

Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge

Winter/Spring/Summer 2026 Schedule of Events

Note: VC = Visitor Center



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Visitor Center: Tues – Sun, 10am to 4pm **Wildlife Drive:** Daily, Dawn to Dusk

January 17 – Guided Birding* 8am with Terry Allen (meet at VC)

January 25 – Guided Birding* 8am with Ron Ketter (meet at VC)

February 1 – Guided Birding* 8am with Terry Allen (meet at VC)

February 15 – Guided Birding* 8am with Terry Allen (meet at VC)

February 16 – No Fee for Wildlife Drive, **President's Day**

February 22 – Guided Birding* 8am with Ron Ketter (meet at VC)

March 1 – Guided Birding* 8am with Terry Allen (meet at VC)

March 14 – Blackwater's Annual Eagle Festival 9am – 4pm. Visitor Center.

Experience live eagle & other birds of prey programs, kid's programs & activities, Eagle Prowls & Wildlife Drive tours, nature and conservation exhibits, and food all day! No fee for Wildlife Drive!

March 22 – Guided Birding* 8am with Ron Ketter (meet at VC)

March 29 – Guided Birding* 8am with Terry Allen (meet at VC)

April 4 – Guided Birding* 8am with Ron Ketter (meet at VC)

April 19 – Guided Birding* 8am with Terry Allen (meet at VC)

May 3 – Guided Birding* 8am with Terry Allen (meet at VC)

May 25 – No Fee for Wildlife Drive, **Memorial Day**

June 6 – Blackwater's Annual Youth Fishing Fun Day. Details TBA.

June 14 – No Fee for Wildlife Drive, **Flag Day/President Trump's Birthday**

July 3-5 – No Fee for Wildlife Drive, **Independence Day Weekend**

August 25 – No Fee for Wildlife Drive, **110th Birthday of Park Service**

Monthly – Night Sky Tours telescope program, weather permitting, hosted by the Friends of Blackwater. Visit www.friendsofblackwater.org for details.

***Note** – Guided birding tours meet at 8:00 am at the Blackwater Visitor Center, 2145 Key Wallace Drive, Cambridge, MD, 21613. Tours may last 3-4 hours. Bring your binoculars and dress appropriately for the weather. The birding party will caravan via car to birding hotspots around the Wildlife Drive.

Updated 01/10/2026 Event details and updates can be found at:
www.fws.gov/refuge/Blackwater/events or www.friendsofblackwater.org
Call 410-228-2677 for information