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# International Wetland Day OPEN HOUSE at Buckeye Swamp


10 am - 5 pm

Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2011




 The Open House at the ORWRP is an annual celebration of World Wetland Day, which commemorates the beginning of the international Ramsar Convention on Wetlands. This date in 2011 is noteworthy, as it is the 40th anniversary year of the Ramsar convention and the beginning of our year-long 20th anniversary celebration for the Olentangy River Wetland Research Park.

The Open House will feature an indoor “museum walk” that gives the 20-year history of the ORWRP as seen by the local, Ohio, and world press, presentations on past and current research in aquatic sciences, presentations related to wetlands around the world, and tours of the ORWRP itself. International snacks will be provided by staff and students.

 The Olentangy River Wetland Research Park (alias ‘Buckeye Swamp’) had its origins in 1991 as an idea of Professor Bill Mitsch, a wetlands ecologist in the then-School of Natural Resources, as reported twenty years ago in the *Columbus Dispatch*, *Wall Street Journal* (and finally the *OSU Lantern!*) in spring 1991. Research how wetlands work and how to create and restore then has continued to this day.

Now the home of not only students but of waterfowl, muskrats and beaver, the research has resulted in dozens of graduate and honors degrees and several notable water awards and recognitions such as the Stockholm Water Prize and an international Ramsar designation showcasing the ORWRP as a Wetland of International Importance, Ohio’s only such wetland.

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