



Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge

Ground Hog Day

Monday, February 2 (11 am – 1 pm)

Find out first hand if “Bitterroot Bill” sees his shadow and we have six more weeks of winter.

Great Backyard Bird Count

February 14 (10 am – Noon) Bird identification workshop.



Welcome Back Waterfowl Day

April 4 (10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)

Observe and learn about the ducks, swans, geese, and other birds migrating through the Bitterroot Valley at the Refuge. Bitterroot Audubon, Bitterroot National Forest, Refuge staff and volunteers will be available on Wildfowl Lane with spotting scopes for close-up views of the waterfowl and to answer questions.

Montana Junior Duck Stamp Award Ceremony

(11 am – 1 pm) includes living history program of Capt. Meriwether Lewis as Naturalist.

In addition, the 2009 Montana Junior Duck Stamp winners will be on display in the Refuge’s Visitor Center.

Spring Refuge Tour

May 2 & 9, June 13 & 20 (8 am – 10 am)

Discover the wild side of the Refuge on a two-hour walking tour through the Wildlife Viewing Area. Sign-up is required.

Weed Pull

May 16 (10 am – 1 pm)

Have an exotic experience! Pull weeds from foreign lands growing on the Refuge - Get dirty for a good cause. Call the Refuge for more information 777-5552.

BioThon

May 16 (8 am – 10 am)

Take an ecological/recreational challenge; navigate a Refuge trail testing knowledge and stamina.

Kid’s Fishing Clinic

June 6 (9 a.m. – 3 p.m.)

Learn about fish biology, fishing ethics, and the important role of the Refuge in fisheries resources.

Young anglers will also experience fishing first-hand on the Refuge ponds. Advance sign-up is required. Ages 7-12.

Bio Blitz

Late June/early July (8am – 5pm)

Scientists collect and display for the public a comprehensive cross-section of all plants and animals found on the Refuge.

Uncover Montana Speaker Series

Saturday afternoons during June/July/August/September

These special events are slated to use the Amphitheater Saturday afternoons. Each month a different expert will engage, entertain and educate the attending audience on a variety of topics that are integrated with wildlife.

National Wildlife Refuge Week

October 11-17 Explore the Refuge and it's wildlife through a variety of activities, from bird walks (*Be Active Bitterroot* programming) to refuge tours.

Home School Outdoors Day - tentative (9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.)

This event is open to Bitterroot Valley K-12 home schooled students. There will be twenty different education stations, accented by hands-on activities, for students to attend. Sign-up required.

Halloween

October 31

Experience the “wild” side of Halloween.

For more information:

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