



Necedah

National Wildlife Refuge / Wisconsin

Event Calendar 2017-18

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The visitor center is open year round 9am-4pm Monday-Saturday. Refuge grounds and trails are open sunrise to sunset, 365 days a year.

WINTER

WILD Arts

Every 1st Saturday through the winter 10am-2pm

- October 6
- November 4
- December 2
- January 6
- February 3
- March 3
- April 7

Join the featured artist for light refreshments and conversation in the fireplace room. **Interested in showcasing your art?**

Contact Donna at 608-565-4467.

Family Snowshoe Hike

December 16
10am-11am

Join a naturalist for a guided snowshoe hike along the visitor center trail. Wear sturdy boots.

Snowshoes are also available for checkout Monday – Saturday 9am - 3:30pm during snowy conditions.

Winter Photography Workshop

January 27
10am-11am

Bring your own camera and an eye for adventure to our seasonal photography workshop series.

SPRING

Jr. Duck Stamp Contest

Artists K-12 are encouraged to submit a drawing, painting (or other medium) of eligible waterfowl art that is 9"x12" for state and national contests.

- Entries due or postmarked by March 15
- Contest March 30 9am-noon

Spring Photography

Workshop
April 14
10am-11am

Throw back the covers and bring your camera out to the refuge to capture emerging wildlife and plants.

International Migratory Bird Day

May 12
8am-4pm

Celebrate the incredible journeys of our feathered friends with hikes, speakers and more.

Meet the Frogs

May 19
10am-11am

Meet and greet with live amphibians! Learn their calls and find out how to join other citizens across the state to help #savethefrogs.

SUMMER

Family Fishing Day

June 9
8am-10am

We'll bring the poles and bait, you bring the fun and family to **Harvey's Pond**.

Smart Phone Photography

June 23
10am-11am

Learn tips and tricks on how to make smart use of your camera's settings.

Paddle the Refuge

July 7
8am-10am

Bring your own canoe or kayak to **Suk Cerney Flowage** for this guided excursion. Lifejackets required.

Berry Picking

July 28
8am-10am

Learn to ID native plants and pick berries to take home. **Meet at Lupine Loop trailhead.** Limit 1 gallon per person.

Guided Hike

August 11
10am-11am

Naturalists interpret the history, flora, and fauna of the area. **Meet at Boghaunter trailhead.**

FALL

Taken at the Refuge

Did you capture some photos during your visit? Enter up to 5 in our annual amateur photography contest for prizes and a chance to be featured in our publications.

- Submissions due by September 1
- Entries displayed for public voting October 1-November 15.
- Winners announced December 1.

Fall Photography

Workshop
September 22
10am-11am

Falling leaves, fungi and migrating birds await on this autumn photography outing. Bring your own camera.

National Wildlife

Refuge Week

October 14-20
9am-4pm daily

#FindYourWay to nearby nature using your public land pathways and waterways. Join us for our biggest event of the year! Speakers, hikes, tours, and hands on activities for all ages all week long.

Please check our website or Facebook page for the latest event information. Activities are subject to change.

All events are free and begin at the visitor center unless otherwise noted **in bold**. Thank you for visiting your refuge.



Public Opportunities 2017-2018



FRIENDS

All programs are supported by the Friends of the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge, Inc. For membership or volunteer opportunities, visit our website: www.friendsofnwr.org

YOUTH

Plan a Field Trip

Bring your pre-K through 12th grade students to explore the refuge year round from spring pond dipping to winter snowshoeing. Naturalist led field trips are curriculum based, standards aligned and free. We can accommodate groups of 12-100 students. ***Reservations required.** Please call 608-565-4412.

Scouts & Youth Groups

Opportunities abound for troops, packs, and youth organizations to conduct self-guided visits, work with a naturalist to complete badges, or participate in stewardship activities. Naturalist led field trips are free and can accommodate 12-100 students. ***Reservations required.** Please call 608-565-4412.

