

# WILD NEWS

Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge

Nature Program Calendar

June - September 2008



## GO FISH! Refuge Fishing Program New Changes in 2008!

Anglers will be happy to hear that the one-time orientation sessions and the annual fishing permits are no longer necessary! Instead, anglers will now need to carry a signed copy of our 2008 Fishing Rules and Regulations brochure while fishing at the Refuge. The brochure will be available at the Self Check-In Kiosk located in the southwest corner of the Visitor Center parking lot and will be available to download from our website starting June 1st.

Anglers 16 years of age and older are required to have a valid Colorado Fishing License and pay a daily \$3.00 fishing fee. Lakes Ladora and Mary will be opened for fishing every Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday from 6:00 am – 5:30 pm. Check our website regularly for fishing updates at: <http://www.fws.gov/rockymountainarsenal/>

## Nature Programs June - September 2008

*Reservations are required for these FREE popular programs. Space is limited. Call 303-289-0930 to register. 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.*

### JUNE

#### **Birding by Ear**

Saturday June 14

7:00 - 9:00 am

Sunday September 14

8:00 - 10:00 am

Learn to ID the Refuge's winged residents by sound during this leisurely stroll through wetlands, woodlands and prairie.

#### **Owls Underground**

Saturday June 28

8:00 - 10:00 am & 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Join a Refuge wildlife biologist on this exploration and learn more about the small, spindly-legged burrowing owls that visit the Refuge each summer.



### JULY

#### **5 K & 1 M Wild Walk**

Friday July 4

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Get healthy, get fit, and get outdoors! Sign-up for the 3rd annual WILD WALK at the Refuge - music, prizes, and more! Sponsored by Commerce City, Live Well Commerce City, Friends of the Front Range Wildlife Refuges and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Check our website for more information.



#### **Prairie Blooms**

Saturday July 5

9:00 - 11:00 am

Take this guided hike to photograph and learn about these spectacular blooms. Take home a package of wildflower seeds to start your own prairie garden.

#### **Family Bike the Refuge**

Saturday July 12

8:00 - 10:00 am

Take the family on a naturalist led, leisurely bike ride. We will stop and talk about the wonderful wildlife we see along the way. Water and puncture-proof tires are recommended. Helmets are required.

#### **Owl Prowl**

Saturday July 19

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Join us for an evening guided nature walk as we prowl for owls under the light of the full moon!

- SAVE THE DATE -  
REFUGE ROUNDUP 2008 - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

## Spanish Refuge Tour

Sunday July 20

Sunday September 7

1:00 - 3:00 pm

Tour the Refuge with our Spanish speaking guide. Space is limited, so call 303-289-0864 for reservations.

## Wildlife, Camera, Action!

Tuesday July 22

8:00 - 11:00 am

A magnificent opportunity to catch that perfect shot of incredible Refuge wildlife. Recommended for adults.



## AUGUST

### Refuge Explorers!

Saturday August 2

2:00 - 4:00 pm

Take part in a new and exciting program that teaches you to use a GPS unit to navigate your way through a Refuge scavenger hunt.

### Fledgling Birders

Saturday August 9

1:00 - 3:30 pm

Kids! Sharpen your senses during this fun-filled morning of basic bird identification and hands-on discovery activities.

### Photo-riffic Kids

Tuesday August 12

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Join us for this hands-on Refuge exploration to learn what's cool with wildlife photography!

## 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 - TRAM TOUR

Wednesdays, Saturdays and  
Sundays

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Call for more information  
303-289-0930

## Song Dogs Hayride

Saturday August 16

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Listen for the coyote's barks, yelps and howls during this evening hayride.

## Photo Walk

Saturday August 23

7:00 - 10:00 am

Join Dave Showalter, professional photographer and author of "Prairie Thunder" to learn some new photo techniques on this early morning fall walk.

## Home on the Range

Saturday August 23

1:00 - 3:00 pm

Discover interesting facts and learn about the history of North America's largest land mammal – the great American bison.

## SEPTEMBER

### Kids Fishing Derby

Saturday September 6

8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Calling all young anglers! This is the perfect fishing event for kids with little or no fishing experience. Have fun learning new skills, catching fish and winning prizes! Registration is required, and all activities are FREE! Please call 303-289-0864 to register.



### Friends of a Feather

Tuesday September 9

8:00 - 11:00 am

Keep your eyes on the sky and your check list ready during this early morning birding expedition.

### It's Easy to be Green!

Saturday September 20

1:00 - 3:00 pm

Discover how going green can help save Refuge habitat. Make a bird feeder out of recycled materials 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.



### Slithering Snakes and Slimy Salamanders

Tuesday July 1

Learn some fascinating facts about the snakes and salamanders that make the Refuge their home. Get up close to a live bull snake and tiger salamander!

### Beaks N' Feet

Tuesday August 5

Meet two of our feathered ambassadors and learn all about bird's beaks and feet as you join us for a tale or two.

### Lakota Legends

Tuesday September 2

Bring your young explorer to our teepee for a wildlife encounter, make a craft and hear tales about the Lakota people.



You can help support your local wildlife refuge programs and fundraising activities by becoming involved

with the *Friends of the Front Range Wildlife Refuges*, our new Friends Group that supports the Rocky Mountain Arsenal and the new Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuges. Members of the *Friends of the Front Range Wildlife Refuges* enjoy benefits and provide valuable volunteer support in making our refuges a better place for people and wildlife. For more information please call 303-438-0482.

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