

# News Release

## *National Wildlife Refuge System*



**Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge  
2591 Whitehall Neck Road  
Smyrna, DE 19977  
302-653-6872**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**April 2, 2011**

### **BOMBAY HOOK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE ANNOUNCES UPCOMING SPRING PROGRAMS IN APRIL, 2011**

The following programs are offered free of charge and provide an excellent opportunity for people to explore the outdoors and to learn about nature.

#### **Calendar of Events**

**Saturday, April 9, 2011 – Environmental Education Workshop – Exploring the Refuge – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** The workshop is for teachers, volunteers, scout leaders, and interested visitors. It will introduce educators to the National Wildlife Refuge System and provide an understanding of how Bombay Hook NWR can be used as an outdoor classroom for environmental education programs. Participants will tour the Refuge; learn about bird migration and bird identification; explore the brackish water, fresh water, and forest habitats; and develop an understanding of how the Refuge is managed for wildlife and habitat conservation. Lesson plans and general information about the Refuge are provided. **To register, contact Tina Watson at (302) 653-6872.**

**Sunday, April 10, 2011 – Bird Identification Tour with Joel Citron – 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** – Beginner and experienced bird watchers will enjoy walking a trail looking for songbirds, identifying wading birds and ducks in the impoundments, watching for eagles, and looking for shorebirds. Meet Joel at the Visitor Center.

**Saturday, April 16, 2011 – Highway Cleanup – 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** – Celebrate SPRING by cleaning up the roads leading to the Refuge. Bring your gloves and wear shoes that can get wet. Refreshments will be served after the clean up.

**Wednesday, April 20, 2011 - Garden Keepers Session - 9:30 a.m. - Creating a Native Butterfly Friendly Garden** – Learn how to attract and encourage butterflies using native plants in your garden. Sow seed of a butterfly friendly plant to grow and enjoy in your own gardens. Following the workshop, participants will perform seasonal maintenance on the landscape around the Visitors Center. This is a great opportunity to learn about fertilizers, mulches and other basic garden practices. Light refreshments will be served. To register, contact Quentin Schlieder at 302-653-6449 or qcsjr@comcast.net.

## Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge Calendar of Events

**Saturday, April 23, 2011 – Personal Nature Journaling -10:00 a.m. – 12 noon** Would you like you and your children to remember your outdoor adventures together? Introduce your children to journaling. Join local artist Ramona Maziarz, pen and ink artist, for a fun *discussion on the many ways and reasons to keep a personal journal of your experiences and connections with the natural world. We will take a walk along a trail and discover it is possible to collect nature's treasures while honoring the rule of "taking only pictures and leaving only footprints."* Journaling helps develop better observation skills and trains the brain to look again and again for more detail. Not suitable for children under seven. Sketch book will be provided.

**Sunday, April 24, 2011 - Tour of the Refuge - 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** - Join volunteer, Ray Cullom, for a tour of the Refuge. Find out how the Refuge is managed for wildlife, visit different habitats, and walk a trail. Meet at the Visitor Center.

**Sunday, April 24, 2011 - Tour of the Refuge - 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** - Join volunteer, Ray Cullom, for a tour of the Refuge. Find out how the Refuge is managed for wildlife, visit different habitats, and walk a trail. Meet at the Visitor Center.

For more information on upcoming events visit the website: <http://bombayhook.fws.gov> or contact Tina Watson on 302-653-6872. Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge is located east of Route 9, north of Leipsic at 2591 Whitehall Neck Road, Smyrna, Delaware.

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. We are both a leader and trusted partner in fish and wildlife conservation, known for our scientific excellence, stewardship of lands and natural resources, dedicated professionals and commitment to public service. For more information on our work and the people who make it happen, visit [www.fws.gov](http://www.fws.gov).

FWS

April 2, 2011