett Office (fohoffice@hullettmarsh.com), iNaturalist, or EddMaps to assist in control efforts!

2026 Photo Contest

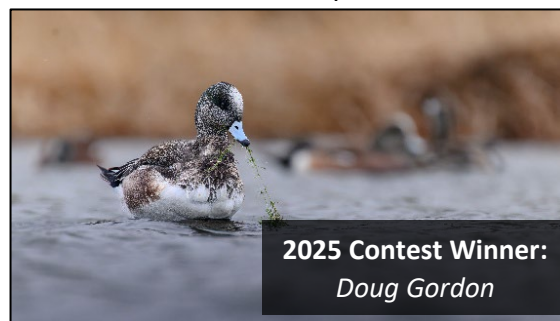
Do you have a stunning photo of Hullett Marsh? Your picture could be on the cover of our **2025-2026 Hullett Marsh User Guide!**

The first-place photo will be used as the main cover photo on next year's User Guide, second through sixth place photos will also be featured.

To enter, simply send your photos to fohoffice@hullettmarsh.com. By submitting a photo, you grant Friends of Hullett the right to use it in our social media posts, presentations, and other public displays.

Photo Contest Guidelines:

- Must have been taken in Hullett Marsh
- Must depict safe practices that do not go against any rules or regulations
- Must not contain gore of any kind
- Name the file with the name of the person entering the contest (e.g. John_Smith_1.jpg)
- Submission deadline: April 30th, 2026 🦋



Connect with Hullett

Want to stay in the loop? The best way to get all the news from Hullett Marsh is to become a member!

By joining, you'll receive our newsletters and other updates directly in your inbox throughout the year. For a daily dose of what's happening at the marsh, be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram, and visit our website for the latest info. Your membership is a fantastic way to show your support and to encourage others to get involved!

**Click here to fill out our
membership form!**

