

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT YOUR LOCAL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE



ASSABET RIVER NWR

Visitor Center at 680 Hudson Road, Sudbury, MA.

Tours of the Visitor Center, every Saturday at 11am & 2pm – starting Saturday, Jan 3rd. Take a guided tour of the building and exhibits and learn about our programs. Bring a friend or family that might never have been to the refuge or inside the visitor center.

Winter Family Nature Walk: Thursday, December 29th at 1PM A family nature walk to explore wildlife on the refuge in winter. Please dress for the weather. Meet inside the Visitor Center.

National Audubon Annual Christmas Bird Count: Monday, January 2nd All Day Join other outdoor folks in search of birds during this annual citizen science event. Bird ID skills helpful, but not necessary. For questions contact Steve Moore, barb620@theworld.com for information on walks in Assabet River NWR and Great Meadows NWR.

Kids Explorative Hike: Sunday, January 22nd at 1pm Will there be snow on the ground? How does snow form? What kinds of creatures can we find? What signs of life will there be? There is always something cool to learn! Dress for the weather. Please meet inside the Visitor Center.

The Natural and Unnatural History of the History: Wednesday, January 25th at 7pm Dave Griffin tells the story of the Assabet, Sudbury, and Concord Rivers that for the most part, flow silently through our towns. Beginning with the glaciers scouring the landscape through the taming and industrialization of the last 300 years, Dave will share this story with unique visualizations and a smattering of photography. The meeting will start with a short business meeting and refuge update and conclude with the featured speaker. (Inside the Visitor Center)

Refuge Fledgling Hour: Friday, January 27th at 10:30 am Nature themed program series that will include crafts, stories, and games or songs that will relate to a different topic each month. **Programs will be held the 4th Friday of every month 10:30am – 11:30am for 2 to 5 year olds;** siblings welcome.

OXBOW NWR

For questions about programs, contact Rona Balco, President of Friends of Oxbow NWR, 978-779-2259
Entrance: Still River Depot parking lot (at end of Depot Road in Harvard, MA)

National Audubon Annual Christmas Bird Count: Sunday, December 18th at 8am Meet at Oxbow fields at end of Still River Depot Road. Register with Rona Balco beforehand. Waterproof footwear is recommended. Bring binoculars and bird guides.

Friends of the Oxbow Annual New Year's Day Walk: Sunday, January 1st at 12pm Enjoy a nice, relaxing walk with family and friends. We'll walk or snowshoe as the weather dictates. Meet at Still River Depot Road parking lot.

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Rachel Carson Presentation: Thursday, January 26th at 7pm A presentation on this important scientist will be tentatively hosted by the Library in Shirley, 3 Keady Way, Shirley, MA. The program is geared toward adults and adolescents. Please call Rona at 978.779.2259 for confirmation.

February (date tbd) Live Wolves - presentation by local wolf expert. Our speaker, who also takes care of wolves, will bring one or more live specimens. Adults and children are welcome. Young people through grade 8 will need to be accompanied by an adult. The program will take place in Ayer; date and location to be announced later. Reservations are recommended, since we expect a large turn-out: 978 779-2259.

GREAT MEADOWS NWR

Nature Walk: A Sense of Place at Great Meadows NWR (Concord): January 8th from 2:30pm – 4:30pm The interplay of snow and wind, ice and sunlight, and the wandering signs left by wild rambblers continuously reshapes the winter landscape. We'll explore the ephemeral beauty of frozen forms and the long rays of changing light along the trail. The warm glow of the setting sun will complete the afternoon. Bundle up, wear appropriate footwear, and grab those hand and toe warmer packets. *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 Friends of Assabet River NWR.* Meet at Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge in Concord, MA (Monsen Road, off Rte. 62, driveway on left where road curves right). For questions, email cherrie.corey@verizon.net or call 978-760-1933 <http://sense-of-place-concord.blogspot.com/>

REMINDER: PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE REFUGES

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