

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT YOUR LOCAL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES



ASSABET RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE



Refuge Open Daily Sunrise-Sunset; Visitor Center Open Saturday-Sunday, 10AM-4PM
 The Visitor Center is located at 680 Hudson Road, Sudbury, MA. For questions about programming, please contact Ranger Katie (Kathryn_nathenson@fws.gov or 978-440-0875)

Starting May 1st 2017, the Visitor Center will be closed on Fridays due to staffing limitations and low visitation. Regular hours are now Saturday and Sunday from 10AM-4PM.

<p>Exhibit of the Month: JULY</p>	<p>SIGNS OF SUMMER Stop by the Visitor Center during regular hours and see our new monthly exhibit. This month focuses on elements that are representative of summer here at the Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge.</p>
<p>Movie of the Month: JULY</p>	<p>LURKING IN THE TREES (Runtime: 27 min.) This month’s movie tells the story of the destructive Long-Horned Beetle. Movie of the month plays on a loop in the Visitor Center during regular hours throughout the month.</p>
<p>Saturdays 9 AM-12 PM</p>	<p>ASSABET PULLING TOGETHER VOLUNTEER WORK PARTIES Come join Assabet Pulling Together, a volunteer-led team focused on the removal of invasive flora from Refuge grounds. Work parties are held every Saturday from 9AM-noon, rain or shine, suggested attire is light-colored clothing, a hat, and work gloves. Please contact Dave Lange at delange005@earthlink.net for more information.</p>
<p>Thursday, July 20th at 6PM</p>	<p>BUTTERBIKE MONARCH PRESENTATION & WALK Each spring, millions of monarchs leave the mountains of Central Mexico, where they survived the winter, to begin their annual migration north. This spring, they are accompanied by cyclist Sara Dykman from Kansas who is biking 10,000 miles from the overwintering colonies in Mexico to Canada and back with the monarchs. Or as she would say “Butterbiking with the butterflies.”</p> <p>Dykman’s goal is not only to follow the monarch migration, but to connect people living along the route with the migration. In order to do this she visits classrooms, wildlife refuges, and nature centers to talk about bike touring, the monarch migration and what we can do to help protect this endangered natural phenomenon. Please join us at the Refuge Visitor Center at 6PM for a powerpoint presentation on Sara's journey, to be followed by an outdoor walk on the Refuge trails to look for pollinators. Please RSVP to Ranger Katie at Kathryn_Nathenson@fws.gov.</p>
<p>Saturday, July 22nd at 9:30AM</p>	<p>REFUGE FLEDGLING HOUR Nature themed program series that will include crafts, stories, and games or songs that will relate to a different topic each month. This month’s theme will be on Dragonflies and Damselflies. Programs will be held the 4th Saturday of every month 9:30am – 10:30am for 2 to 5 year olds; siblings welcome.</p>
<p>Saturday, July 29th at NOON</p>	<p>PAULA’S NOONTIME READING CIRCLE Join refuge volunteer Paula Goodwin for a mid-day program that will include a book reading and a short activity. Kids of all ages welcome.</p>

OXBOW NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Entrance: 80 Hospital Road, Devens, MA 01434. For questions about programs, contact Rona Balco, President of Friends of Oxbow NWR, 978-779-2259 or Ada at ada.friendsoftheoxbownwr@gmail.com

<p>Saturday, July 8th, 10am-Noon Rain or Shine</p>	<p>SKETCHING FROM NATURE</p> <p>Come for a fun, informative morning, and surprise yourself. Even if you have or never have done any drawing in nature, you will be pleased with the results. We'll be walking along the trails, identifying and sketching plants to remember their characteristics. Thus, you'll be creating your own guidebook.</p> <p>Our instructor, Rona Balco, a naturalist, has a degree in Visual and Performing Arts and is also trained in the art of Botanical Illustration.</p> <p>Bring a small sketchpad or a spiral notebook with 5X7" index cards and black (and colored) pencils plus a good eraser. Carrying some insect repellent plus wearing light-colored clothing and sturdy footwear are recommended. (Long pants are suggested.) Bring water! For all who can stay, we'll gather in the pavilion at noon to share our work, comments and questions, to eat our lunch, and to set a date for the second in our series of <u>Arts at the Oxbow!</u></p> <p>For more information, call Rona at 978-779-2259 or email Ada at ada.friendsoftheoxbownwr@gmail.com</p>
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REMINDER: PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE REFUGES

[Except Service Animals]

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