



POCOSIN LAKES NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE PROGRAMS AND EVENTS CALENDAR JULY 2026



THE VISITOR CENTER IS TEMPORARILY CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. IF YOU'D LIKE TO VOLUNTEER, EMAIL ALLISON_KLADLER@FWS.GOV

THE RED WOLF CENTER IS OPEN WEDNESDAY – FRIDAY 10 AM – 3:30 PM & SATURDAYS – SUNDAY 10 AM – 1:30 PM UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Drop-In Program 9:30 am – 12 pm Black Bear Tour 6:30 – 8 pm	4 Red Wolf Center Closed No Bear Tours
5 Red Wolf Center Closed	6	7 ecoEXPLORE Insect Encounters! 3:30 – 4:30 pm	8	9	10 Drop-In Program 9:30 am – 12 pm Black Bear Tour 6:30 – 8 pm	11 Bear Tour 7 – 8:30 am & 6:30 – 8 pm
12	13	14	15 Visitor Center Pollinator Garden Workday 9 – 11 am	16	17 Drop-In Program 9:30 am – 12 pm Black Bear Tour 6:30 – 8 pm	18 Bear Tour 7 – 8:30 am & 6:30 – 8 pm Red Wolf Center Closed
19	20	21	22	23	24 Drop-In Program 9:30 am – 12 pm Black Bear Tour 6:30 – 8 pm	25 No Bear Tours
26	27	28	29 Red Wolf Programs 10 am, 1 pm, 3 pm	30 Red Wolf Programs 10 am, 1 pm, 3 pm	31 Drop-In Program 9:30 am – 12 pm Red Wolf Programs 10 am, 1 pm, 3 pm Black Bear Tour 6:30 – 8 pm	1 Bear Tour 7 – 8:30 am & 6:30 – 8 pm Red Wolf Center Closed

For more information on Red Wolf programs, contact Katerina Ramos, Red Wolf Education & Outreach Coordinator at katerina@ncwf.org.

For more information on bear tours, drop-in programs, and ecoEXPLORE, contact Laura Neitzey, Refuge Conservation Coordinator at laura@ncwf.org.

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SUMMER 2026 INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS SCHEDULE

Program	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun	Meeting Location
Red Wolf Program		10-11AM; 1-2PM; 3-4PM	10-11AM; 1-2PM; 3-4PM	10-11AM; 1-2PM; 3-4PM	10-11AM; 1-2PM;	10-11AM; 1-2PM;	Red Wolf Center 1221 Hwy 94S Columbia, NC
Bear Tour				6:30-8PM	7-8:30AM; 6:30-8PM		Pungo Unit Informational Kiosk 600 Refuge Rd Pantego, NC
Drop-In Program				9:30AM-12PM			Pocosin Lakes NWR Boardwalk 205 S Ludington Dr Columbia, NC
ecoEXPLORE	See calendar						Pocosin Lakes NWR; Indoor Classroom 205 S Ludington Dr Columbia, NC

Red Wolf Program: Join refuge staff in learning about the history and biology of Red Wolves. Programs include a talk about the Red Wolves and the ability to visit the exhibit Red Wolves at the Red Wolf Center. Scheduled programs are the only opportunity that visitors can view the exhibit Red Wolves. **No registration is required.**

*****There is no guarantee that you will be able to see the exhibit Red Wolves as they are a shy and elusive species*****

Bear Tours: Bear Tour: Through August 7th, join refuge staff in learning the history and biology of black bears while having the opportunity to view black bears in their natural habitat. Vehicles are subject to road conditions on the Pungo Unit. Roads on the refuge have a weight limit of 8,000lbs. The tour will begin at the Pungo Unit Kiosk located near 600 Refuge Rd Pantego, NC at the corner of Pat's Rd and Refuge Rd. There is a sign at the kiosk stating, "**Refuge Tour Meets Here.**" Folks will follow refuge personnel in their personal vehicles through the refuge to North Lake Road for the guided walking portion of the tour. **For more details and to RSVP for bear tours, visit the link(s) below:**

June Bear Tour Dates: <https://bit.ly/3Q4bR36>

July & August Bear Tour Dates: <https://bit.ly/3POgMV8>

Drop-In Programs: Through August 7th, join refuge staff for drop-in wildlife programs on Friday mornings along the Scuppernong River Boardwalk. All ages are welcome to drop-in and learn more about local wildlife. There will be fun activities for youth to complete on-site or take home with them! In cases of high heat or inclement weather, programs will be held inside the refuge indoor classroom or visitor center. **No registration is required.**

ecoEXPLORE: Join refuge staff for monthly ecoEXPLORE nature programs where every participant can become a community scientist and complete fun wildlife and nature activities while earning points! Developed by The North Carolina Arboretum, ecoEXPLORE is an innovative program that combines science exploration with kid-friendly technology to foster a fun learning environment for children while encouraging them to explore the outdoors and participate in community science. To learn more, visit ecoexplore.net. **No registration is required.**

Visitor Center Pollinator Garden Workday: Join Pocosin Lakes NWR for a volunteer opportunity to help clean up our educational pollinator garden at the refuge visitor center! For more details and to RSVP, visit <https://bit.ly/4xSULXg>.

Programs provided in partnership with North Carolina Wildlife Federation. Visit www.ncwf.org for more information.