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Desert National Wildlife Refuge celebrating National Get Outdoors Day with some “Fun in the Sun”

LAS VEGAS — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service invites the public to enjoy National Get Outdoors Day on Saturday, June 9, 2012, with a “Discover Desert” program at the Desert National Wildlife Refuge. “Fun in the Sun” is the theme of the day.

The Discover Desert program runs from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (PDT) on June 9 at Corn Creek. The entire family will enjoy learning about the mysteries of the sun with hands-on activities and crafts. Participants can play fun games while learning how desert animals survive the summer heat. The [Las Vegas Astronomical Society](#) will have its solar scope at the event, offering the public a closer (and safer) view of the sun.

The event is free of charge. Those planning to attend are asked to register ahead of time by contacting Ida Castillo at 702-879-6110, ext. 119.

The annual [National Get Outdoors Day](#) was first organized in 2008 to encourage healthy, active outdoor fun at sites across the nation. Federal agencies, non-profit organizations, and the recreation industry team up to offer American families opportunities to experience traditional and non-traditional types of outdoor activities. The main goals of the day are to reach first-time visitors to public lands and reconnect young people with the great outdoors.

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The [Desert NWR](#) is approximately 23 miles north of Las Vegas on U.S. Highway 95. Signs on both the east and west sides of the highway mark the turnoff to the 4-mile gravel road leading to Corn Creek. The wildlife refuge was established May 20, 1936, for the conservation and development of wildlife resources, including the desert bighorn sheep. At 1.6 million acres, it is the largest national wildlife refuge in the continental United States.

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