

NEWS RELEASE

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Second Annual “Let’s Go Outside” Event Set for Saturday, June 18th!

On Saturday, June 18th, between the hours of 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge will host the FREE, second annual, and daylong family event called *Let’s Go Outside*. The event is intended to provide children and adults with an opportunity to “try out” or experience a range of fun, healthy outdoor activities including kayaking, surf fishing, archery target shooting, nature and wildlife photography, and bird watching. Event participants will move through a variety of “activity stations” that will be located both at the refuge visitor center and on the Plum Island portion of the national wildlife refuge. Participants will be encouraged to begin their event experience at the refuge visitor center, where an enthusiastic group of staff and volunteers will be waiting to provide a proper welcome and orientation (including an “activity station” map). From there, participants will be able to move between event venues – whether in their own motor vehicle or via a free, refuge-provided shuttle. Children who have successfully completed all event “activity stations” will qualify for an official Junior Refuge Manager badge!

Let’s Go Outside will also include a “bunch” of fun, hands-on crafts and activities that are particularly suited for younger kids including such things as face painting and owl pellet exploration. A very special activity station, located at the visitor center, will focus on the monarch butterfly. And, as if that wasn’t enough, live tide pool critters will be on display at the parking lot 1 visitor contact station!

This FREE family event will take place rain or shine. There is no preregistration for this event and participants are welcome to show up, or even come and go, throughout the day (10:00 am to 3:00 pm). The event will also provide the public with an opportunity to meet some of the refuge’s staff and volunteers. For further information about the event, please contact the refuge office at (978) 465-5753.

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Let's Go Outside! Event Map



Welcome to the *Let's Go Outside!* Event at Parker River National Wildlife Refuge!

- Event hours: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm; come and go as you like throughout the day
- Free shuttle buses run continuously or travel between venues in your own car
- Four event venues (see map above)
- Crafts and activities for kids of all ages!
- Have the kids get their passport books stamped at each venue to earn a Refuge Manager badge!

