

News Release

Rhode Island National Wildlife Refuge Complex

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August 2022 Public Programs by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

These programs are offered FREE to the public by a dedicated and skilled group of volunteers, U.S. Fish & Wildlife staff and local community resources in an effort to increase your enjoyment of the conservation, protection and enhancement of your National Wildlife Refuges in Rhode Island.



Picasso's Kids

Learn to paint from sketches or from life. If you have never picked up a brush before, but have always wanted to take a painting class, this is the class for you. Create pictures working with watercolor, oils or acrylic mediums. Learn how to paint using "The Nordstrom Technique". You will receive guidance and critique as you paint.

Register for Elizabeth "Miss Art" Nordstrom beginners fun art class, for ages 6 and above, at 401.213.4413, at any time.

Thursday, August 4, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Kettle Pond Visitor Center, Charlestown

Archery

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service with support from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management is now offering FREE Archery days this month. We will be supplying all of the equipment (please do not bring your own). To be able to shoot at the range you must participate in a half hour range safety session prior to the event. Keep in mind archery is not a sport for everyone, so younger children (8 and under) may not be able to safely shoot a bow and arrow yet. For the younger children we will have nature crafts, puzzles, games and scavenger hunts inside in the visitor center. **Please call to register at 401.213.4413, anytime to register, leave message if after hours.**

Fridays, August 5 and 19, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Kettle Pond Visitor Center Archery Range, Charlestown



Butterflies and Moths

Design a simple origami butterfly or moth while learning about the host plants and the survival skills of local butterflies and moths.

Learn about their life cycles! Design a caterpillar for our "caterpillar runway"! Take a guided walk around the pollinator garden, to see if you can spot any moths and butterflies taking a nectar break! **Please call to register at 401.213.4413 anytime, or visit <https://bit.ly/KettlePond>**

Wednesday, August 10, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm.

Kettle Pond Visitor Center, Charlestown

Seed Mobility

How do seeds travel? Sort seeds by mobility and be amazed by their feats of engineering! Did you know Velcro was based on burdock seeds, or burrs? Join us for a seed hunt to see the amazing time-traveling seeds!

We will look around the garden and on the trails for seeds in action and check for hitchhiking seeds on your clothes afterwards. **To register, please visit <https://bit.ly/KettlePond> or call 401.213.4413, any time.**

Saturday, August 20th 10:00 am. - 11:30 am.

Kettle Pond Visitor Center, Charlestown



Free Soil Testing and Mini Tours of Kettle Pond Native Plant Garden

URI Master Gardener volunteers conduct free soil pH testing as a service to the residents of Rhode Island and surrounding areas until October 31 annually. The test helps determine soil pH levels and predominant soil texture, and provides basic information and recommendations for gradual correction of soil pH and compaction issues. To learn more about where to get your soil tested or how to take a soil sample, visit: uri.edu/mastergardener/soil-testing-service

Thursdays, August 4 and 18, 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Kettle Pond Visitor Center, Charlestown

Stop by Kettle Pond Visitor Center, Monday through Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm!

Take a short hike to the Observation Tower to see Block Island and Ninigret Coastal Pond.

Be creative at the art table with education nature crafts.

Explore the life-like exhibits and discovery drawers.

Discover the activity rooms with lots of puzzles, games, books, and more!



Hiking trails, which connect to Burlingame and Watchaug Pond (part kettle pond and glacial lake), are open from sunrise to sunset.

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.