

Calendar of Events- Muscatatuck NWR- 2015

Jan. 1- Christmas Bird Count. Bird inventory of the refuge starts at 7:30 am at Visitor Center. Everyone welcome, and free hot lunch provided by refuge Friends group.

Feb. 28 – Bird Jackson County. View Jackson County bald eagles, sandhill cranes (weather permitting) and let the youngsters in your family do a Junior Duck Contest drawing.

March/April- Indiana Master Naturalist Class. Every Wednesday evening from 6- 9:30 pm. Sessions on birds, plants, geology, wetlands...and lots of other natural history topics. Great learning experience for adults for a small fee.

March 21- Wetland Day. Guided wetland walks/tours starting from refuge Visitor Center.

April 18- Family Fishing Workshop. Bring the family and join us from 9 am-noon to learn the fun of fishing! All equipment provided, and no fishing license needed this Saturday.

April 25– Earth Day Cleanup. Join us for a Volunteer work day cleaning up the refuge! Starts at 9 am at the Visitor Center.

May 9– Wings Over Muscatatuck Bird Festival. A full day of guided bird tours, bird and nature walks, that include bird banding, live birds of prey programs, birdhouse building, kids activities, a bird-calling contest, and the Jr. Duck Stamp Contest awards ceremony.

May 9- May Day Bird Count. Volunteers will conduct a “bird inventory” of the refuge starting at 6:30 am at the Visitor Center.

June 6- Take A Kid Fishing Day. 9 am – 2 pm around the Visitor Center. Lots of fun fishing activities for youngsters that includes fishing lessons on request, loaner equipment, and free lunch.

June 13-Project WILD Workshop. 9 am- 3:30 pm at Visitor Center. Fun, interactive ways of teaching kids about wildlife. For teachers and youth leaders. Small fee for guides.

July 11- Butterfly Count. Volunteers will conduct a “butterfly inventory” of the refuge starting at 9:30 am at Visitor Center.

July 20-24- Junior Master Naturalist Class. Kids version of Indiana Master Naturalist class. Half day sessions and lots of fun.

September 26- National Public Lands Day Workday. A work day for volunteers of all ages and abilities to help improve the refuge. Starts at the Visitor Center at 9 am.

October 10 - Log Cabin Day Festival. Sponsored by the Muscatatuck Wildlife Society the event kicks off National Wildlife Refuge Week with activities around Myers Cabin.

October 11 - Big Sit Bird Count. Join the volunteer crew spotting birds from the Endicott Observation Deck. Goes from dawn to dark but staying all day not required.

October 16-17- Indiana Master Naturalist Conference. Programs/hikes/trips – fun!

October 11-17- National Wildlife Refuge Week. Refuge closed area open.

November- 21-22 MNWR Bookstore Open House

Other Events

Nature Time Program for Preschoolers- Second Wednesday each month (except summer) at Visitor Center. 9:30-11 am

Bird Walk- Third Saturday of each month starting at 8 am at the Visitor Center.

