

## POCOSIN LAKES NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE PROGRAMS AND EVENTS CALENDAR OCTOBER 2026

**THE VISITOR CENTER IS OPEN THURSDAY – SUNDAY 10 AM – 4 PM UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED**

**THE RED WOLF CENTER IS OPEN WEDNESDAY – FRIDAY 10 AM – 3:30 PM & SATURDAYS 10 AM – 1:30 PM UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED**

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday                                                                                                        | Wednesday                                                                                                           | Thursday                                     | Friday                                       | Saturday                                                                                 |
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|        |        |                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                     | 1<br>Red Wolf Programs<br>10 am, 1 pm, 3 pm  | 2<br><b>Red Wolf Center<br/>Closed</b>       | 3<br><b>Red Wolf Center<br/>Closed</b><br>Evening Spider<br>Search<br>6:30 – 8 pm        |
| 4      | 5      | 6                                                                                                              | 7<br>Red Wolf Programs<br>10 am, 1 pm, 3 pm                                                                         | 8<br>Red Wolf Programs<br>10 am, 1 pm, 3 pm  | 9<br>Red Wolf Programs<br>10 am, 1 pm, 3 pm  | 10<br>Scuppernong River<br>Festival Red Wolf<br>Programs<br>10 am, 1 pm, 3 pm, &<br>5 pm |
| 11     | 12     | 13                                                                                                             | 14<br>Red Wolf Programs<br>10 am, 1 pm, 3 pm<br>Pocosin Arts Collab:<br>Disssstinctive<br>Patternssss<br>3:30 – 5pm | 15<br><b>Red Wolf Center<br/>Closed</b>      | 16<br>Red Wolf Programs<br>10 am, 1 pm, 3 pm | 17<br>Red Wolf Programs<br>10 am & 1 pm                                                  |
| 18     | 19     | 20                                                                                                             | 21<br>Red Wolf Programs<br>10 am, 1 pm, 3 pm                                                                        | 22<br>Red Wolf Programs<br>10 am, 1 pm, 3 pm | 23<br>Red Wolf Programs<br>10 am, 1 pm, 3 pm | 24<br><b>Red Wolf Center<br/>Closed</b>                                                  |
| 25     | 26     | 27<br>ecoEXPLORE Shifting<br>Species:<br>Climate & Behavior<br>and Arachnid<br>Costume Party<br>3:30 – 4:30 pm | 28<br>Red Wolf Programs<br>10 am, 1 pm, 3 pm                                                                        | 29<br>Red Wolf Programs<br>10 am, 1 pm, 3 pm | 30<br>Red Wolf Programs<br>10 am, 1 pm, 3 pm | 31<br><b>Red Wolf Center<br/>Closed</b>                                                  |

**For more information on Red Wolf programs, contact  
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**For more information on ecoEXPLORE, Pocosin Arts collabs, and other events, contact  
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### FALL 2026 INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS SCHEDULE

| Program             | Tues.                              | Wed.                        | Thurs.                      | Fri.                        | Sat.               | Meeting Location                                                             |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Red Wolf Program    |                                    | 10-11AM;<br>1-2PM;<br>3-4PM | 10-11AM;<br>1-2PM;<br>3-4PM | 10-11AM;<br>1-2PM;<br>3-4PM | 10-11AM;<br>1-2PM; | Red Wolf Center<br>1221 Hwy 94S<br>Columbia, NC                              |
| Pocosin Arts Collab |                                    | See<br>Calendar<br>3:30-5PM |                             |                             |                    | Pocosin Lakes NWR;<br>Indoor Classroom<br>205 S Ludington Dr<br>Columbia, NC |
| ecoEXPLORE          | See<br>calendar<br>3:30-<br>4:30PM |                             |                             |                             |                    | Tyrrell County Library;<br>Conference Room<br>414 Main St<br>Columbia, NC    |

**Red Wolf Program:** Join refuge staff in learning about the history and biology of Red Wolves. Programs include a talk about the Red Wolves and the ability to visit the exhibit Red Wolves at the Red Wolf Center. Scheduled programs are the only opportunity that visitors can view the exhibit Red Wolves. **No registration is required.**

**\*Scuppernong River Festival Red Wolf Programs:** A free shuttle service will be provided at the Pocosin Lakes NWR Visitor Center, 205 S Ludington Dr, Columbia NC, to take folks from the visitor center to the Red Wolf Center and back during the festival. Program shuttles will depart 10 minutes before each program at 9:50 am, 12:50 pm, 2:50 pm, and 4:50 pm.

**\*\*\*There is no guarantee that you will be able to see the exhibit Red Wolves as they are a shy and elusive species\*\*\***

**Pocosin Arts Collabs:** Offered September through May, join refuge and Pocosin Arts School of Fine Craft staff for monthly creative art projects and activities that engage families in wildlife education and nature. Weather permitting, participants will go outside to explore the habitats located along the Scuppernong River. **Registration for these free, family-friendly programs is required.**

Reserve your spot at <https://pocosinarts.org/classes-events/community/>

**ecoEXPLORE:** Join refuge staff for monthly ecoEXPLORE nature programs where every participant can become a community scientist and complete fun wildlife and nature activities while earning points! Developed by The North Carolina Arboretum, ecoEXPLORE is an innovative program that combines science exploration with kid-friendly technology to foster a fun learning environment for children while encouraging them to explore the outdoors and participate in community science. To learn more, visit [ecoexplore.net](https://ecoexplore.net). **No registration is required.**

**Evening Spider Search, October 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:30 – 8 pm:** Community scientists of all ages are invited to join NCWF and Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge as we search for spiders during the 2026 NC Spider Search! We'll search around the educational pollinator garden behind the refuge visitor center in Columbia while taking in all the magical sights and sounds of nocturnal life along the Scuppernong River. Participants that submit 7 photo observations of different spiders to iNaturalist will qualify to receive a badge or sticker from Science Across NC. No fancy supplies are needed – just bring a flashlight, smartphone or camera, and your curiosity for the outdoors! Snacks and refreshments will be provided. **Registration for this free, family-friendly program is required.**

Learn more and reserve your spot at <https://ncwf.org/event/evening-spider-search-columbia/>

**Programs provided in partnership with North Carolina Wildlife Federation. Visit [www.ncwf.org](http://www.ncwf.org) for more information.**