



Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge

QUARTERLY NEWS

WINTER EVENT CALENDAR

JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH 2014



Winter

Winter is a spectacular time to visit. Large numbers of waterfowl such as cackling Canada geese, northern pintails, and mallards blanket the Refuge as they eat the rich source of seeds and plants grown in summer. The Refuge boasts an average of 20,000 waterfowl during mid-winter, and in some years, over 50,000 have been observed in a single day.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

LOCAL AUTHOR EVENT!

COMING THIS MARCH



Saturday March 8th
2:00pm

Join local author Sara Swanson for a presentation about her and Max Smith's new book - "Must see birds of the Pacific Northwest: What we learned about birds, birding and books". She will sign books after presentation. No registration required.

PUDDLE STOMPERS!

Tuesdays & Wednesdays

January 8th & 22nd

February 5th & 19th

March 4th & 12th

10:00am-11:30am



Do you have a little one who enjoys being outdoors? Are you wondering what they can do during the rainy season? Bring your littlest naturalist to the Refuge to stomp in puddles and learn to appreciate the wet weather that makes Oregon so green!

This preschool environmental education program invites children and their families to spend the morning learning about the natural wonders of the Refuge! Volunteer

Naturalists will lead nature crafts, share stories, and guide hikes on Refuge trails. The Refuge supplies 'froggy' raingear for the kids, but adults should bring their own. Each date offers a different theme, so Puddle Stompers are encouraged to visit on multiple days.

This event is free & open to the public, but **registration is required**. Send your name, email address, phone number, and the date(s) you would like to attend, along with your little naturalist's name and age, to Jenna at jenna_mendenhall@fws.gov or call (503)625-5944.



Tualatin River Refuge Winter Programs and Events 2014



VOLUNTEER NATURALIST TRAINING

Thursday February 27th

Thursday March 6th

Thursday March 13th

Thursday March 20th

9:00am-3:00pm

Do you know someone who is looking for a new way to share their love of nature? Do they enjoy being outside, meeting new people, and working with kids? If so, become a Volunteer Naturalist on

the Refuge! Participants will gain skills in interpretation, environmental education, working with children, and they will learn about the history of the National Wildlife Refuge System and Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge.

Where: Refuge Headquarters- 19255 SW Pacific Hwy. Sherwood, OR 97140

Cost: FREE!

Registration: Contact jenna_mendenhall@fws.gov or kim_strassburg@fws.gov or (503) 625-5944

All programs are located at the
Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge
19255 SW Pacific Highway
Sherwood, Oregon 97140
unless otherwise noted.

Reservations may be required for some programs.

Please call (503)625-5944 for more information.
Programs may be cancelled due to hazardous weather.

The Wildlife Center is open Tuesday through Sunday
from 10:00am-4:00pm. Refuge trails are open daily
from dawn to dusk.

NATURE WALKS

Sunday January 26th

Sunday February 23rd

Sunday March 30th

2:00-4:00pm



Stroll with a refuge naturalist on a Sunday afternoon each month and learn to spot some of the more hidden gems on the refuge. Learn the animal track stories in cement, understand more about riparian habitats, learn the flowers of shrubs, trees and forbs, find out where the otters slide and much more.

Reservations are not required. Please come prepared for the weather and meet naturalist in the Wildlife Center plaza area.

Connect with the Refuge...

Fish and Wildlife Website

<http://www.fws.gov/tualatinriver>

Friends of the Refuge website

<http://www.friendsoftualatinriver.org>

Find us on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/trnwr.friend>

Coming Spring 2014

- Teacher workshop
- Tualatin River Bird Festival
- Earth Day Plant Sale

