

International Migratory Bird Day 2015



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National Bison Range – May 9, 2015

6:30 a.m.	Red Sleep Mountain Drive Opens (weather permitting)		
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Backcountry Bird Adventure***	Amy Lisk	Meet at Visitor Center (Car Pooling)
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Beginning Birders Walk***	Pat Jamieson	Meet at Nature Trail
5:00 p.m.	Photography Extravaganza***	Dave Fitzpatrick	Meet at Visitor Center (Car Pooling)

*****All activities require reservations.** For more information and to make Reservations, call 406-644-2211, extension 0 or email bisonrange@fws.gov.

Backcountry Bird Adventure, led by biologist Amy Lisk. Meet at the Visitor Center Parking Lot at 8:30 a.m. - trip could go to and through lunch. We will car pool and head over Red Sleep Mountain Drive and hopefully down one or more of the back roads (weather and road conditions permitting, of course). There will be little walking but bring sturdy shoes. Bring binoculars, bird books, clothes for all weather, camera. Also bring water and snacks as we will be in the backcountry having an adventure. Please note, the Visitor Center will not be open so have everything with you.

Beginning Birders Walk – Led by Volunteer Pat Jamieson. Meet at the Nature Trail Parking Area (straight in from Front Gate just before you get to the Picnic Area). We will start at 9 a.m and go to about 11 a.m. This is a good trip to learn how to use binoculars and field guides as well as identifying common birds. It is quite appropriate to young people and families but will be fun for birders of all ages and skill. Walking will be slow, easy and on the flats but could be muddy so bring appropriate shoes and clothes for Montana weather. Bring binoculars, bird books, etc. Bring water and a snack if you want although we won't get too far from the vehicles.

Photography Extravaganza - Led by Volunteer Dave Fitzpatrick. Leaves from the Visitor Center Parking Lot at 5 p.m. - trip could go as late as dark (9 p.m.). We will car pool and head over Red Sleep Mountain Drive and hopefully down one or more of the back roads (weather and road conditions permitting, of course). Dave posts his photos on the Bison Range Facebook Page and 3 of his photos were in the Top 10 Fish and Wildlife Service photos for 2014. We will watch for wildlife, birds, flowers and all the other wonders of the Refuge. There will be little walking but bring sturdy shoes. Bring binoculars, bird books, clothes for all weather, camera. Also bring water and snacks as we will be in the backcountry having an adventure. Please note, the Visitor Center will not be open so have everything with you.