



UPCOMING EVENTS AT *YOUR* LOCAL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES

Kids Nature Activities Every Saturday in August at 8:30am-10am Ages 8-12 year old. Have your kids come explore the refuge and learn about the natural world with our staff while having fun playing a game or being creative with crafts! For further information on this weekly program contact Kizette at kizette_ortizvanger@fws.gov or 978-562-3527 ext. 117.

Saturday, August 20th Sense of Place – Concord Great Meadows NWR Monthly Walk from 9am-11 am

A continuing series of monthly walks exploring the landscape, plants, and seasonal wonders of Great Meadows NWR in Concord. The progression of blossoms up flowering spires, sounds of crickets and cicadas, the busying swirl of dragonflies and butterflies, and gathering flocks of blackbirds all signal the waning days of summer. Cardinal flowers have set the river bank ablaze in time for this month's walk. Join us for a taste of this beautiful and bountiful summer landscape. Led by Cherrie Corey, local naturalist and photographer *No pre-registration required. A \$5/person voluntary donation will be gratefully accepted.* Co-sponsored by Musketaquid Arts and Environment and Friends of the Assabet River NWR Meet at Great Meadows NWR 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

Saturday, August 20th The Dragonflies of Assabet River NWR at 9:30am Join Refuge staff to examine the lifecycle, diversity and natural history of the Odonates: Dragonflies and Damselflies. The program will start at the visitor center with a lesson in local dragonfly ID and will be followed by a walk to search for dragonflies in both their adult stage and in their aquatic nymph stage. No registration is required.

Saturday, August 20th Introduction to Permaculture at 11am What is Permaculture and how can be a part of our daily lives? Please join us for an informative and useful discussion of the Principles of Permaculture gardening. Activity to follow. Program will be held at the Assabet River NWR Visitor Center.

Fall Bird Walks at Great Meadows Concord Unit Join refuge volunteer Alan Bragg for a series of morning bird walks at Great Meadows NWR. **August 30th and September 13th 7:30-9:30. September 27th, October 11th and 25th, November 8th and 22nd and December 6th 8:00-10:00 am.** Walks will meet in the parking lot and will continue along the cross dike trail.

Friday, September 9th Oxbow NWR Night Walk at 8pm* Gather at the main parking lot on Still River Depot Rd. Bring a flashlight, but also be prepared to walk for short distances without one. *For further information plus reservation, please contact Rona Balco per phone - 978-779-2259 or ada@friendsoftheoxbownwr.org

Friday, September 16th Sunset Hike at Assabet River NWR 6:30 pm One of the best times of day to see wildlife refuge is the time leading up to and following sunset. Join refuge staff for a hike around Puffer Pond to find beavers, owls and other animals active in the evening. Please bring a flashlight be prepared to walk about 3 miles. The hike is open to anyone ages 5 and up. **Registration is required** and the hike is limited to 20 participants. To register please contact Daniel_Cannata@fws.gov or 1-978-562-3527 ext 115.

(SEE REVERSE FOR MORE PROGRAMS)

Saturday, September 17th Sense of Place – Concord Great Meadows NWR Monthly Walk 9am-11am

In mid-September, the landscape begins to let go of summer and embrace some of fall's early colors. Seeds in myriad forms, flocking birds, mushroom surprises; notable late bloomers will mark the impermanence of the season and ease us toward cooler days to come. Led by Cherrie Corey, local naturalist and photographer A \$5/person voluntary donation will be gratefully accepted. Co-sponsored by Musketaquid Arts and Environment and Friends of the Assabet River NWR; meet at Great Meadows NWR in Concord, MA (Monsen Rd, off Rt 62, driveway on left where road curves right). cherrie.corey@verizon.net or 978-760-1933

Sunday, September 18th Monarch Butterfly Tagging at 2pm* Rona will explain the purpose of the nation-wide monarch butterfly tagging program and show you where to put that small identification number. Also learn about the fascinating life cycle of these butterflies and get tips on where to look for them. Butterfly nets will be provided, but bring your own if you have one. Children have sharp eyes, so please bring them. The refuge's fields off Still River Depot Road are the best places to find monarchs. Coming from Harvard Center, we will be on the left; there will be signs. Please, park on the right on the grass next to the road. *For further information plus reservation, please contact Rona Balco per phone - 978-779-2259 or E-mail ada@friendsoftheoxbownwr.org

Thursday, September 22nd Fall Discovery Scavenger Hunt at 2:30pm Ages 4-7 years old. Celebrate the first day of Autumn by coming out with us to see what we can find in our scavenger hunt. Can you guess how many chipmunks we will see? How many trees will be changing colors? How many different colors will we see? Come find out! Meet at the Assabet River NWR Visitor Center on 680 Hudson Road, Sudbury, MA.

Saturday, September 24th National Public Lands Day at 9am Come volunteer to ensure the trails at Assabet River NWR are maintained and ready for the winter season! If we get a big group of volunteers we will split into groups to try and cover all 15 miles of trails on the refuge. Bring a snack, water, sunscreen, bug repellent, work boots, gloves, loppers and Bow Saws. Refreshments may be provided after. Meet at the Visitor Center on 680 Hudson Road, Sudbury, MA.

Sunday, September 25th Canoeing the Nashua at 1:30pm* Meet at the canoe launching place at the Nashua River crossing on Rt. 117 approximately 1/2 mile west from the intersection of Rt. 110 and 117 in Bolton, across from Cully's Snowmobile Ranch and before the Bolton Fairgrounds in Lancaster. There will be a sign. Drop off your canoe at the river and then drive to the canoe launching area at the Oxbow Refuge in Harvard. Transportation back to the starting point will be provided. The river is pretty clean, but bring some trash bags just in case. And bring your paddle and life preserver, drinking water, sunscreen and some bug dope. *For further information plus reservation, please contact Rona Balco per phone - 978-779-2259 or E-mail ada@friendsoftheoxbownwr.org

Wednesday, September 28th Showing of Green Fire: Aldo Leopold and a Land Ethic for our Time at 7pm Join the Friends of the Assabet River NWR for a special viewing of the first full-length documentary film ever made about legendary conservationist Aldo Leopold and his environmental legacy. Well known as the author of the classic nature writings in the Sand County Almanac, *Green Fire* shares highlights from his extraordinary career, explaining how he shaped conservation and the modern environmental movement. For more information <http://www.greenfiremovie.com> Plus Dr. Doug Seale, Friends member who teaches Philosophy and Ethics at Framingham State College will introduce the movie and lead a brief discussion.

REMINDER: PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE REFUGES

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