

July 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.

Archery

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service with support from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management is now offering a FREE Archery day 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, (7 and under siblings) can come inside the visitor center for nature crafts, puzzles, games and scavenger hunts. ***Please call to register at 401.364.9124, extension 4413, leave a message if after hours.***

**Fridays, July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 10:00 am – 1 pm (more in August)
Kettle Pond Visitor Center Archery Range, Charlestown**



Help the Herps!

Learn how to protect and identify native frog and turtle species. Which ones will we find around Kettle Pond?

Did you know Rhode Island has TEN frog species? You can learn their calls, how to become a FrogWatcher and to make habitats for toads.

Did you know Rhode Island has SIX freshwater turtle species? Have fun learning about the frogs, toads and turtles and design your favorite herp using reusable materials. Ps. Herps = reptiles and amphibians.

**Saturday, July 2nd, 2-3:30 pm
Kettle Pond Visitor Center**

Please register at <https://bit.ly/KettlePond> or call 401-364-9124 X 4413 at any time. Leave message after hours.



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 and 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 401.364.9124, extension 4413 at any time.

**Thursdays, July 9, 10:30 am – 12 pm
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

July 7 and 21, Thursdays 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Kettle Pond Visitor Center



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.