Youth Conservation Corps

Students age 15-18 are invited to apply for an 8 week summer internship working in conservation and the outdoors. Planned work activities include constructing trails, surveying butterflies, landscaping, collecting native seeds, installing signs, and various other biological, visitor services, and maintenance projects. For more information, please visit our website: www.fws.gov/refuges/necedah

ADULTS

Organized Groups & Clubs

Explore the visitor center, schedule a guided hike, driving tour or join a naturalist for a lecture style program with your organized group or club. Can't make it to the refuge? We can come to you! Programs are free, can accommodate 12-50 people and last up to 2 hours. ***Reservations required.** Please call 608-565-4412.

Photography Contest

Participants can enter up to five entries total per person in the following categories for 2018 (no more than 3 in any 1 category): **Wildlife** (mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, etc.), **Public Use/ Recreation, Landscape, Plants/Plant Like Organisms** (wildflowers, lichens, mushrooms, etc.), **Special Assignment 2018: Textures.** Stop by the visitor center October 1-November 15 to vote for your favorite entries.

Citizen Science

Participate in efforts to monitor species distribution and trends through citizen science programs. Some initiatives include: Wisconsin Frog and Toad Survey, Bioblitzes, Wisconsin eBird, and the Great Backyard Bird Count. If interested in contributing to the refuge's citizen science efforts, please contact Necedah@fws.gov.

CAMP

EcoExplorers Day Camp

Children entering grades 1-9 are invited for three days of fun, exploration, and outdoor adventure in one of the wildest classrooms around! Camp is free of charge thanks to the Friends of Necedah NWR. ***Registration required** and opens March 1st. Please call 608-565-4412 or email necedah@fws.gov

Detectives (Grades 1-3)

Take Flight! From bats to birds to butterflies, learn about our winged friends through exploration, creation and play.

Session I: July 24-26

9:00 am – 3:00 pm daily

Session II: July 31-August 2

9:00 am – 3:00 pm daily

Explorers (Grades 4-6)

Superhero Scientists! Discover conservation heroes and use the tools of the trade including cameras, microscopes, and GPS.

Session I: July 24-26

9:00 am – 3:00 pm daily

Session II: July 31-August 2

9:00 am – 3:00 pm daily

Cadets (Grades 7-9)

Adapt or die! Learn about genetic change and adaptation, trait variance, and animal mutations. Use your new knowledge to extract DNA from a strawberry.

One Session only: July 17-19

9:00 am – 3:00 pm daily

PERMITS

Wood Cutting

Firewood collection is by permit and for personal use only. Collection is allowed in assigned area within 100 feet of roads. Only marked trees may be removed. Stumps must be cut flush to the ground. An individual is limited to 2 permits per fiscal year. Pick up an application at the front desk.

Trapping

Refuge trapping permits are available by lottery. If awarded a trapping unit, trappers may be required to remove beaver. A minimum of one youth mentored application will be drawn and given a priority trapping unit. Trapping on refuge is allowed by this special permit use only. Stop in the visitor center to pick up an application.

Disabled Hunter

Deer hunters with a Wisconsin DNR State Permit Class A, B or C for persons with disabilities may apply for a refuge special use permit to use service access roads otherwise closed to vehicles to hunt white-tailed deer. Disabled waterfowl hunters may also call to reserve an accessible waterfowl blind on Suk Cerney Flowage. Only the permit holder and one helper may ride in a specified vehicle. All state and federal hunting regulations apply. Call Katie at 608-565-4403.

Visitor Center

Open Monday-Saturday

Hours: 9:00am – 4:00pm

Closed Federal Holidays, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve

Available for Free at the Visitor Center:

- * Download a birding checklist using our WIFI
- * Check out a pair of binoculars
- * Borrow a pair of snowshoes
- * Gear up with one of our activity backpacks
- * Earn a Jr. Refuge Manager badge

Trails Open 365 days a year

Refuge Hours: Dawn to Dusk

Trail maps are located at informational kiosks throughout the refuge. Stop in the visitor center for more information.

Getting Here

The visitor center is located off of Highway 21 four miles west of Necedah or 18 miles east of Tomah. Turn north onto Headquarters Road and follow signs two miles to the visitor center.



Refuge Website



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