

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 to the public on Fridays due to staffing limitations and low visitation. The new schedule is Saturday and Sunday, 10AM-4PM.

The Visitor Center will be closed on Saturday May 13th due to our Red Maple Trail celebration at Great Meadows.

<p>Exhibit of the Month: MAY</p>	<p>ASSABET RIVER NWR: A RIVER, A RAILROAD AND A ROBIN Stop by the Visitor Center during regular hours and see our new monthly exhibit. This month focuses on the varied history of the Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge, so please stop by to check out some of the artifacts that have graced the Refuge property over the last several hundred years.</p>
<p>Movie of the Month: MAY</p>	<p>AMERICA'S DARLING: THE STORY OF JAY N. "DING" DARLING (Runtime: 75 minutes) Ding Darling, a Pulitzer award winning cartoonist, was an integral part of the formation of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the man behind the Federal Duck Stamp. Watch to learn more about how Darling was an important figure in the early conservation movement in the United States. Movie of the month plays on a loop in the Visitor Center during regular hours throughout the month.</p>
<p>Sunday May 7th, 11AM</p>	<p>HIDDEN TREASURES 2017- HISTORIC BUNKER TOUR Join local historian Jan Wright for an informative slideshow, talk and tour of one of the ammunitions storage bunkers at Assabet River NWR. This event is part of the Freedom's Way National Heritage Area's 2017 Hidden Treasures celebration. Space is limited, so please RSVP with name and number of members in party to Jared_Green@fws.gov.</p>
<p>Saturday May 13th, 7AM</p>	<p>SPRING MIGRATION BIRD-WALK Celebrate International Migratory Bird Day with a bird walk at Assabet River NWR. Meet in the parking area by the Visitor Center at 7AM. For further information contact Laura Lane at 508-480-8259.</p>
<p>Wednesday May 24th, 7PM</p>	<p>ANNUAL FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND FRIENDS SPEAKER SERIES: ED STERLING Ed Sterling will discuss the history of the Central Massachusetts Railroad, known as "The Central Mass" from its beginnings in the post-Civil War years to its sad end in 1980. Using both physical and digital maps, and many photos, he will take the audience from Boston out to Clinton. Stopping at the various stations and depots, we will see the stations as they were, where they were located, and as they appear today where possible. He will describe operations of the railroad in its role supplying the Sudbury Ammo Bunkers. As time permits, the virtual tour of the line will likely stop at Clinton and the Wachusett Dam, although the railroad went all the way out to Northampton.</p> <p>Ed Sterling has had a lifelong interest in trains and railroads. He grew up in Vermont in the twilight of steam locomotive operations on the Central Vermont railway. His family has always had a large Lionel train layout in their homes. He currently collects large Lionel Standard Gauge trains from the 1920s and 1930s.</p>
<p>Friday May 26th, 10:30AM</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 cover snakes. Programs will be held the 4th Friday of every month 10:30-11:30AM for 2-5 year olds; siblings are 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 May 6th & Sunday May 14th at 7:30am</p>	<p>BIRDING WITH DICK AND PEG KNOWLTON <u>Location:</u> Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge, Still River Depot Road in Harvard, MA Join bird experts Dick and Peg Knowlton on their yearly exploration of the birds on the southerly section of the Oxbow Refuge. The number of species spotted varies, but usually is close to 40. The pace will be leisurely, the company amiable, knowledge will be shared, and all will have a good time. Bird lovers from experts to beginners are welcome. Bring your binoculars and a guidebook or two. Wearing bug-proof clothing is recommended. Depending on the weather, the trails might be damp. Program sponsored by Friends of the Oxbow NWR. Contact information: Rona at 978-779-2259.</p>
<p>Sunday May 21st, 1-3PM</p>	<p>HIDDEN TREASURES 2017 - HERBERT G. PRATT'S BOAT HOUSE PROGRAM AND TOUR See the remains of the Nashua River boathouse, built by Herbert G. Pratt, second superintendent of the Sampson Cordage Factory at Phoenix Park Shirley MA, located on the east side of the river opposite Lovell Road buildings. This event is part of the Freedom's Way National Heritage Area's 2017 Hidden Treasures celebration.</p>

GREAT MEADOWS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Sudbury Unit on Weir Hill Road, Sudbury, MA
 Concord Impoundments on Mosen Road, off Rte. 62 in Concord, MA

<p>Saturday May 13th, 11AM</p>	<p>RED MAPLE TRAIL CELEBRATION (73 Weir Hill Road, Sudbury, MA 01776) Join us to celebrate our new universally accessible boardwalk on International Migratory Bird Day! Festivities include: Guest Speakers, Refreshments, Property Tour, and more!</p>
<p>Saturday May 13th, 5PM</p>	<p>HIDDEN TREASURES 2017- TURTLES, THOREAU AND TRANSCENDENTALISM: HOW AMERICAN ENVIRONMENTALISM WAS HATCHED IN MASSACHUSETTS (Concord Impoundments on Mosen Road) Take a walk with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service as we investigate the intersection between modern conservation and classical poetry. This event is part of the Freedom's Way National Heritage Area's 2017 Hidden Treasures celebration.</p> <p>Space is limited. Reserve your spot by emailing your name and number of members of party to Kathryn_Nathenson@fws.gov by May 7th.</p>

REMINDER: PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE REFUGES
 [Except Service Animals]

Contact Us

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http://www.fws.gov/refuge/assabet_river

<http://www.fws.gov/refuge/oxbow>

http://www.fws.gov/refuge/great_meadows

Friends of Assabet River: <http://www.farnwr.org/>

Friends of the Oxbow NWR: <http://www.friendsoftheoxbownwr.org/>

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