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BOMBAY HOOK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE ANNOUNCES FREE ENTRANCE FEE ON JUNE 5 AND 6, 2010 AND UPCOMING QUAIL PROGRAM ON JUNE 12, 2010.

The Refuge **entrance fee will be waived on June 5 and 6, 2010** in support of President Obama's memorandum launching the America's Great Outdoors Initiative on April 16, 2010. Department of Interior Salazar announced several free entrance days in support of the initiative at all U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, and Bureau of Land Management sites. Other free entrance days include: August 14 and 15, 2010, and September 25, 2010. Veterans Day, November 11, 2010 will also to be a free entrance fee day.

America's Great Outdoors Initiative focuses on promoting community-level efforts to conserve outdoor spaces and to reconnect Americans to the outdoors. For more information on the America's Great Outdoors Initiative connect to: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2010/04/16/creating-a-21st-century-strategy-americas-outdoors>.

On **June 12, 2010, at 9:00 a.m.**, Chris Williams, Professor of Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware will give a **presentation on the status of quail habitat** in the region and highlight research that has been conducted in the area. Dr. Williams is a leading expert on the subject of quail habitat, population and restoration. Dr. Williams also conducts classes in Wildlife Population Ecology, Introduction to Wildlife Ecology and Conservation, and Wildlife Policy and Administration at the University of Delaware.

For more information on upcoming programs check the web site at: <http://bombayhook.fws.gov> or contact Tina Watson on 302-653-9345. Bombay Hook NWR is located 2 miles north of Leipsic on Whitehall Neck Road just off State Route 9.

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.

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