

News Release

Presquile National Wildlife Refuge

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Public is Invited to Participate in the Fall ‘*Field Day*’ at Presquile National Wildlife Refuge

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) is pleased to announce an upcoming event scheduled for Saturday, October 5, 2013 at Presquile National Wildlife Refuge. This Fall event (in addition to one in the Spring) offers the public a chance to get to and from the 1,329-acre island refuge without the typical permit requirements. During any other time of the year, visitors are to sign-up for a refuge sponsored tour or request an access permit and provide their own transportation.

The ‘Field Day’ event provides transportation and access to 3 ½ miles of wildlife observation trail, boardwalks, an interior creek water trail and select facilities. Visitors can meet FWS employees, view interpretive materials and displays within the Menenak Discovery Center, and learn about the energy-efficient components of the James River Ecology School facilities. Guided and self-guided tours will be available throughout the day. Family-friendly programs and activities will be offered, including canoeing and basic archery. James River Association educators will offer programs for kids and highlight environmental education programming opportunities with the Ecology School.

Activities begin at 9am with pontoon boat transportation to and from the island every half hour until approximately 4pm. Participants are to gather at 4700 Bermuda Hundred Road in Chester, VA. Parking is free. Pre-registration is not required. In preparation for your adventure, dress appropriately for the weather and bring drinking water.

Please contact Cyrus Brame at 804-829-9020 for more information.

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