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# News Release



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## Ash Meadows NWR to Host Desert Fish Discovery Day

**AMARGOSA VALLEY, Nev.** – A day of desert springs exploration is on tap next Sunday at the Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) encourages the public to participate in the Desert Fish Discovery Day at the wildlife refuge in Nye County. It promises to be a day filled with family fun including hiking, exploration, games, and prizes.

On May 1, 2011, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., a FWS wildlife biologist will lead a tour of four desert springs on the wildlife refuge. Participants will stop first at Devils Hole to see the famous pupfish living there. Next, the group will walk along the Point-of-Rocks boardwalk for approximately one mile to King's Pool to see the Ash Meadows Amargosa pupfish and possibly hear the pupfish "speak" in a language scientists are just beginning to understand.

Following a picnic lunch at King's Pool, participants will visit Warm Springs, where the endangered Warm Springs pupfish reside, and hike down the Fairbanks Spring channel in search of the endangered Ash Meadows speckled dace.

Those wishing to take part in this educational outdoor experience are required to register ahead of time. To do so, please contact the Ash Meadows NWR office at (775) 372-5435, or send an email to [cyndi\\_souza@fws.gov](mailto:cyndi_souza@fws.gov). The event is free of charge, but participants should pack a lunch and bring plenty of water. Participants are also responsible for their transportation between stops.

Sturdy shoes for hiking and comfortable clothing are recommended. A small backpack is suggested to carry water, snacks, and a bag lunch on the hikes. A hat, sunscreen, and sunglasses are strongly recommended.

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The event is being held in conjunction with the Las Vegas Science Festival, which is designed to expose young people to the innovative science taking place in southern Nevada. For more information about the festival, visit [www.lasvegassciencefestival.com](http://www.lasvegassciencefestival.com).

The 23,448-acre Ash Meadows NWR ([www.fws.gov/desertcomplex/ashmeadows](http://www.fws.gov/desertcomplex/ashmeadows)) is located in the Amargosa Valley of southern Nye County approximately 30 miles northwest of Pahrump. The west entrance to the wildlife refuge is on State Route 373, and the south entrance is on Bell Vista Road. Signs mark both entrances.

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