

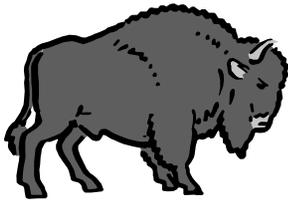
WILD NEWS

Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge

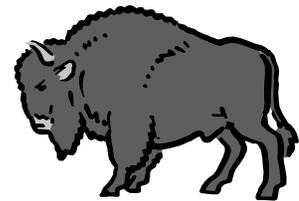
Nature Program Calendar

October - December 2008

REFUGE ROUNDUP 2008



Journey to the Old West
Saturday, October 18
9:00 am – 3:00 pm



Take a step back into the past and celebrate National Wildlife Refuge week at this **FREE** family event. Join the staff at Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge for a day packed full of fun-filled activities featuring live music and dance performances, historical re-enactments, mounted cavalry drills, lessons on calf roping and more! Meet authentic Buffalo Soldiers and bona fide cowboys, play old western games and even learn to churn butter! Test your aim at our popular bison chip toss contest, then take a tour the Refuge on one of our bison tours or hayrides and learn all about the different animals that call the Refuge home.

Event includes:

- Bison tours and hayrides (Reservations required)
- Nature and educational activities
- Arts and crafts from the Old West
- Bison chip toss
- Historical Re-enactment by the Buffalo Soldiers of the American West
- Calf roping lessons from the cowboys at An Open Range Experience
- Chuck Wagon meal available for a small fee

Stage Performances by:

- The Wild Coyotes Western Band
- Chimaltonalli Aztec Dancers
- Ron Ball, The Singing Cowboy
- Calico and Boots Square Dance Exhibition Team

Featured Exhibitors:

- Plains Conservation Center
- Colorado Historical Society
- Colorado Hawking Club
- Friends of the Front Range Wildlife Refuges
- An Open Range Experience Ranch
- Buffalo Soldiers of the American West



Reservations required for bison tours and hayrides, call the Refuge today at 303-289-0930!

WILD TREKS PROGRAM

Tuesdays, Wednesdays,
Saturdays and Sundays

Refuge Hours:

6:00 am – 6:00 pm

Visitor Center Hours:

7:30 am – 4:00 pm

WILD RIDES

Wednesdays, Saturdays
and Sundays

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

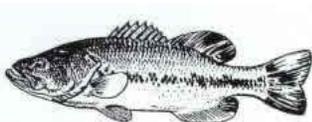
Enjoy the sights and
sounds of the Refuge on
this two-hour guided
trolley-tram wildlife tour.
Reservations are required.

Call for more information
303-289-0930



FISHING NEWS

Anglers - there is still
time to catch "*The Big
One*"! The Refuge public
fishing season will end
on Tuesday, October 14,
2008.



Nature Programs

October - December 2008

*Reservations are required for
these FREE popular programs.
Call 303-289-0930 to register.
Space is limited. Please dress for
the weather. All children must be
accompanied by an adult.
Assistance dogs are welcome.
Refuge staff reserves the right to
cancel or reschedule programs
due to unforeseen circumstances.*

OCTOBER

Autumn Hayride

Saturday Oct 4

1:00 - 3:00 pm

Feel the cool, crisp air and celebrate
the arrival of fall while capturing the
sights and color changes of the
Refuge on this relaxing hayride.
Don't forget to bring your cameras
and a blanket!

Bike the Refuge

Saturday Oct 12

1:00 - 3:00 pm

Enjoy the sites and sounds of the
prairie preparing for winter on this
slow and easy naturalist-led bike
ride. Fat-puncture proof tires and
water are recommended. Helmets
are required.

Full Moon Fishing!

Tuesday Oct 14

6:00 am - 11:59 pm

Anglers - Here's your chance to cast
your line under the light of a full
moon! The Refuge will be open from
6:00 am until 11:59 PM so you can
have every last chance to reel in that
big one!



Refuge Roundup 2008

Saturday Oct 18

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Please see the front page for
full celebration details - It's
sure to be a hoot!

Wildlife, Camera, Action!

Tuesday Oct 21

8:00 - 11:00 am

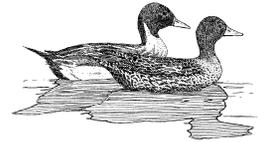
Photographers rejoice! Pack your
camera and zoom lens for a chance
to capture some amazing shots of
the Refuge's wildlife.

Waterfowl ID

Saturday Oct 25

8:00 - 10:00 am

Learn about field
markings,
behavior and flight
characteristics that will help you
identify the many species of
waterfowl that stop over at the
Refuge lakes.



NOVEMBER

Hovering Hunters

Saturday Nov 1

1:00 - 3:00 pm

Learn all about the hunting habits of
North America's smallest falcon, the
American kestrel. Meet a live bird
and discover why nesting boxes for
this colorful raptor have been placed
all around the Refuge.

White-tails and Mulies

Hayride

Saturday Nov 8

1:00 - 3:00 pm

This hayride meanders through
wetlands, woodlands, and prairie in
search of the Refuge's spectacular
bucks. Learn about deer behavior at
this time of the year along the way.
Cameras are a must!

