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UPCOMING EVENTS AT YOUR LOCAL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Sunday May 1st at 3pm Nature Photography with Dr. Brown Sharpen your photography skills by coming out to the Oxbow NWR. This will be a fun family time and all ages will learn, so kids bring your cameras, too! Bring your digital or other cameras, tripods, and any extra lenses you may have. Participants can enter a Photography Contest with winning photos to be placed on display at several web sites. Contest rules and more information will be given on Sunday. Pre-

register 978.779.2259. Meet at the Still River Depot Road Parking lot in Harvard, MA. Sponsored by the Friends of Oxbow.

Saturday, May 7th at 7:30am Beginner Birding w/ Dick and Peg Knowlton at Oxbow NWR Come look for passing migrants and learn about the local birds found at Oxbow NWR. Pre-register 978.779.2259. Meet at Still River Depot Road Parking Lot in Harvard, MA. Sponsored by the Friends of Oxbow.

Celebrate International Migratory Bird Day!

Saturday, May 14th at 10am Spring Songbird Migration at Assabet River NWR: A Lecture and Birding Walk Hosted by Brooks Mathewson, Harvard University Master of Forest Science 2006 One of the most exciting events of the year for naturalists is spring songbird migration during which up to 80 species of songbirds can be found throughout eastern Massachusetts. In this program we will discuss the wintering, migratory, and breeding ecology of these flycatchers, vireos, thrushes, wood-warblers, tanagers, and sparrows as well as their conservation status, and then go for a hike in search of these beautiful and amazing songbirds. Program will be held at the 680 Hudson Rd, Sudbury, MA 01776. Please call 978-562-3527 x116 or email [Susan J Russo@fws.gov](mailto:Susan_J_Russo@fws.gov) for more information and to pre-register. Free for members of the Friends of Assabet River NWR; \$5.00 for nonmembers.

Saturday, May 14th at 1pm Wetlands Walk Join the Friends of the Oxbow NWR and Pat Huckery of MassWildlife for an exploration of wetlands on the refuge. Program will include a two hour walk on the refuge with a focus on wetland wildlife such as the Blanding's turtle. Pre-registration preferred by calling Rona Balco at 978.779.2259. Meet at refuge parking lot at the end of Still River Depot Rd, Harvard.

Wednesday, May 25th Friends Monthly Meeting (7pm) Natural History of New England Cottontails (7:30pm) The native New England Cottontail (*Sylvilagus transitionalis*) is being considered for protection under the Federal Endangered Species Act. Once a staple for Native Americans and early settlers, populations of this species have decreased drastically in the last 25 to 50 years. Learn about the measures underway to help conserve the species. David Paulson is an Endangered Review Biologist at the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program of the Mass. Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. Held at the visitor center, 680, Hudson Road, Sudbury MA 01776.

Saturday, May 28th at 7:30am Beginner Birding w/ Dick and Peg Knowlton at Oxbow NWR Come look for breeding populations of migratory birds and learn about the local birds found at Oxbow NWR. Pre-register 978.779.2259. Meet at Still River Depot Road Parking Lot in Harvard, MA. Sponsored by the Friends of Oxbow.

Saturday, May 28th at 11am Bike Trail Tour at Assabet River NWR Join refuge staff as well take a loop around the refuge (Winterberry Way, Taylor Way, White Pond Road) and stop at four locations along the way. This program is available to families, please be aware of the approximate six mile distance we will be bicycling. **Helmets required for ALL participants.** Registration is open to 20 individuals. Contact Kizette at kizette_ortzvangner@fws.gov or 978-562-3527 ext. 115.

Every Sunday in June at 11am Kids Fishing Workshop Starting Sunday June 5th children ages 8-14 years old can come learn about the different types of fish found in Puffer Pond and the different types of fishing techniques. Registration is open for 8 kids. Fishing equipment is not required. Program will be on June 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th at puffer pond. Please bring sunscreen, bug spray, water, snack, sweatshirt or light jacket. Contact Trevor at 978-930-5895 or cheftrev82@yahoo.com

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH AS WE HOST RIVERFEST AT GREAT MEADOWS NWR WITH A FISHING EVENT, GAMES, AND CRAFTS!

REMINDER: DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE REFUGES

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