

2014 Guided Interpretive Programs

Alligator River and Pea Island National Wildlife Refuges

(Weekly June/July/August)

Program	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Meeting Location
Open-air Tram Tour (\$) (R)	8:30-11am				Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge Creef Cut Trail Parking Lot
Bees, Bats, and Butterflies	2:30-3:30pm				National Wildlife Refuges Visitor Center Roanoke Island
Turtle Talk	2:30-3:30pm				Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center
AR Van Tour (\$) (R)		Sunrise-10am			Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge Creef Cut Trail Parking Lot
AR Canoe Tour (\$) (R)		9am-noon	10am-noon	9am-noon	Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge Buffalo City Boat Launch
PI Canoe Tour (\$) (R)		10am-noon	9am-noon	10am-noon	Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center
Bird Adaptations		2:30-3:30pm			Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center
Bear Necessities		5:30-7pm			Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge Creef Cut Trail Parking Lot
Red Wolf Howling (\$)		7:30-9pm			Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge Creef Cut Trail Parking Lot
Who Goes There?			2:30-3:30pm		National Wildlife Refuges Visitor Center Roanoke Island
Soundside Adventure			2:30-3:30pm		Parking Lot at the foot of the Umstead Bridge (Old Manns Harbor Bridge) on Roanoke Island



Scan to see detailed descriptions of the programs and to store this schedule on your phone!

Or visit: <http://www.fws.gov/alligatorriver/images/InterpretivePrograms.pdf>

Or call 252-216-9464

All programs are free unless noted. \$-Fee charged R-Reservation required-Call 252-216-9464



Virtual tour—National Wildlife Refuges Visitor Center

Other Programs		
Preschool Young Naturalist Program 10-11am Year-round Fridays National Wildlife Refuges Visitor Center Roanoke Island	Free Saturday Red Wolf Howlings April 26 7-8:30pm May 24 7-8:30pm October 11 6-7:30pm November 15 5-6:30pm December 6 5-6:30pm	Saturday Tram Tours (\$) (R) 9am-noon April 5 May 10 September 13 October 11 November 8 December 13
Pea Island Bird Walk 8-9:30am Year-round Fridays (except October 24) May-September Wednesdays		



Wings Over Water Festival
October 21-26
www.wingsoverwater.org
252-216-9464

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is committed to providing access for all participants. Persons needing reasonable accommodations in order to attend and participate should contact 252-216-9464. In order to allow sufficient time to process requests, please contact us at least 2 weeks prior to the event.

2014 Guided Interpretive Program Descriptions

Open-air Tram Tour - Join us for a trip around the refuge and learn about the wild lands and wildlife. Bring your binoculars and camera! Drinking water and insect repellent are also recommended. Tram seating is limited. To guarantee your tram seats, you may register ahead of time and pay \$10 per person. Children 12 and under may register for free with one or more paying adults. Unreserved seats will be filled at no charge on a first-come/first-served basis on the morning of the tour. The program will occur except with lightning, heavy wind or rain, or impassable road conditions. Dress for the weather! Co-sponsored by the Coastal Wildlife Refuge Society. Meet at Creef Cut Trail parking lot (Milltail Road and HWY 64 west of Manns Harbor).

Bees, Bats, and Butterflies -FREE- Pollinators are all around us and are necessary for our survival. Find out how these critters help us and what you can do to help them! Make a butterfly craft to take home with you. Meet at the National Wildlife Refuges Visitor Center on Roanoke Island.

Turtle Talk -FREE- What are the differences between sea turtles and land turtles? Why are sea turtles endangered? What can you do to save these gentle giants? Find out about sea turtle conservation; learn how you can be a part of the solution. Make a take-home craft. Meet at Pea Island Visitor Center.

