



Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge

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Programs and Events Spring 2016

Saturday, April 2 – (1:00-3:00pm) **South Fork Natural History Museum: Vernal Pools**

A vernal pool is a temporary pond, a very special place in the forest. Rain and snow fill the pond with water, but a warm summer can make it dry up. Many of the animals that live in a vernal pool are not found anywhere else. All of the creatures that live there must adapt to this wet and dry cycle. Meet some of these special animals like salamanders, turtles, frogs and toads in a presentation by an educator from the South Fork Natural History Museum. **Reservations Required: please call 631-286-0485.**

Thursday, April 7 – (7:30-9:00pm) **Night Hike**

Discover the mysterious world of the refuge after dark! This short hike through the woods will explore a variety of nighttime creatures and the adaptations that help them communicate and survive. Learn about the astronomy research happening at Brookhaven National Laboratory and examine the night sky. Wear walking shoes or boots; the hike will be approximately 2 miles total. Please bring a flashlight.

Reservations Required: please call 631-286-0485. Limited to 20 participants.

Saturday, April 16 – (11:00AM-4:00pm) **Seatuck Eco Carnival**

Join refuge staff at the Seatuck Environmental Association's Eco-Carnival, featuring a series of hands-on nature stations, nature-inspired arts-n-crafts, game and booths, as well as music, food and ice cream. It's eco-friendly, nature-based fun for whole family!

Wednesday, April 20 – (7:00PM) **Family Summer Resource Fair**

Wondering what summer programs might be available for your family? Join refuge staff at the William Paca Middle School for the Family Summer Resource Fair, where a variety of community organizations will showcase their summer programs, services and camps available to families and children.

Thursday, April 21 (7:00PM) *DDT Wars*

Local author Charles Wurster will give the untold inside story of the decade-long, scientific, legal and strategic campaign that culminated in the national ban of the insecticide DDT in 1972. Charles will speak about the his role in the banning of DDT and the creation of the Environmental Defense Fund.

Wednesday, April 27 – (10:00-11:00AM) **Cub Scout Adventure: Into the Woods**

This program incorporates lessons and activities that fulfill the requirements for the Webelos "Into the Woods" elective adventure. Part of the program may take place outside, weather permitting. Will be held rain or shine. **Reservations Required: please call 631-286-0485 ext. 2150. Limited to 15 scouts.**

Thursday, April 28 – (1:00-2:00PM) **Vernal Pool Exploration**

Through this outdoor program visitors will explore the vernal pools around Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge and become acquainted with the species found there. This program offers hands on education about the species that depend on vernal pools and the importance of vernal pools to wildlife.

Friday, April 29 – (10:00AM-4:00PM) **Earth Day Family Celebration** (rain date: Saturday, April 30)

Join refuge staff at the Bayard Cutting Arboretum's Earth Day Family Celebration, featuring tree planting, build a bird feeder, a Native American ring dance, children's activities and games.

Friday, May 6 – (8:00-9:30pm) **Night Hike**

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Reservations Required: please call 631-286-0485. Limited to 20 participants.

Saturday, May 7 – (2:00-3:30PM) **Archery for Children**

Back by popular demand! Channel your inner Katniss Everdeen and learn the skill and excitement of shooting a bow and arrow. All equipment provided. Children age 8 and above. Adult supervision required.

Saturday, May 14 – (10:00-11:00AM) **Warblers! Warblers!**

Spring is migration time and those beautiful warbler type birds are moving through Long Island. Come and hear Dianne Taggart, birder and Wertheim volunteer, tell us about these colorful birds.

Saturday, May 14 – (2:00-3:30PM) **Haiku and Origami Workshop**

Celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage month and learn how to write a haiku inspired by the natural settings at Wertheim or fold an origami animal based on the wildlife found here. Each participant will be able to take home their unique creations.

Monday, May 16 – (9:00AM-12:00PM) **Celebrating Dennis Puleston with Birds and Books**

Join Mary Laura Lamont from the William Floyd Estate for a morning bird walk, followed by a discussion of Dennis Puleston's book *The Gull's Way* and his lasting impact on Long Island's conservation community. Light refreshments will be served. **Reservations Required: please call 631-286-0485. Bird walk limited to 25 participants.**

Thursday, May 19 - (9:00AM-3:00PM) **HIA-LI Trade Show**

Join refuge staff at the Suffolk County Community College Sports & Exhibition Center in Brentwood for the HIA-LI Trade Show, featuring hundreds of exhibitors from businesses and organizations from across Long Island.

Friday, May 20 – (10:30AM-12:00PM) **Endangered Species Day**

Celebrate Endangered Species Day and come meet some of New York State's endangered species with *Wildlife In Need Of Rescue and Rehabilitation* (WINORR). Through this special live animal presentation, visitors will learn about birds of prey such as the bald eagle and peregrine falcon, why they have become endangered, and what can be done to save them.

Saturday, May 21 – (10:00AM-2:00PM) **Kid Fest**

Join refuge staff at the William Floyd Elementary School for the Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library's annual Kid Fest. Visit exhibitors of local vendors, summer camps, preschools and everything fun about kids!

Unless otherwise stated, all programs will take place at Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge and are FREE OF CHARGE. The refuge headquarters is located at 340 Smith Road, Shirley, NY 11967. Call (631) 286-0485 ext. 2150 for additional information.