



UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT YOUR LOCAL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES



ASSABET RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Visitor Center at 680 Hudson Road, Sudbury, MA. For questions about programs or to register contact Tim at timothy_puopolo@fws.gov or (978) 265-7467

<p>Saturday November 12th, 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm</p>	<p>INTRO TO HIBERNATION FOR KIDS We are not the only species to notice the seasonal changes around us, but when we can put on an extra layer other animals need to be more creative. Some animals must hibernate during the frigid months, join us as we discuss what hibernation is, what native animals hibernate, and then we'll go out and build some dens of our own!</p>
<p>Sunday, November 13th, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm</p>	<p>THE FIGHT AGAINST ANIMAL TRAFFICKING The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service fights to protect threatened and endangered species in many ways, and one is to curb the purchase and sale of these animals on the black and open market. Come to the Visitor Center and learn what we do to protect natural biodiversity on the human front, and check out some rare items!</p>
<p>Monday, November 14th, 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm</p>	<p>FULL MOON HIKE The November full moon is also known as the Beaver Moon. The days are getting much shorter and colder at this point, with sunset dancing around 5:00pm. Meet outside the Visitor Center for a moonlit hike where we'll learn what the month of November means to the local wildlife.</p>
<p>Wednesday, November 16th, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm</p>	<p>FRIENDS NOVEMBER PRESENTATION: Timber Rattlesnakes There are fourteen species of snakes native to Massachusetts. They occupy a diverse array of habitats, including: farmland, fields, forests, rocky hillsides, streams, and wetlands. Snakes are a valuable component of natural ecosystems, filling the role of both predator (of amphibians, rodents, etc.) and prey (for birds and mammals). There are two venomous snake species in Massachusetts - the timber rattlesnake and the copperhead, both of whom's populations are believed to be declining across the state. The state of Massachusetts is currently attempting to combat the decline of the timber rattlesnake through a variety of management strategies, including head-starting, population augmentation, and translocation. Come learn more about snake ecology and the exciting work being done by a number of partners to conserve Massachusetts' imperiled snake species.</p> <p>Brian Butler is the President of Oxbow Associates, Inc., a wetlands and wildlife consulting company providing a broad range of ecological services and specializing in rare and herpetofaunal wildlife study and mitigation. He has studied the ecology of reptiles and amphibians for over 30 years, conducting taxon-specific and general habitat and impact assessments for development projects in Massachusetts. Much of his work consists of reviewing project sites for local conservation commissions, the Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program, US Army Corps of Engineers and other regulatory agencies</p>
<p>Sunday, November 20th, 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm</p>	<p>NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH WALK The Nipmuc that inhabited this region had a much closer connection to the wildlife than we do today. You're welcome to come enjoy the weather and learn about the culture and history of the indigenous people of Massachusetts in honor of Native American Heritage Month.</p>

OXBOW NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Entrance: Still River Depot Road parking lot (at end of Still River Depot Road in Harvard, MA). For questions about programs, contact Rona Balco, President of Friends of Oxbow NWR, 978-779-2259 or Ada at ada.friendsoftheoxbownwr@gmail.com

<p>Thursday, November 3rd, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm</p>	<p>OWL PROWL</p> <p>Discover the secret world of owls! Owls are active in establishing their winter territory in the fall, so this is a great time to go on the prowl. Come and learn about the life strategy of these stealth predators and their role in the ecosystem and society. After the indoor part of the program, we'll go on a moonlit hike and attempt to lure the owls to us. The event will end around the campfire, dress for the weather! This presentation will take place at Oxbow NWR's new Visitor Facility located at 80 Hospital Rd. in Devens, MA. Space is limited so RSVP to Tim (timothy_puopolo@fws.gov). All ages welcome.</p>
<p>Sunday November 13th, 10:00 am – 11:00 am</p>	<p>BIRD MIGRATION WALK</p> <p>Some animals hunker down and wait out the cold months of winter, but many birds neither adapt to the cold but travel south to warmer climates. Join us at Oxbow NWR (80 Hospital Road) as we walk around and look at some of our resident and migratory birds. We'll see what it takes to be a "Snow-Bird" and the role migratory waterfowl have in the ecosystem and the conservation world. Contact Katie (knathens@stetson.edu) to RSVP, space is limited. All ages welcome.</p>

GREAT MEADOWS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Concord Impoundments on Monsen Road, off Rte. 62 in Concord, MA

<p>Sunday, November 13th, at 2:30 pm</p>	<p>MONTHLY NATURE WALKS: A Sense of Place at Great Meadows NWR (Concord)</p> <p>Autumn brings beautiful transitions to the Great Meadows floodplain. Green gives way to burnished color, flowers fade, leaves fall, geese flock, muskrat lodges rise, gossamer billows, and sunsets burn their brightest hues of the year. Join Cherrie to explore these marvels and more.</p> <p>Open to all ages. No pre-registration required.</p> <p>Co-sponsored with Friends of the Assabet River NWR</p> <p><i>Please note: Refuge headquarters waives the entrance fee for these walks. However, I encourage everyone to consider purchasing a \$12 annual pass to help support critical visitor service needs at Great Meadows - Concord.</i></p> <p>Meet at the information kiosk at Great Meadows NWR in Concord. For questions or to be added to the emailing list for notice of these and impromptu evening walks, contact cherrie.corey62@gmail.com or 978-760-1933.</p>
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REMINDER: PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE REFUGES

[Except Service Animals]

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