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### **Great Tree Climbers-Visit a National Wildlife Refuge**

Credit: USFWS/Orsulak



This mother and 3 cubs look calm and well-grounded, but when threatened, a mother black bear will often send her cubs scurrying up a tree. Black bears have short, sharp non-retractable claws that help make them excellent climbers. The National Wildlife Refuges Visitor Center on Roanoke Island is open Mon-Sat 9:00 am-4:00 pm & Sunday noon-4:00 pm; admission is FREE. Alligator River and Pea Island National Wildlife Refuges are open daylight hours year-round. Explore on your own! Or for a list of exciting and educational guided programs (canoe trips, Red Wolf howlings, bear excursions, bird walks, tram trips and more), visit: <http://www.fws.gov/alligatorriver/spec.html>