

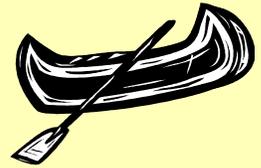


Mingo National Wildlife Refuge

Swamp Saturdays at Mingo NWR

Sept. 29, 2012 - National Public Lands Day (8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

Come and celebrate National Public Lands Day by volunteering at Mingo National Wildlife Refuge. Participants will assist the refuge in autumn olive removal from 8:30 - Noon. Following the volunteer projects, a free program all about Mushrooms at Mingo will be offered by the Missouri Mycological Society. To wrap up the day, participants can join a refuge ranger for bird watching from the Monopoly Overlook. Pre-registration is appreciated at 573-222-3589. Volunteers should plan on wearing long pants and bringing work gloves and a sack lunch for the day.



Oct. 20, 2012 - Mingo River Paddle Ride (8 a.m. - 12 p.m.)

Enjoy a guided paddle ride down the Mingo River. A limited number of canoes and kayaks will be available for use for the paddle ride. Participants are welcome to bring their own canoe, kayak or life jacket if they desire to open room up for more participants. Pre-registration is required by Monday, October 15, 2012. To sign-up call 573-222-3589.

Nov. 17, 2012 - Wonderful Waterfowl (8 a.m.- 10 a.m.)

Discover the tremendous diversity of waterfowl at Mingo National Wildlife Refuge. Join a refuge ranger in learning about the waterfowl that can be seen at Mingo. Following the presentation, participants can join the refuge ranger in observing waterfowl out on the refuge. Spotting scopes and binoculars will be available for use.



Dec. 8, 2012 - Orienteering (10 a.m. - 12 p.m.)

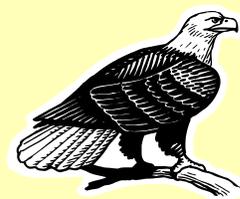
Learn all about finding your way in the outdoors. Start off with the basics on using a map and compass to navigate your way through a short orienteering course. Then progress up to some of the newer technology by learning how to use a hand-held GPS.

Jan. 19, 2013 - All About Wood Ducks (10 a.m. - 12 p.m.)

Join a refuge ranger in learning about wood ducks at Mingo National Wildlife Refuge. Assist refuge staff in maintaining existing wood duck houses and even get a chance to build your own wood duck house. Pre-registration is required by Monday, January 14, 2013. To sign-up call 573-222-3589.

Feb. 2013 (Exact days to be announced) - Eagle Days

Mingo National Wildlife Refuge will be teaming up with the Missouri Department of Conservation to offer the Eagle Days event. Live eagle programs will take place every hour at the Mingo Maintenance shop. Spotting scope stations will be setup on the refuge to provide visitors with a chance to see a bald eagle in the wild. Come out for a day of fun learning all about our National Symbol!



Mar. 16, 2013 - Mingo Mysteries: The Alligator Gar (10 a.m. - 11 a.m.)

Did you know that alligator gars can grow to as long as ten feet? Come out to Mingo to learn more about this fascinating fish species that can be found in the swamps of Mingo.

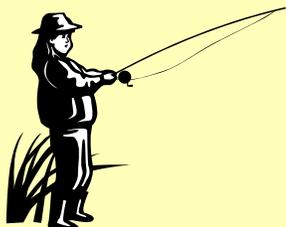
Apr. 13, 2013 - Wildflower Walks (10 a.m. - 11 a.m.)

Spring is a time when new plant life abounds at Mingo National Wildlife Refuge. Join a refuge ranger for a guided hike looking at the wildflowers on the refuge.

May 11, 2013 - International Migratory Bird Day

Celebrate International Migratory Bird Day by joining Mingo National Wildlife Refuge for a day of birding related activities.

June 8, 2013 - Family Fishing Day (8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.)



Discover the wonders of fishing with Mingo staff members and volunteers. Come out with your family to enjoy a day of fishing at May Pond. The fishing event coincides with Missouri's Free Fishing Day. All residents of Missouri can fish without a license for the day. Fishing license requirements still apply for all non-residents age 16 years and older. Poles will be available for loan throughout the event and worms and corn will be provided for bait.

July 13, 2013 - Mingo Nightlife: Bats (6 p.m. - 7 p.m.)

Did you know that one little brown bat can eat up to 1,000 mosquitos in a night? Learn more about these fascinating night-time critters at Mingo National Wildlife Refuge.

Aug. 10, 2013 - Mingo Nightlife: Owls (8p.m. - 9 :30p.m.)

Have you ever seen an owl in the wild? Join a refuge ranger in learning about the owls of Mingo and then take part in an owl prowl for a chance to see an owl on the refuge.

All programs are free to the public. Programs may be subject to change based on weather and refuge conditions. Specific locations for programs will be determined closer to the actual date and will be announced on our refuge website and on Facebook.

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