

# Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge

## Calendar of Events

SPRING 2009

**Guided Bus Tours** Guided bus tours to Lake Drummond.

**Registration:** Contact Suffolk Tourism Office, 757/514-4130 (small fee and advance reservations required)

**Date:** Most Thursdays and Saturdays, April through September, 2009

**Boating/Fishing Season** A season permit is available for access to launch your canoe, kayak, or small motor boat (max. 25 hp) from the Interior Ditch boat ramp. The permit is free and can be obtained by calling or visiting the refuge headquarters. Permit valid April 1 through June 15, 2009.

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

**Cost:** free

**Registration:** REQUIRED. Call 757/986-3705

**BIRD BANDING** Watch and learn as birds are examined, weighed, and banded as part of the MAPS survey of migratory birds.  
**Place:** Jericho Ditch entrance; 1/2 mile south of parking area on Jericho Ditch Trail.  
**Registration:** Not required. See note\*.  
**Dates:** April 27, May 7, 8, 9, 18, 29; June 5, 15, 27; July 7, 17, 27; Aug 7.  
**Time:** 7:00 AM to approximately 10:00 AM

\*NOTE: Banding may be canceled due to weather or staffing conflicts. It is suggested you call before your visit.

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

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

**Registration:** Registration closed. Please try next year.

**Date:** Saturday, May 2, 2009



**GREAT DISMAL SWAMP BIRDING FESTIVAL** Annual festival. Guided bird walks, refuge tours, family activities.

**Place:** Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge

**Registration:** Details on refuge website, or from refuge office.

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

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