



Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge

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www.fws.gov/refuge/wertheim



Programs and Events August and September 2016

Wednesday, August 17 (2:00 – 3:30PM) **Pokemon Go Safari**

Ready to catch em all? Then you've come to the right place! Many of our refuge wildlife were the inspiration for Pokemon, and can be discovered in the same habitats. Explore the refuge looking for Pokemon while learning about the real world creatures that call the refuge home.

Saturday, August 20 (2:00 – 3:00PM) **Poetry in Nature**

Do you enjoy writing and being creative? Do you like being out-of-doors? Create original poems using a variety of styles such as cinquain, acrostic and shape. Following a short classroom session we will head out for a walk in the refuge to gather inspiration and write our own poems. Ages 8 – 14. Adults are welcome to accompany the poets, please no younger children. Bring: a journal, notebook or notepaper; several pencils; colored pencils (optional). Suggest bringing a water bottle and wearing weather appropriate clothes, closed toe shoes, hat and sunscreen/tick protection. **Reservations Required: please call 631-286-0485.**

Saturday, August 27 (9:30 – 11:30AM) **Let's Learn About Water!**

Where does water come from? Where does it go? Can you drink all of it? Explore and develop an understanding of the amazing water cycle through crafts and hands-on activities. Ages 6 – 12, adults are welcome to accompany their children. This class will be held indoors.

Thursday, September 1 (7:00 - 9:00PM) **Harvest Moon Night Hike**

Discover the mysterious world of the refuge under the light of the harvest moon! 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 ext. 2150. Limited to 20 participants. Ages 12 and older.**

Saturday, September 3 (2:00 – 4:00PM) **Poetry in Nature 2**

Do you relish the opportunity to write and/or be creative? Do you delight in being out-of-doors? Create original poems using a variety of styles such as free form, shape, couplets, and haiku. Following a short classroom session we will head out for a walk in the Refuge to gather inspiration and craft our own poems. No experience necessary, each person will work at a level appropriate for themselves. Ages 14 – Adult. Suggest bringing a water bottle and wearing weather appropriate clothes, closed toe shoes, hat and sunscreen/tick protection. **Reservations Required: please call 631-286-0485.**

Monday, September 5 (10:00AM – 12:00PM) **Junior Refuge Manager Workshop**

Work with a volunteer naturalist to complete a Discovery Journal. Activities include: a tour and scavenger hunt of the visitor center, and taking a one mile walk using your senses to observe the refuge's wildlife, signs of wildlife, the water, the marshes, and the forest. Finish in the classroom with badge presentation upon completion of the Discovery Journal. Ages 7-12. Adults are welcome to accompany their children. Participants

should wear weather appropriate clothes, closed toe shoes, hat and sunscreen/tick protection. Suggest also bringing a water bottle and a snack. **Reservations Required: please call 631-286-0485.**

Thursday, September 8 (10:00 – 11:00AM) **Children's Story Time**

Hear the adventures of *Chipmunk Song* and learn more about these tiny creatures that call the refuge home. Following the story, participants will make their own chipmunk craft to take home.

Saturday, September 10 (10:00AM – 4:00PM) **Pine Barrens Discovery Day**

Come learn about one of Long Island's most important natural areas by experiencing it first hand! Participate in Funshops, Nature Walks, Kids Discovery Center games and activities, and exhibits for the entire family. A full schedule of the day's events can be found at <http://www.pbdiscoveryday.org>.

Saturday, September 17 (2:00 – 3:30PM) **Birds and Their Nests**

Have you ever wondered where birds spend the night or raise their young? In this interactive program, we will discuss birds and the type of nests (or homes) they make. The program will include a craft activity where we will create a bird's nest using dried grass, leaves, and flowers. Recommended for children in grades 2 - 7.

Saturday, September 24 (10:00AM – 11:30AM) **Secrets of the Forest- A Virtual Geocaching Adventure**

Meet with a naturalist to learn the basics of using a handheld GPS (Global Positioning System) and learn trail safety precautions for hiking at the refuge. Use these skills to navigate the refuge trails and learn about wildlife, forest and our ecosystem and complete activities in a work booklet. Certificate awarded upon completion. *Note: GPS units will be provided for check-out Ages 10 – 16.* Participants should wear weather appropriate clothes, closed toe shoes, hat and sunscreen/tick protection. Suggest also bringing a water bottle and a snack. **Reservations Required: please call 631-286-0485.**

Saturday, October 1 (2:00 – 3:30PM) **Birds of a Feather Flock Together**

Come learn about the most complex body-covering in the animal kingdom -- feathers! Find out what they're made of, how they grow, and how they work. Take home your very own feather craft. Best for children in grades 1-5. Families welcome.

On your next visit to the Wertheim Refuge please stop at our visitor's center and inquire about the following activities:

Junior Refuge Manager (recommended ages 7-12)

We will lend you a backpack containing everything you'll need to start your journey. Included is a Junior Refuge Manager Discovery Journal. Binocular Basics, Animal Behavior and Reading Tree Rings are a few examples of what you'll discover on your trip around the refuge. Come back to the Visitors Center with your completed journal and you will receive a certificate and badge.

Virtual GeoCache (recommended age 10-16)

Secrets of the hidden forest a geocaching adventure. Check out a backpack containing a GPS. A booklet will lead you through a series of discoveries. You will use the coordinates on the GPS to discover the secrets of the forest. Fill out the booklet and when you return to the visitor's center, you'll receive a compass.

Looking forward to seeing you soon. Have Fun!

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 for additional information.