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# News Release



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## “Let’s Explore: 115° Fahrenheit!” at Ash Meadows NWR

*Learn about species that survive the extreme summer heat*

**AMARGOSA VALLEY** – The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service invites the public to the Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) on Saturday, July 23, 2011 for another “Let’s Explore Ash Meadows!” adventure.

“Let’s Explore: 115° Fahrenheit!” is scheduled from 9-11 a.m. While the mercury at Ash Meadows might not reach exactly 115 degrees on July 23, this month is historically the best time to experience that legendary Mojave Desert heat.

An Ash Meadows NWR Ranger will lead the event, which begins with a presentation about the plants and animals on the wildlife refuge that are able to endure the intense summer conditions. Participants will then walk to a nearby natural desert spring to see some of these extreme survivors in their natural setting.

The event is free of charge, and participants are reminded to bring a hat, sunscreen, and water. Those wishing to take part are asked to register for the event by contacting the Ash Meadows NWR office at (775) 372-5435, or by sending an email to [cyndi\\_souza@fws.gov](mailto:cyndi_souza@fws.gov). Those registering in advance will receive an Ash Meadows NWR water bottle.

“Let’s Explore Ash Meadows!” events are planned throughout the year. The next adventure on September 10, 2011, involves exploring the dunes for lizards and snakes. A detailed schedule of events is available online at [www.fws.gov/desertcomplex/ashmeadows](http://www.fws.gov/desertcomplex/ashmeadows).

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The 23,448-acre Ash Meadows NWR is located in the Amargosa Valley of southern Nye County, Nevada 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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