

Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge

Calendar of Events

WINTER/SPRING 2009

OWL PROWL The setting sun signals the evening birds to begin their patrol of the forest. Come take a walk through their beat.

Guide: Don Schwab, Refuge Biologist

Place: Meet at the Jericho Lane parking area

Cost: free

Contact: Deloras Freeman, Visitor Services

Registration: not necessary

Time: 4:30 PM

Date: Friday, December 26, 2008

NEW VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION Don't you just love this place? Would you like to be a refuge volunteer? Volunteers are needed for everything from staffing the front desk, preparing for or staffing special events, trail maintenance and carpentry, to biological surveys. Orientation will provide refuge information and complete details of opportunities.

Place: Refuge Headquarters, 3100 Desert Road, Suffolk, VA

Contact: Deloras Freeman, Visitor Services

Registration: call 757/986-3705

Time: 11:00 AM

Date: Saturday, January 24, 2009

GREAT DISMAL SWAMP COALITION

MEETING- Friends of the Refuge Come and join the refuge support group. Meeting will include refuge update, including report on the 2008 fire. Owl Prowl for members and all guest to follow meeting at Jericho Ditch.

Place: Refuge Headquarters, 3100 Desert Road, Suffolk, VA

Contact: Deloras Freeman, Visitor Services

Registration: not necessary

Time: 2:00 PM

Date: Saturday, January 24, 2009

OWL PROWL Deep in the heart of winter the forest animals are still busy. Join refuge staff at sundown to see "whoooo" shows up.

Registration: not necessary

Guide: Don Schwab, Refuge Biologist

Place: Meet at the Jericho Lane parking area.

Cost: free

Contact: Deloras Freeman, Visitor Services

Time: 5:30 PM

Date: Friday, February 27, 2009

REFUGE BUS TOUR Let us take you places you have never been! There is more to see at the Great Dismal than the lake. Refuge staff will escort you through the interior of the refuge, past the Atlantic White Cedar stands and the future Red Cockade Woodpecker habitat.

Place: Refuge Headquarters, 3100 Desert Road, Suffolk, VA

Cost: free

Contact: Deloras Freeman, Visitor Services

Registration: REQUIRED. Limited seating. Call 757/986-3705

Time: 9:00 - 11:00 AM

Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2009

ADULT BEGINNING BIRDWATCHER CLINIC Can you tell an Ovenbird from a Carolina Wren? If not, attend this workshop to learn the basics of birding. We will start with an inside slideshow to learn how to recognize the refuge regulars, then have a guided walk on the new Headquarters Trail. Program intended for adults.

Place: Refuge Headquarters, 3100 Desert Road, Suffolk, VA

Cost: free

Contact: Deloras Freeman, Visitor Services

Registration: REQUIRED. Call 757/986-3705

Time: 9:00 - 11:00 AM

Date: Friday, April 3, 2009

PADDLE FOR THE BORDER Annual Paddle event in the Dismal Swamp Canal.

Place: Dismal Swamp Canal. Camden County, NC to Chesapeake, VA

Registration: <http://cityofchesapeake.net/services/depart/park-rec/paddlefortheborder>

Date: Saturday, May 2, 2009

GREAT DISMAL SWAMP BIRDING FESTIVAL

Guided bird walks, refuge tours, family activities

Place: Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge

Registration: Details to be announced

Date: Thursday through Saturday, May 7-9, 2009

