

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT YOUR LOCAL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES



ASSABET RIVER NWR

Visitor Center at 680 Hudson Road, Sudbury, MA.

For question about programs or to register contact Kizette at kizette_ortizvanger@fws.gov or 978-562-3527 x. 117
Exhibit Tours every Saturday & Sunday at 11am & 2pm

Kids Fishy Activities for Riverfest: Sunday, June 24th at 10-2pm Join refuge staff for a variety of fun, educational programs designed for children in kindergarten – 3rd grade. Learn about the wetlands in Wetland in a Pan, create your own species of fish in Fashion a Fish, and learn about riparian zones (where the land meets the river) in Project Wild.

Sy Montgomery Talk on Forays in to Birdology [was rescheduled from May]: Wednesday, June 27th at 7pm Birds are the wild animals we see every day, yet too often, we take them for granted. In this talk, illustrated with striking images, you'll meet some of the birds that rekindle our awe. Author Sy Montgomery relates her encounter with the most dangerous bird on Earth--the 150-pound, 5 foot-tall Southern Cassowary--illustrating the surprising fact that birds are living dinosaurs. Sy shares the story of her work with a bird rehabilitator, rescuing jewel-like orphaned baby hummingbirds to show us that birds are made of air. Birds' bones are hollow, their bodies full of air sacs, and their feathers (which outweigh their skeleton) little more than air wrapped in light--yet birds' very fragility gives them the power to conquer the skies. Book signing begins at 6:15pm. A short business meeting and refuge updates will take place before the presentation.

An Art in Nature Teen Workshop: Watercolor on the Loose: Fridays July 6th, July 13th, July 20th, July 27th at 10-12pm Have you ever observed the details and color variation of a waterfowl feather? Come and enjoy individual hands-on instruction with Cecilia Sharma, a museum school instructor and award-winning designer and artist. The refuge is a great spot for the painter's eye to observe like a naturalist. Through a series of "fun" painting exercises, students will learn layering of paint, developing textures, shapes and creating the illusion of light. Students will paint face to face with their natural subject through samplings in nature, animal skulls, pelts and taxidermy. The workshop will include painting demonstrations that will teach them to experience their own unique style of painting. Ages 8-12 [changed to younger ages]. Fee: \$175. *Cecilia Sharma is currently teaching at the Wayland Art Center and The Sudbury Valley Trustees. She inspires, motivates and teaches the fundamental principles of painting and allows students to develop their own personal style.* Co-sponsored with FARNWR. To register contact Kizette.

Leave No Trace Workshop: Wednesday, July 18th at 5-7:30pm Join the Subaru/Leave No Trace Traveling Team and learn more about protecting your outdoor recreational areas. Participants will explore the principles of Leave No Trace through hands-on, engaging activities. By practicing Leave No Trace, we can preserve and protect our public lands for future generations.
Registration required, contact Kizette.

Bunker Tour: Saturday, July 21st at 11am Join local historian Jan Wright for an informative hour talk and tour of one of the ammunitions storage bunkers at Assabet River NWR. **Only 30 Spots are available**, to register please contact Jan Wright at janmariew@netzero.net or 508-485-4170.

Showing of Green Fire: Wednesday, July 25th at 7pm Join the Friends of the Assabet River NWR for a special viewing of the first full-length documentary film ever made about legendary conservationist Aldo Leopold and his environmental legacy. Well known as the author of the classic nature writings in the Sand County Almanac, *Green Fire* shares highlights from his extraordinary career, explaining how he shaped conservation and the modern environmental movement. For more information <http://www.greenfiremovie.com>

Refuge Fledgling Hour: Friday, July 27th at 10:30am July's FROG activities will include information about frogs, toads and how the FWS is trying to help these species, a story about Frogs, an art activity or game and a hike to see a pond and live creatures (if weather permits). Please bring appropriate clothing.

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OXBOW NWR

Entrance: Still River Depot parking lot (at end of Depot Road in Harvard, MA)

For questions about programs, contact Rona Balco, President of Friends of Oxbow NWR, 978-779-2259 or Ada at awoolston1@yahoo.com Programs sponsored by the Friends of the Oxbow NWR.

Looking Through a Magnifying Glass: Sunday, June 24th at 1-3pm This program is for kids (ages 9-12) and parents. Bring your own magnifying glass/bug jar or use one of ours. What do things look like when viewed through a lens? What is there in, on and above the soil? Be prepared to spend some time with your nose almost on the ground. Our guide Ada Woolston, an elementary Montessori teacher by profession, has always liked to share her love for and knowledge of nature with children. Bring water and insect repellent. Wear appropriate clothing and walking shoes. Meet in parking lot at the end of Still River Depot Road. To sign up contact Ada at 978-618-7703.

GREAT MEADOWS NWR

Concord Impoundments on Monsen Road, off Rte. 62 in Concord, MA

Sudbury address: 73 Weir Hill Road

Riverfest: Family Fishing Event at Great Meadows NWR (Sudbury): Saturday, June 23rd at 10-2pm Calling all anglers: Beginners and experienced. Join refuge staff and MassWildlife's Angler Expert – Jim Lagacy for a day filled with fishy fun! Learn how to fly-cast, spin-cast, and even tie your own fly. All equipment will be provided. Join in games, crafts, and face painting, or go for a hike on the Weir Hill and Red Maple Trails to discover the variety of riverine habitats on the refuge. Massaudubon's naturalist will bring an upclose look at an animal. For more information call 978-443-4661 x34.

Sudbury, Assabet and Concord Rivers - Riverfest 1st Annual Water Chestnut Pullathon (3 locations): Sunday, June 24th at 9:00am-12pm Sponsored by the SUASCO CISMA. Enjoy free pizza and friendly competition while hand pulling water chestnut, an invasive aquatic plant, from several locations along the rivers, including Acton, Sudbury, Wayland, and Billerica. All volunteers age 14+ are welcome; this is also a great hands-on opportunity for high school students who are interested in the environment and need community service hours. We have limited canoes, so please let us know if you will be bringing your own boats. We recommend bringing water, bug spray, sun block, work gloves and water shoes - be prepared to get messy! Contact Katrina Scheiner at (978) 443-4661 ext 16 or katrina_scheiner@nps.gov for more info and to sign up. Please sign up as soon as possible or by Friday, June 22 at the latest!

Summer Nature Walks: A Sense of Place at Great Meadows NWR (Concord): Saturday, July 21st and August 11th at 9:30-11:30am The refuge hums with life during the warmest months of the year. Its luxuriance, expansive views, and ever changing moods promise endless delight for our senses and curiosity. Great Meadows is a magical place to walk, to breathe, and to commune. Each month this summer, Cherrie Corey will be offering a Saturday morning interpretive walk to help deepen participants' sense of wonder for the refuge's summer character and wild residents. *No pre-registration required. A \$5/person voluntary donation will be gratefully accepted.* Led by Cherrie Corey, local naturalist and photographer; Co-sponsored by *Musketaquid Arts and Environment Program and FARNWR*. For questions, email cherrie.corey@verizon.net or call 978-760-1933 <http://sense-of-place-concord.blogspot.com/>

Summer Full Moon Walks: A Sense of Place at Great Meadows NWR (Concord): Tuesday, July 3 and Thursday, August 2nd at 7-9pm Join us for an intimate stroll through the refuge as all the wild residents enjoy their dusk time feeding and settling rituals. If the skies are clear, we'll welcome the rising moon toward the end of our foray. Bring insect repellent and layers, in case of a cooling breeze.

REMINDER: PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE REFUGES

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