



Early Spring Public Programs

Spring Equinox at Great Meadows NWR, Saturday, March 20th 9am – 11am

A continuing series of monthly walks exploring the landscape, plants, and seasonal wonders of Great Meadows NWR in Concord. The interplay of snow, ice, wind, sunlight, and wild ramblers continually reshape the winter landscape. We'll explore the ephemeral beauty of frozen forms and changing light along the trail. Bundle up and wear appropriate footwear for prevailing conditions. No pre-registration required. A \$5/person voluntary donation will be gratefully accepted. Led by Cherrie Corey, local naturalist, botanist, and photographer. Co-sponsored by Musketaquid and the Friends of the Assabet River NWR. Meet at Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge in Concord, MA. Take Monsen Road, off Rte. 62 to the driveway on left where the road curves right. Visit <http://sense-of-place-concord.blogspot.com/> online for updated information on walks and events, seasonal photos, and reference links. For more information email cherrie.corey@verizon.net or call 978-760-1933.

Celebrate Spring! Saturday, March 20th 1pm – 3pm

Join the Friends of the Oxbow NWR for a wildlife walk at Oxbow NWR to discover the early signs of spring. From busy beavers to early migrants, there is always something to see! Learn about the refuge's history and the wildlife that call it home. If there is still snow cover, feel free to bring your snowshoes and/or cross-country skis. We ask that people pre-register by calling Rona Balco at 978-779-2259. Program will be held at Still River Depot Rd, Harvard, MA.

Friends of Assabet River NWR Monthly Meeting with talk “Wonders of Beavers” on Wednesday, March 31st at 7pm

The Assabet Keeping Track (AKT) team will make a brief presentation about their research and initial survey of beaver activity on and around the Refuge. The presentation will be followed by a National Geographic documentary titled *Rocky Mountain Beaver Pond*. “Tireless worker, exceptional parent, and highly skilled builder, the beaver has earned its reputation as nature's great architect and engineer.” AKT is a wildlife monitoring team of 17 members, coordinated by Karen Riggert. Their work is done with permission of the US Fish and Wildlife Service and they are affiliated with the Friends of the Assabet River NWR. Their full photo gallery can be found at www.pbase.com/akt.

The Friends' monthly meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm at the Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters, 73 Weir Hill Road in Sudbury, MA. Each meeting starts with a brief discussion of the Refuge status, followed by our featured presentation.

For more information, call 978-443-4661 x34 or please visit <http://www.farnwr.org> or <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/easternmanwrcomplex>

