

# News Release

## National Wildlife Refuge System



### Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge

La Crosse District  
N5727 County Road Z  
Onalaska, WI 54650

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### Wildflower Walk at the Upper Mississippi River Refuge

Come enjoy the beauty of summer wildflowers on a FREE walk through the sand prairie! Join Ranger Katie to see which plants are blooming and learn more about them. We will walk about two miles on paved and gravel surfaces. Visitors wishing for a shorter walk may stop at the overlook and return to the Visitor Center at their own pace. This event will best be enjoyed by adults, but all ages are welcome. Pre-registration is required, and space is limited. Please call 608-779-2391 to sign up.

**Where:** La Crosse District Visitor Center, N5727 County Road Z, Onalaska, WI 54650

**When:** Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 6pm – 8pm

Please meet at the three-panel kiosk by the Visitor Center parking lot. The building will not be open, but restrooms on the back side will be available. Please bring drinking water and sun protection. Please leave pets at home. We'll walk in light rain but will cancel for heavy rain, storms or extreme heat.

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*The Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge is the most visited refuge in the United States. The refuge extends 261 miles along the Upper Mississippi River from Wabasha, Minn. to Rock Island, Ill., protecting and preserving habitat for migratory birds, fish, and a variety of other wildlife.*

*In addition to being the most visited refuge in the country, the "Upper Miss" Refuge has the added complexity of a major navigation system, including 11 locks and dams, within its boundary. It is also a world-class fish and wildlife area which harbors 306 species of birds; 119 species of fish; more than 300 active bald eagle nests; thousands of heron and egret nests; spectacular concentrations of canvasback ducks, tundra swans, and white pelicans; and several threatened or endangered species.*