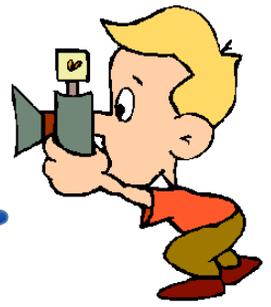


FREE & FUN Family Photo Day



Saturday, Oct. 15th from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

**at the
Parker River National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center
In Newburyport**



**Participate in a
Photo
Scavenger Hunt
& Win a Prize!**



**Photograph
Live Animals
at the
Visitor Center!**



**Learn How
to
Set Up a
Trail
Camera
in your
Backyard**



**Take a
'Selfie'
with
"Puddles"
the Blue
Goose!**



**Learn
Simple Tips
for Taking
Great
Nature
Photos!**

- Bring your own camera – even a smart phone will work!
- Event will be held rain or shine
- No preregistration
- This event is FREE!
- The refuge visitor center is located at 6 Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport, MA
- Phone: (978) 465-5753



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Refuge Announces Fun Family Photo Day for Saturday, October 15th

A brand new FREE family event is coming to Parker River National Wildlife Refuge on Saturday, October 15th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm (rain or shine). Called "**Fun Family Photo Day**," the daylong event will feature a wealth of fun opportunities for both kids and adults to capture images of nature and wildlife using digital cameras (including smart phones!). Beginning at the refuge visitor center, event participants will be able to photograph a variety of live animals up close and personal (including native fish through aquarium glass - no easy task!). Another photo op will involve taking a "selfie" with Puddles the blue goose – a human-sized version of the Refuge System's official logo. The visitor center portion of the event will also include a number of informative, hands-on exhibits that focus on such things as backyard bird photography and how to set up a trail camera.

After taking pictures at the visitor center, event participants will be invited to complete a photo scavenger hunt on the Plum Island portion of the refuge. A scavenger hunt "shot list" will guide them to a number of discrete locations on the refuge where they will be asked to capture a variety of specific types of photos including landscapes and close-ups. The scavenger hunt will include a very cool "*This Place is for the Birds!*" trail, where the goal will be to find and photograph as many hidden birds as possible. Event participants who then return to the visitor center to show proof of having completed the scavenger hunt will be rewarded with a matted print of one of their photos, a chance to win a number of exciting raffle prizes, and a special certificate.

Event participants should bring a camera with them to the event. The camera can be of any type; even a camera – equipped smart phone will do the trick! Participants should plan to begin their event adventure at the refuge visitor center, which is located at 6 Plum Island Turnpike in Newburyport. This new FREE event, which is being held in honor of National Wildlife Refuge Week, will take place rain or shine. Answers to questions about the event can be obtained by calling the refuge headquarters at (978) 465-5753. Additional refuge information is available through the web site: https://www.fws.gov/refuge/parker_river/.