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Desert National Wildlife Refuge Complex Celebrates National Wildlife Refuge Week

Events Slated at Desert, Moapa Valley and Pahrnagat National Wildlife Refuges

LAS VEGAS – The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is celebrating National Wildlife Refuge Week October 10-16, 2010 with events at most of the 552 units that make up America's National Wildlife Refuge System. The Desert National Wildlife Refuge Complex in southern Nevada invites the public to join the celebration at three of its wildlife refuges.

On Saturday, October 16, 2010, the **Desert National Wildlife Refuge** is hosting a twilight walk on the Corn Creek trail. Participants have the opportunity to experience the nighttime world at this true desert oasis. The walk begins at approximately 6:30 p.m. (PDT). To confirm the start time, please call the wildlife refuge at **(702) 879-6110**. The trailhead is located next to the restrooms at Corn Creek.

The 1.5 million-acre Desert NWR (www.fws.gov/desertcomplex/desertrange) is approximately 23 miles north of Las Vegas on U.S. Highway 95. A sign on the east side of the highway marks the entrance to the four-mile gravel road leading to Corn Creek.

From now through Memorial Day, the visitor contact station at the Desert NWR is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Friday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Additionally, the station is open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Mondays of holiday weekends. The wildlife refuge itself is open year round.

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Also on October 16, Ranger Laura Wright will lead an interpretive nature walk at the **Pahranagat National Wildlife Refuge**. Wright, an educator representing the Southern Nevada Agency Partnership, will provide information about the endangered and threatened species living on the wildlife refuge and the actions being taken to protect them. The nature walk begins at 10 a.m. and ends at noon. Participants are asked to meet Ranger Wright at the covered picnic area near the upper lake.

The 5,382-acre Pahranagat NWR (www.fws.gov/desertcomplex/pahranagat) is located in Lincoln County approximately 90 miles north of Las Vegas on U.S. Highway 93.

Following the Pahranagat event, Ranger Wright will travel to the **Moapa Valley National Wildlife Refuge** for an afternoon interpretive nature walk. From 2 p.m. until 4 p.m., participants will see and learn about the endangered Moapa dace and other species living on the wildlife refuge, as well as the work being done to protect them.

The 117-acre Moapa Valley NWR (www.fws.gov/desertcomplex/moapavalley) is located in Clark County approximately 60 miles north of Las Vegas on Warm Springs Road, about 1.4 miles southwest of State Route 168.

The Moapa Valley NWR is open to the public on Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. from now through Memorial Day.

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