

# Join Us for Free, Fun, Programs!

## *Parker River National Wildlife Refuge*

### November, 2017



#### **REGISTRATION & CAPACITY:**

All refuge programs are FREE, but space may be limited. Preregistration is required for all programs, unless otherwise indicated. Please call (978) 465-5753. **Please Note:** If a program requires preregistration, your registration is not confirmed unless and until you receive a phone call or voice mail message from a member of the refuge staff.

Programs conducted in the auditorium are limited to 85 attendees. Seats are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Admission of additional attendees will stop when capacity has been reached.

Please note that outdoor programs may be cancelled if there is inclement weather and/or insufficient registration. Visit us on the web for more information:

[http://www.fws.gov/refuge/parker\\_river/](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/parker_river/) or call Refuge Headquarters. The refuge visitor center is located at 6 Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport, MA.

### **Parker River National Wildlife Refuge - Behind the Scenes Tour!**

***Held on the following days: Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 p.m.; Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 a.m.; Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 am; Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 p.m.; Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 p.m.; Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 p.m.; Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 a.m.; and Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 p.m.***

Join a refuge ranger for a behind the scenes tour of Parker River National Wildlife Refuge. Tour will be conducted via refuge van, with several brief "drive by" stops along the way. The tour will present an "up close and personal" look at the refuge through the multiple lenses of the cultural history of Plum Island and the Great Marsh, native wildlife and their habitats, and the role of refuge management in the conservation of these precious natural resources. Participants may be driven along areas on the refuge otherwise closed to the public. This guided two hour program is most appropriate for older teens and adults. Binoculars and/or a camera are recommended, but not required. Meet the ranger in the lobby of the refuge visitor center 15 minutes prior to the program start time. Each session is limited to 14 participants; no more than 4 individuals per sign-up. Again, this is a vehicle - based tour, with limited stops on the refuge. Advance registration is required for this program, as enrollment is limited. Be advised that individual tours may be subject to cancellation. \*Please note: Those who call and leave messages after hours, your registration is not confirmed until you receive a confirmation call from a refuge staff member. **Please call (978) 465-5753 to register for this program.**

### **Great Bay National Wildlife Refuge - Behind the Scenes Tour!**

***Held on the following days: Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>; Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>; all from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.***

Join a refuge ranger for a behind the scenes tour of Great Bay National Wildlife Refuge, located in Newington, NH. Participants will have an opportunity to visit areas of the refuge that are not normally open to the public. See a diversity of wildlife habitats while learning how the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is managing this very special landscape for conservation. Consider bringing along binoculars and a camera. The tour is limited to 14 participants; no more than 4 individuals per sign-up. This is a vehicle-

based tour, with limited stops on the refuge. This guided program is most appropriate for older teens and adults. Meet the ranger in the lobby of the Parker River NWR visitor center in Newburyport no later than 9:00 am OR in the Great Bay NWR parking lot in Newington, NH no later than 9:45 am. (Indicate location you prefer at time of registration.) Be advised that individual tours may be subject to cancellation. \*Please note: Those who call and leave messages after hours, your registration is not confirmed until you receive a confirmation call from a refuge staff member. Please call (978) 465-5753 to register for this program. **Preregistration required.** For directions to the refuge, click on this link: [http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Great\\_Bay/visit/plan\\_your\\_visit.html](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Great_Bay/visit/plan_your_visit.html)

## **Digital Photo Editing for the Beginner**

***Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.***

So, you've managed to fill up your digital camera's memory card with images. "Now what?" you ask yourself. For many people, half the fun is yet to come – time spent editing images on a computer. For the novice, the idea of editing digital photos on a computer can be a little intimidating. But that need not be the case. This presentation will introduce a basic "digital workflow" – a series of simple steps that will move your photos from good to great! (Note: This is a presentation, not a hands-on workshop with computers.) Meet the instructor in the visitor center auditorium at least 10 minutes prior to the session start time. **Preregistration is NOT required.**

## **Special Film Presentation: *Chased by the Light***

***Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.***

*"Chased by the Light: A Photographic Journey with Jim Brandenburg*, tells the story of how one of the world's greatest nature photographers immersed himself in a Zen-like exploration of his craft and the untamed landscape of the rugged north woods. For 90 days, Brandenburg took only a single picture each day - one click of the shutter. The stunning images generated unprecedented reader interest as a National Geographic magazine cover story and as the best-selling book of his career. Undertaken at the pinnacle of Brandenburg's career, the 90-day project was motivated by his desperate need to renew his creativity and reconnect with natural settings that had been the primary sources of his inspiration. *Chased by the Light* documentary has won over 15 international awards and has been nominated for an Emmy."

This free public program will occur during the regular monthly meeting of the Photographic Society of Parker River NWR. The Society welcomes anyone who has an interest in nature, wildlife, and/or photography - whether you are a total novice or earn a living by taking pictures! The club meets every month, generally on the second Saturday afternoon. Club activities include special presentations, slide shows (of members' work), intra-club mentoring and training, photo shoots, on-line photo sharing, and involvement in the refuge's various photography-related programs, events, and outreach activities. The program will take place in the refuge visitor center's auditorium. Capacity is limited to 85 attendees (first-come, first-served). **Admission is free and preregistration is NOT required.**

## **Nelson Island Tour**

***Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>; both from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.***

Explore another part of the refuge – this time, on the mainland. Join a ranger for a tour of a beautiful spot that few people visit: Nelson Island. Learn about the history of this little known refuge jewel. If weather and tide permits, we'll take a very short walk along the marsh. (Muddy, wet areas are possible so rubber boots are recommended.) Consider bringing binoculars and/or a camera. \*Please note: Those who call and leave messages after hours, your registration is not confirmed until you receive a confirmation call from a refuge staff member. **Preregistration is required.**

## **FOCUS ON BIRDS: Special Behind the Scenes Tour of Parker River NWR**

***Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.***

This special edition of the refuge's Behind the Scenes (BTS) tour will be led by veteran birder, and refuge volunteer, Bill Gette. While the tour will follow the usual BTS route, the leader will place a special emphasis on the birds that are typically found on the refuge in late fall. Participants are encouraged to bring binoculars, if they have them. Tour is limited to 14 participants. Meet the tour leader in the refuge visitor center lobby 15 minutes before the program start time. This program is most appropriate for teens and adults. **Preregistration required.**

## **Plum Island Waterfowl Tour**

***Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.***

Hop on board the refuge's Magic Bus for a special three hour tour that will take you to several locations on Plum Island – both on and off the national wildlife refuge – where you are most likely to see a variety of waterfowl species (e.g., ducks and geese). Learn about the natural history of these fascinating creatures from veteran birder and refuge volunteer Bill Gette. The program leader will have a spotting scope and several loaner binoculars. Participants are welcome to bring their own binoculars. Tour is limited to 14 participants. Meet the tour leader in the refuge visitor center lobby 15 minutes before the program start time. This program is most appropriate for teens and adults. **Preregistration required.**

### **These Visitor Center Exhibits Change Monthly:**

**Artist of the Month Gallery:** Each month a different photographer or artist displays their nature and/or wildlife-related fine art in the refuge visitor center auditorium.

**Photographic Society Slide Show:** Just inside the visitor center's front door is a large video monitor that displays the latest nature and wildlife-themed slide show that was produced by members of the refuge's very own photo club. A new slide show, set to music, and focusing on a unique theme, is produced each month.