



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>Sunday October 9th, 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm</p>	<p>INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY WALK How did the Nipmuc survive winters in Sudbury? Meet us outside the Visitor Center and learn about the Native Americans of Massachusetts and their rich history as we walk through a refuge that has seen drastic changes over the years.</p>
<p>Sunday October 16th, 12:00 noon – 2:30 pm</p>	<p>FALL HISTORICAL BUS TOUR Join Maynard Historian Paul Boothroyd for our popular bus tour of the historical sites of the Assabet River NWR. Visit sites dating back to Native Americans, Washington and the War of Independence, and World War II for many entertaining stories and anecdotes. Tickets at \$9.00 per person in advance only. Reserve your space early by calling Paul Boothroyd at (978) 835-4515. <i>Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Assabet River NWR.</i></p>
<p>Sunday, October 16th, 7:00 pm – 8:15 pm</p>	<p>FULL MOON HIKE The October full moon is also known as the Hunter Moon, and it rises shortly after sunset. Meet outside the Visitor Center for a moonlit hike where we'll learn what the month of October means to the local wildlife.</p>
<p>Wednesday, October 26th, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm</p>	<p>FRIENDS OCTOBER PRESENTATION – BAT TALK Bats are unique in many ways, but are often misunderstood and under-appreciated for the many ecosystem services they provide, such as insect suppression. Currently, populations of bats throughout eastern North America are declining due to white-nose syndrome, a deadly fungal disease. During this presentation you will learn about what makes bats unique, the nine bat species that live in Massachusetts, what research is being done to combat white-nose syndrome, and what you can do to help bats. Katherine Gillman is a graduate student at the University of New Hampshire where she studies the impact of white-nose syndrome on summer maternity colonies of little brown bats. Katherine has been studying bats for the past seven years and is conducting her research in hopes of developing conservation strategies to help bats survive and recover from white-nose syndrome.</p>
<p>Thursday, October 27th, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm</p>	<p>SHOWING OF: "BAT CITY USA" Movie night! This documentary delves into one city's complicated relationship with bats and how the residents transitioned from hostility to understanding. Join us for popcorn and informal discussion afterward. (Runtime: 52 min.)</p>
<p>Friday, October 28th, 10:30 am – 11:30 am</p>	<p>REFUGE FLEDGLINGS Nature themed program series that will include crafts, stories, and games or songs that will relate to a different topic each month. Programs will be held the 4th Friday of every month 10:30am – 11:30am for 2 to 5 year olds; siblings welcome.</p>
<p>Saturday, October 29th, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm</p>	<p>INTRO TO BATS FOR KIDS Come to the Visitor Center and submerge yourself in the world of bats! Learn about how bats live and what makes them tick through craft and play. Great for ages 5 and up. Let us know how many children plan on attending so we can be prepared.</p>



Sunday, October 30th, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm	BAT BOX WORKSHOP Join us at the Visitor Center where we'll learn all about how bat boxes help the ecological strength of our community. After presentation, we'll build bat boxes of our own to take home. Materials are provided free of charge courtesy of the Friends of Assabet River NWR. One bat box per individual/family. Must RSVP to Jared_Green@fws.gov , limited to 15 participants.
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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

Thursday, October 13th, at 6:30 pm	FRIENDS OF THE OXBOW NWR ANNUAL MEETING The Annual Meeting is open to the public and takes place at the Lancaster Community Center at 717 Main Street, Lancaster MA. On the agenda is an overview of the past year given by group president Rona Balco, officer elections, and new member recruitment. This is your chance to have a voice in the future of the Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge. Refreshments will be served.
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GREAT MEADOWS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

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

Sunday, October 16th, at 3:00 pm	MONTHLY NATURE WALKS: A Sense of Place at Great Meadows NWR (Concord) 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. Open to all ages. No pre-registration required. Co-sponsored with Friends of the Assabet River NWR <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> Meet at the information kiosk at Great Meadows NWR in Concord. Take Rte. 62 to Monsen Rd. Follow Monsen Rd. and turn left into refuge driveway when road turns sharply right. Follow refuge road to the parking lot at the end. GPS: 177 Monsen Rd., Concord, MA abutter to refuge driveway. 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.
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REMINDER: PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE REFUGES
 [Except Service Animals]

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