Magnificent Mulies

Saturday Nov 15

Saturday Nov 22

1:00 - 3:00 pm

Look at those racks! The Refuge's
mule deer bucks have once again
grown massive racks of antlers to
impress the does. Join us on a
Refuge tour to view these
magnificent creatures.

Big Bucks Photo Tour

Tuesday Nov 18

Sun Nov 23

8:00 - 11:00 am

The Refuge is home to some of the largest mule deer bucks in North America. We'll follow their trail on this guided tour and try to get that award-winning shot!

Turkey Tour

Saturday Nov 29

9:30 am - noon

Join us for a special holiday Refuge tour, make a Thanksgiving themed craft and wrap up your journey with some festive treats!

DECEMBER

Friends of a Feather

Saturday Dec 6

1:00 - 3:00 pm

Birdwatching is becoming a popular hobby, so join the flock and add some of the Refuge's winter birds to your checklist. One of our skilled birders will help point them out! Bring your binoculars or borrow one of ours.

Song Dogs

Saturday Dec 13

1:00 - 3:00 pm

A coyote's howl travels far on a cold winter's day. Learn how this cunning carnivore communicates with its pack through a series of barks, yips and howls.

Birding Basics

Tuesday Dec 16

1:00 - 3:00 pm

Discover how to identify the winged creatures that call the wintery Refuge landscape home.

Winter Raptors

Saturday Dec 20

1:00 - 3:00 pm

Eyes to the sky! Learn basic raptor identification before heading out in search of some of the Refuge's winter residents.

Frosty Photo Tour

Sunday Dec 21

8:00 - 11:00 am

Explore the Refuge for that perfect shot, with your camera that is, of remarkable winter wildlife and breathtaking views. Bring your camera and zoom lenses.

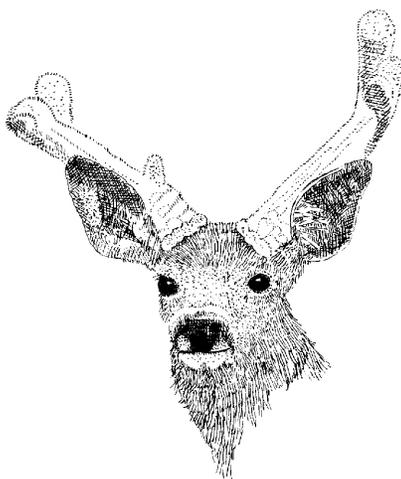
Holiday Tour

Wednesday Dec 24

Saturday Dec 27

9:30 am - noon

Holidays are a time for family and friends to gather together, so bring them all to the Refuge for this special tour! See winter wildlife, enjoy light refreshments and make a seasonal craft to take home.



TUESDAY TOTS

Offered the first Tuesday of each month from 10:00 - 11:00 am, this one hour program is for the young naturalist 2 to 5 years old. Parent or guardian must accompany all children. Please call **303-289-0930** for reservations!

"B" Is For Bats!

October 7

We'll all be going batty after this fun program! Learn about some common bat myths and why these unique creatures are hairy, not scary! Make a bat hat to take home and listen to a quick tale.

Oh Deer!

November 4

Become a deer for a day and learn how this animal is an expert at life on the prairie.

Eagle Eyes

December 2

Learn some amazing facts about our Nation's symbol and have your picture taken with one of our mascots, Elliot the Eagle!

► **The Refuge will be closed to visitors on Tuesday, November 11 and will close at noon on Wednesday, December 24 and 31 for holiday observances.**

Help Support Your Refuge!



FRIENDS
OF THE
FRONT RANGE
WILDLIFE REFUGES

Friends of the Front Range Wildlife Refuges is a fast-growing, dynamic group looking for new members to help with fundraising, programs and activities at Rocky Mountain Arsenal and the new Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuges. Members enjoy benefits and provide a valuable volunteer service to help make our Refuges a better place for people and wildlife. Several exciting projects are now being planned including the annual Bluestem Banquet, so it's not too late to get in on the action! Learn how you can get involved by calling (303) 287-0210 today!

Attention Teachers!

Would you like to take a field trip to Rocky Mountain Arsenal, but your district can't fund the transportation?

For schools with restricted travel budgets we have a limited number of "Wheels to Wildlife" travel grants available through Friends of the Front Range Wildlife Refuges. The grants are for schools **registered for one of our education programs and are rated at 50% or higher enrollment in the State's "Free and Reduced Lunch" program.**

"Wheels to Wildlife" applications are sorted on a first-come first-served basis. The grants are designed to be used as a reimbursement. If you have any questions about "Wheels to Wildlife" or would like to receive an application please call **Stacy Armitage at 303-289-0931 or send an email to stacy_armitage@fws.gov.**



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DIRECTIONS TO THE REFUGE:

Enter the Refuge at 56th Avenue and Havana Street. Proceed 1.5 miles to the Visitor Center to check-in.



Visit our website at www.fws.gov/rockymountainarsenal or call 303-289-0930

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