

Sounds of the Night



The blanket of night falls on the Great Dismal Swamp and the sounds of spring peeper and southern leopard frogs, owls, and Whip-poor-wills reverberate in the shadows.

This evening trek is a true adventure through the Great Dismal Swamp, which is also home to mammals such as black bear, bobcat, and northern red bats.

Space is limited, call (757) 986-3705 to make reservations. Free & open to the public.

International Migratory Bird Day

Each year, hundreds of thousands of people observe International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD). They will gather in town squares, community centers, schools, parks, and refuges across the Western Hemisphere to learn more about wild birds, take action to conserve birds and their habitats, and simply have fun.

Like any day of recognition, IMBD exists to focus attention on something important and marvelous—in this case, the journey birds undertake between their summer and winter homes. IMBD was created specifically to highlight the migration of nearly 350 species of migratory birds between nesting habitats in North America and non-breeding grounds in South and Central America, Mexico, and the Caribbean. However, the day serves as an opportunity to celebrate all the species of birds whose annual movements enliven our lands, waters and skies.

Migratory birds are some of the most beautiful, observable and remarkable wildlife that share our world. Many know migratory birds as symbolic harbingers of spring and melodious songsters of the woods. Migratory birds are also an important economic resource. Controlling insect pests and generating billions of recreational dollars.

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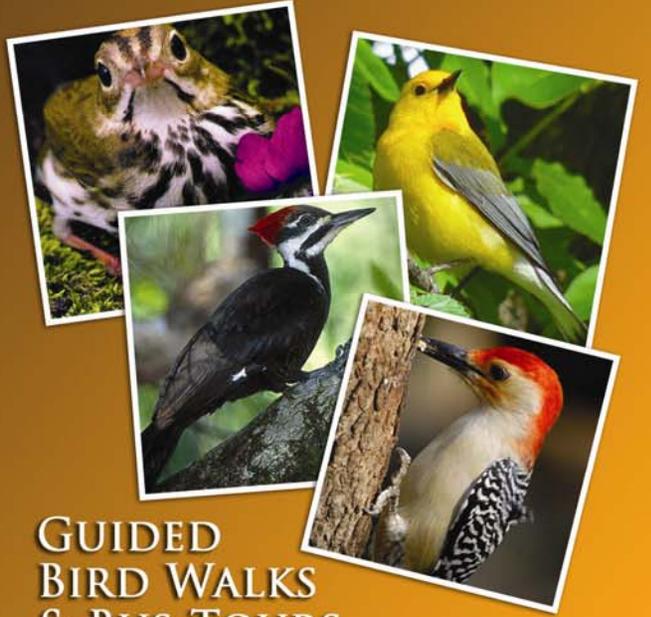
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Great Dismal Swamp
BIRDING FESTIVAL

MAY 7-9, 2009



GUIDED BIRD WALKS & BUS TOURS

OWL PROWLs

PHOTOGRAPHY & NATURE-RELATED WORKSHOPS

KID'S ACTIVITIES & BEGINNER BIRD WALKS

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Environment for the Americas

Thursday, May 7, 2009

- 7-11am Bird Banding Demonstration
Jericho Ditch Banding Station
- 7:30-10:30am Guided Bird Walk (adults)
Jericho Ditch
- 8-10am Bus tour to Banding Station
(from Jericho parking area)
- 1:30-3pm Bus tour to Lake Drummond;
Departs from Refuge Headquarters
- 7-9pm Owl Prowl (12 yrs & older)
Washington Ditch

Friday, May 8

- 6:30-9:30am Guided Bird Walk (adults)
Jericho Ditch
- 7-11am Bird Banding Demonstration
Jericho Ditch Banding Station
- 7:30-10am Guided Bird Walk (12 yrs & older)
Washington Ditch
- 11am-12:30pm Photographing Nature Workshop
& Guided Photographing Nature
Walk; Refuge Headquarters
Conference Room
& Headquarters Trail (Adults)
- 1:30pm- 3pm Bus tour to Lake Drummond
Departs from Refuge Headquarters
- 7pm-9pm Sounds of the Night Guided Bus &
Walking Tour
Departs from Refuge Headquarters
Reservations required; Space is
limited.

Saturday, May 9

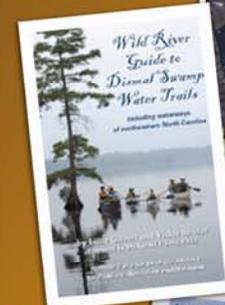
- 6:30-9:30am Guided Bird Walk (adults)
Jericho Ditch
- 7-9:30am Guided Bird Walk (12 yrs & older)
Dismal Swamp Canal Trail
North Trail Head Parking Area
(Entrance offers disabled access)

Great Dismal Swamp Birding Festival 2009

Saturday, May 9 (continued)

- 7-11am Bird Banding Demonstration
Jericho Ditch Banding Station
- 7:30-10:30am Guided Bird Walk (12 yrs & older)
Washington Ditch
- 9-10:30am Beginners Bird Watching Class &
Guided Walk
Refuge Headquarters Conference
Room & Headquarters Trail
(12-16 yrs w/adult)
- 9am-3:30pm Exhibits & Family Activity Tent
(Nature crafts, blue bird
house building, dissecting owl
pellets, face painting, etc.)
Washington Ditch
- 10-11am Nature Walk led by Author &
Wild Plant Expert, Vickie Shufer
Washington Ditch
- 11am-12:30pm Bus tour to Lake Drummond
Departs from Refuge Headquarters
- 11:30am-12:30pm Book Signing by Author
Vickie Shufer
Washington Ditch
- 1-2:30pm Photographing Nature Workshop
& Guided Photographing Nature
Walk; Refuge Headquarters
Conference Room & Headquarters
Trail (Adults & Kids 12-16 yrs
accompanied by an adult)
- 1:30-3pm Bus tour to Lake Drummond
Departs from Refuge Headquarters
- 7-9pm Owl Prowl (12 yrs & older)
Jericho Ditch

Author & Wild
Plant Expert
Vickie Shufer



Interactive
Exhibits

Dissecting
Owl Pellets

Blue Bird
House
Building

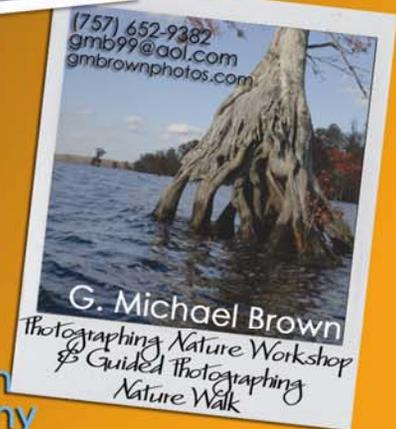
Wildlife
& Education
Photography

Kids' Crafts

Face Painting

Food

Souvenirs



Reservations are required for
bus tours and are suggested for bird walks.
Please call (757) 986-3705
to reserve your space.