

Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge

Calendar of Events

SUMMER 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, through September, 2009

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; banding station located 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, 17, 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.

July Butterfly Count Annual butterfly survey. All skill levels invited. Call so we can place you on a team, and then meet at the Washington Ditch parking area the day of the survey.

Place: Meet at the Washington Ditch parking area.

Registration: Call Don Schwab or Deloras Freeman to reserve your space, 757-986-3705.

Date: Friday, July 31, 2009

Time: 8:00 am

Black Bear Hunt Annual quota hunt.

Hunt dates November 20, 21, 2009. Scouting date of November 19, 2009. Fifty hunters will be selected by quota drawing conducted by VA Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. Each selectee will be allowed to designate one guest for a maximum total of 100 permits to be issued.

Portions of the refuge will be closed to all other public use activities on scheduled hunt days.

Registration: Mail-in registration in 2009 VA Hunting Regulations guide. Online registration at www.vaquotahunts.com

Registration dates: July 1 through August 28, 2009.

Cost: Registration for quota drawing \$7.50. Refuge Bear Hunt permit \$50.00

Deer Hunt Annual white-tailed deer hunt.

Hunt dates October 1,2,3,9,10,16,17, November 6,7,13,14, 20,21, 2009. Scouting date of September 26, 2009.

Portions of the refuge will be closed to all other public use activities on scheduled hunt days.

Registration: Apply to refuge headquarters. Send your name, address, and telephone number with \$15.00 non-refundable application fee.

Registration dates: August 1 through COB September 15, 2009.

Cost: Non-refundable \$15.00 application fee

GREAT DISMAL SWAMP 35th

Anniversary Celebration

Town Hall meeting with refuge managers, Underground Railroad presentation, bus tours to refuge management sites, exhibits, fire management displays, family activities, music, food. More information posted to refuge website by mid-July.

Place: Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge

Registration: Bus tours require reservations.

Date: Saturday, August 29, 2009

Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Cost: free

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