

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT YOUR LOCAL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES



ASSABET RIVER NWR

Visitor Center at 680 Hudson Road, Sudbury, MA. For questions about programs or to register contact Kizette at kizette_ortizvanger@fws.gov or 978-562-3527 x. 117

Family Nature Club: Sunday, March 17th at 1pm Bring your kids and come jump into nature with us as a family! We are starting a family nature club for kids in 1st and 2nd grades (siblings are welcome). Every 3rd Sunday of every month we will get together and explore the outdoors for an hour of fun discovery! This month-we will put on our Sherlock hats and take out our magnifier to be nature detectives to see what nature is doing to get ready for spring. Appropriate clothes and footwear required – ie things you are okay with getting dirty! **Registration required**; please contact Kizette to RSVP by Friday, March 15th.

Refuge Fledgling Hour: Friday, March 22nd at 10:30am 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.

FARNWR March Presentation – The Archaeology of Pantry Brook Village on the Davis Farm, Sudbury: Wednesday, March 27th at 7pm Shirley Blancke will report for the first time about the 70 year old archaeological excavation of "Pantry Brook Village" on the Sudbury River, on Davis Farm, Sudbury. This 7000 year-old, multi-layered archeological site is a comparative rarity in Massachusetts. Initially excavated in 1940-41 by the newly founded Massachusetts Archaeological Society, the excavation involved over thirty people, including renowned Harvard anthropologists and local artifact collectors. World War II intervened and the work was never reported on. Work on the Concord Museum collections has made it possible to recover this information, reported here with pictures of people involved and artifacts, and an analysis of faunal and floral remains. Shirley Blancke is Associate Curator of the Concord Museum, a position she has held for many decades. Friends of the Assabet River NWR hold its monthly members meeting every fourth Wednesday of the month. Talks are free and open to the public. A short business meeting will take place before the presentation. For more information about our programs, membership and the Refuge please visit farnwr.org

PUDDLESTOMPERS Nature Exploration – April 2013 Drop-Off Vacation Program: Tuesday, April 16th – Friday, April 19th at 9am-1pm Let us lead your children in discovering the beauty and wonder of new life in the spring during PUDDLESTOMPERS April vacation week drop-off program! Learn how plants grow and look for rainbows after April showers. Search for signs of animals and their food sources. Investigate birds building their new nests. Discover worms and other exciting life in the soil. We'll explore a different topic each day through hands-on exploration, active movement and play, crafts, stories, and songs. We will learn about the day's topic through hands-on exploration, active movement and play, crafts, stories, and songs with our integrated curriculum. A snack will be provided each day, as well as a take-home craft and handout with additional activities and information to extend learning and nature discovery into your home. Bring a nut-free lunch. Min. 4 children/Max. 20 children. **Dates:** Sign up for 1, 2, 3 or all 4 days! Tuesday 4/16, Wednesday 4/17, Thursday 4/18, Friday 4/19 **Ages:** 3-6 year olds, drop-off **Cost:** \$60/day/child; Friends of Assabet River receive 10% discount. Register at Puddlestompers.com or 617-527-2000.

Leave No Trace Training: Friday, April 19th at 2pm 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.**

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

Vernal Pools: Saturday, March 9th at 2pm There will be two vernal pool programs which will be free and open to people of all ages. The first one will take place at the **Fort Devens Museum** (94 Jackson Road, Suite 305) and the second one, a field trip, will be at an appropriate vernal pool somewhere nearby yet to be finalized. Since what happens in vernal pools depends on the weather, we cannot predict when **Big Night** will take place and what day would be good to explore the pools. Events sponsored by The Friends of the Oxbow NWR. Please register with Rona or Ada and for further details.

Oxbow Winter Nature Photo Contest To take part in the Photo Contest the photos should be taken at the Oxbow Refuge during **this winter**. Enter one of the following levels: [1] Amateur (18 years old and up with camera experience); [2] Professional; [3] Youth (13 to 17 years old); [4] Children (younger than 17). You may enter up to three nature photos, each one in a different category. Choose from the following Categories: (1) invertebrate animals; (2) vertebrate animals; (3) plants; (4) landscape or scenic; (5) abstract; (6) people enjoying nature and (7) black & white. Only minor adjustments to photos will be accepted. No alterations beyond standard optimization. E-mail your contact information and level + categories and photos by **March 30, 2013** to Dr. Richard Brown at DrRichardDBrown@aol.com

GREAT MEADOWS NWR

Monthly Nature Walks: A Sense of Place with Cherrie Corey at Great Meadows NWR: Saturday, March 16th at 3pm

Winter is the season when earth and sky merge in a shared palette of color, and reflections. It is a time when land and waterscapes yield equally for our exploration. Ice and snow give way to myriad and ephemeral worlds that reveal themselves only in these silent, frozen months of the year. No pre-registration required. A \$5/person voluntary donation will be gratefully appreciated. Led by Cherrie Corey, local naturalist and photographer; co-sponsored by Musketaquid Arts and Environment Program and Friends of the Assabet River NWR. For questions, email cherrie.corey@verizon.net and visit her blog at her blog <http://sense-of-place-concord.blogspot.com>

REMINDER: PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE REFUGES

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