Alligator River Canoe Tour -2-3 hours-\$40 per person; \$25 for children 12 and under; 1 1/2-2 hours-\$30 per person; \$20 for children 12 and under. Reservation required. Really get out into the wild! Milltail Creek Paddling Trails take you deep into the heart of Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge. Paddle the shady blackwater canals; learn about the history of the area. Watch and listen for the Refuge's secretive wildlife. Hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, and drinking water are recommended. Co-sponsored by the Coastal Wildlife Refuge Society. Meet at the end of Buffalo City Road off HWY 64 west of Manns Harbor.

Pea Island Bird Walk -FREE- Pea Island is for the birds - literally! Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge is home to nearly 400 species of birds. Whether you're a beginner or an expert, you'll enjoy this casual stroll beside North Pond. Field guides, binoculars, sunscreen, and insect repellent are recommended. Some field guides and binoculars will be available for loan. Meet at Pea Island Visitor Center.

Pea Island Canoe Tour -2-3 hours-\$40 per person; \$25 for children 12 and under; 1 1/2-2 hours-\$30 per person; \$20 for children 12 and under. Reservation required. Visit the quiet side of Pea Island. Explore the marshes, islands, and creeks of Pamlico Sound. Our two-hour tour is designed especially for kids and others who are looking for a hands-on experience. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Hat, sunscreen, and drinking water are recommended. Reservations and footwear are required. Co-sponsored by the Coastal Wildlife Refuge Society. Meet at Pea Island Visitor Center.

Birds and Their Adaptations -FREE- Do all shorebirds have long legs? How can a duck stay afloat in the water? Why do certain birds open their wet wings to dry? If you have ever wondered about these and other facts about birds, come out and discover the many ways birds adapt to their habitats. You may even create your own bird to take home. Meet at Pea Island Visitor Center.

Bear Necessities -FREE- Alligator River is home to the largest population of black bears in eastern North Carolina and one of the largest in the eastern United States! Learn more about what makes the Refuge such a good home for our largest mammal. After the presentation, follow us in your vehicle as we lead you on the Wildlife Drive to look for bears and other wildlife. Participants will return in time for the Red Wolf Howling. Meet at Creef Cut Wildlife Trail parking lot (Milltail Road and HWY 64 west of Manns Harbor).

Red Wolf Howling - \$10 per adult. Children 12 and under Free. NO RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. Refuge staff and volunteers offer you the experience of a lifetime! Come and learn about the endangered red wolf during a short presentation and journey to the heart of the refuge for an adventurous attempt to hear our captive red wolves produce their haunting sounds. The program will occur except when there is lightning, heavy wind or rain, or impassable road conditions. Co-sponsored by the Coastal Wildlife Refuge Society. Meet at Creef Cut Wildlife Trail parking lot (Milltail Road and HWY 64 west of Manns Harbor).

Soundside Adventure -FREE- Discover what lies beneath the water during this hands-on exploration of the Croatan Sound. Why are these critters so small? What is it like to be a crab? Come pull the net, and see what we catch! Footwear is required. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet at the parking lot on Business HWY 64/264 on Roanoke Island at the east side of the William B. Umstead Bridge (Old Manns Harbor Bridge).

Who Goes There? -FREE- Can you tell which critter has been visiting the forest? What do they leave behind besides tracks and scat? We'll find out on a short walk and then return to the classroom to make a mold of a track to take home with you. Meet at the National Wildlife Refuges Visitor Center on Roanoke Island.

Alligator River Guided Van Tour -\$65 per adult. \$50 children 6-12. Limited to 5 participants. Larger group trips can be arranged. Reservation required. Join us for a personal tour through popular areas for viewing and photographing wildlife. We will walk the Creef Cut and Sandy Ridge Trails. Comfortable walking shoes, insect repellent, sunscreen, and drinking water are recommended. Feel free to bring a snack. Co-sponsored by the Coastal Wildlife Refuge Society. Meet at Creef Cut Wildlife Trail parking lot (Milltail Road and HWY 64 west of Manns Harbor).