

# Crane Meadows National Wildlife Refuge

## Events Schedule 2016

**Most of our tours and activities are family-oriented and FREE!  
Pre-registration is requested. Contact the refuge for details.**

### **Candlelight Ski**

**Saturday, January 23, 5:30pm**

Join us to ski under a (nearly) full moon! Participants can ski a one mile trail loop, which will begin and end at the Refuge Maintenance Shop. The trail will be candlelit and groomed. Participants must furnish their own skis. The Friends of Crane Meadows will also have snowshoes available for free checkout during the event, so people can also hike alongside the ski trails. At the Refuge Maintenance Shop, there will be a bon fire, free refreshments, and a warm area to socialize. Please dress for the weather.

### **Habitat Day**

**Saturday, March 12, 9am-1pm**

Our Annual Habitat Day features family fun and your chance to help wood ducks and bluebirds. You're invited to learn more about these bird species and assemble a wood duck or bluebird box to take home. Bringing your own hammer or cordless drill would be helpful, but not necessary. Event is held at the Refuge Maintenance Shop. Dress for the weather. Food available for a small fee.

**Note: if the event is cancelled due to weather, the announcement will be made over local radio stations and rescheduled for March 19.**

### **Bird Walk**

**Saturday, May 7, 8am-10am**

Join us for a bird walk along the Platte River Trail during the spring migration. Meet at the Refuge Headquarters. Bring your walking shoes and binoculars.

### **Backyard Bird Feeder**

**Saturday, December 10, 9am-12pm**

MN winters can be long and cold! Bird feeders attract life to our frozen backyards, and can help carry resident birds through the winter months. Learn about different feeder styles, placement, seed selection, how to maintain your feeding stations, and how to keep the birds healthy. Held at the Refuge Maintenance Shop.

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Refuge Headquarters and Shop area are located at 19502 Iris Rd, Royalton, MN 56373, five miles East of Hwy 10. For more information call Refuge Headquarters at 320-632-1757 or email [cranemeadows@fws.gov](mailto:cranemeadows@fws.gov). Events may be cancelled or postponed due to inclement weather or lack of snow. Cancellations will be announced over local radio stations. Events are sponsored by Friends of Crane Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, [www.friendsofcranemeadows.com](http://www.friendsofcranemeadows.com). The U.S. fish and Wildlife Service is committed to providing access to these events for all participants. Please direct all requests for special accommodation to the Refuge Headquarters: 320-632-1575, [cranemeadows@fws.gov](mailto:cranemeadows@fws.gov), or TTY 800-877-8339 at least one week prior to the event.

