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Swan Haven celebrates 20 years

WHITEHORSE—To mark its 20th anniversary the Swan Haven Interpretive Centre has unveiled new interpretive exhibits that encourage the appreciation and stewardship of water birds in Yukon.

"Swan Haven is a world-class wildlife viewing site, and I encourage everyone to make the trip to Marsh Lake to experience the new displays as the centre celebrates two decades of operation," Minister of Environment Currie Dixon said.

The interpretive centre is open to the public from April 1 to 30. Throughout the month it hosts dozens of free events in conjunction with A Celebration of Swans and Yukon Biodiversity Awareness Month. During operating hours wildlife viewing interpreters are available to answer questions and guide visitors through the new exhibits.

"I would like to recognize the many volunteers and organizations that have worked as proud protectors of Swan Haven over the years," Dixon added. "Working together we've made improvements so that Yukoners can enjoy the centre for the next 20 years."

In addition, all are welcome to attend a special anniversary gala on April 16 at the Yukon Beringia Interpretive Centre in Whitehorse. Keynote speaker and bird expert Jim Hawking will be on hand to discuss swan migration and the history of Swan Haven.

Swan Haven is located on the shores of M'Clintock Bay at the north end of Marsh Lake, approximately 40 kilometres southeast of Whitehorse. The bay is one of the few areas of open water where swans and other water birds can safely rest and feed on their journey north.

Managed by the Department of Environment's Wildlife Viewing program, the interpretive centre has welcomed over 65,000 visitors from Yukon and around the world since 1994.

The interpretive centre is open on weekdays from 5 to 9 p.m. and weekends and holidays from noon to 7 p.m.

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