

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT YOUR LOCAL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE



Nature Photo Contest for all ages open until July 31st. All photos must have been taken on or of (not off) the Oxbow Refuge between May 1 and July 31, 2011. For more information about the different levels of entry, categories, submission, etc., please go to the website: friendsoftheoxbownwr.org.

Saturday July 2nd at 8am Early Morning Walk at Assabet River NWR sponsored by Sudbury Valley Trustees Join refuge staff for an exploration of the refuge early in the morning to see what wildlife is active. No registration is required, this is a free event. Please meet at the Refuge visitor center, 680 Hudson Road Sudbury, MA.

Summer Film Series cosponsored by Sustainable Sudbury Join staff and Friends at the Assabet NWR Visitor Center for viewings of documentary films followed by a discussion. The films will begin at 7pm. For more information contact Kizette at kizette_ortizvanger@fws.gov or 978-562-3527 ext. 117. **July 7th - *No Impact Man*; July 21st - *Dirt***
August 4th - *Tapped*; August 18th - *Mother Nature's Child*

*** Please note that these films do not necessarily reflect the views of the USFWS

Sunday, July 17th at 3pm Scavenger Hunt Come join the Friends at the Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge. See how many of the listed items you can locate and use your camera to prove this. Small prizes will be awarded to the highest scores, and you can enter some of your photos in the Friends of the Oxbow's Nature Photo Contest which ends on July 31st. (Rules for the contest are available on our website: friendsoftheoxbownwr.org) The Scavenger Hunt is a fun event for all ages. May be canceled in case of rain or extreme heat. Bring something to drink, dress for the occasion (long, light-colored pants e.g.), bring insect repellent. Pre-register at (978) 779-2259, or at Ada@friendsoftheoxbownwr.org

Friday, July 15th, 7:30pm – 9:30pm Night Hike at Oxbow NWR Join refuge staff for a hike to explore nocturnal wildlife on the trails of the refuge. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED** and is limited to **20** participants. To sign up please email: Daniel_Cannata@fws.gov or call: 978-562-3527 ext. 115. This is a free program and is open for all ages. Please plan to walk at least 3 miles, and be sure to bring bug spray, water, a headlamp, and wear appropriate shoes and clothing.

Saturday, July 16th, 10am – 12pm Endangered Species Puppet Experience Join refuge staff for a morning of puppet making and learn about local endangered species. All puppets will be made using recycled materials, feel free to bring any of your own supplies as well! This is a free program, no registration is required. For children **Ages 3-6** with parent. Held at 680 Hudson Rd, Sudbury, MA at the visitor center.

(SEE REVERSE FOR MORE PROGRAMS)

Saturday, July 23rd at 2pm Urban Agriculture and You!: Your Part in Sustainable Living Learn about different urban gardening methods and how it can help the local environment and provide you with a healthy and delicious diet at a low cost and minimal effort. An activity will follow a discussion on agricultural practices. No registration is required; this is a free event open for families. Held at 680 Hudson Rd, Sudbury, MA at the visitor center.

Saturday, July 23rd, 10am to noon Nature Art Class at Oxbow NWR Local artist will show you some of her favorite places to draw or paint using nature as the subject. She has a wonderful way of giving helpful suggestions. Bring your own supplies, seating, a drink, and insect repellent. Long, light-colored pants are recommended. This program is suitable for people high-school age or older. It will be canceled in case of rain or a heat wave. Pre-register at (978) 779-2259, or at Ada@friendsoftheoxbownwr.org

Wednesday, July 27th at 8pm Monthly Meeting with a Special *Star Party* Join us at the refuge to stargaze with the Amateur Telescope Makers of Boston who will set up a variety of telescopes and guide us through the millions of celestial objects visible in the night sky. Use a red LED flashlight or a flashlight covered in red cellophane, to help you find your way but not ruin the dark adaptation for those who are viewing through the telescopes. Dress warmly as the temperatures tend to drop off after dusk and bring plenty of bug spray. Familiarize yourself with the night sky for this month by visiting www.skymaps.com. For more info visit www.atmob.org. If weather precludes stargazing, we'll post an announcement on this web site. Program will be held at Assabet River NWR Visitor Center 680 Hudson Road, Sudbury.

Sunday July 31st at 9:00am- noon Plant Walk at Assabet River NWR: Join USFWS Biologist Amber Carr for a tour of some of the plant life found at the refuge. The walk will take a look at mostly invasive plants as well as some natives found in the area. Held at 680 Hudson Rd, Sudbury, MA at the visitor center. **Registration is required**, to register please contact Amber Carr 978-443-4661 ext. 33 or Amber_Carr@fws.gov

**The 2011-2012 hunt application season will be open July 1st – July 31st at
<http://www.easternmapermits.com>**

REMINDER: PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON REFUGES

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Visitor Center Hours: Thursday-Sunday 10am-4pm

