

JUNE

Saturday, June 25

Critter Cart: Amazing Animal Adaptations!

11am – 3pm

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Sunday, June 26

Birds and Plants, Perfect Together!

10:30am – 12:15pm

Plants and birds need each other to survive! There are numerous ways that birds rely upon plants to meet their needs, and many plant species would struggle, or even become extinct, if there were no birds. With naturalist Kim Adelson as your guide, explore these relationships and learn why birds prefer the habitats that they do! Meet at the flagpole in front of the Visitor Center.

Sunday, June 26

Our Amazing Plant World

1pm – 3pm

Spring is the perfect time to experience the Refuge plant life in all its diversity! Join Dave Zink on a nature walk through the Refuge—all the while learning about plant-insect interactions, adaptations for survival and other interesting facts. You only live once: Stop to smell the flowers! Meet at the flagpole in front of the Visitor Center.

JULY

Saturday, July 2

It's in Your Nature: Exploring the Wild

10am – 11:30am

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Sunday, July 10

It's in Your Nature: Sights and Sounds of Summer

1:30pm – 3pm

During this guided walk, your senses will be filled with bird song, bird sightings, and flowering native plants that are present on the Refuge during summer. Learn about and enjoy the variety of natural wonders that can be found on a walk around the Twin Barns Loop Trail with naturalist Sally Vogel. Meet in the Visitor Center.

Saturday, July 16

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Saturday, July 30

It's in Your Nature: Exploring the Wild

10am – 12 noon

From bitterns to butterflies, salmonberries to salmon fish, nature on the Refuge takes many forms. Join naturalists Art Pavey and Jan Kramer on this nature walk that is sure to teach you something new about the natural splendor of the Refuge. Meet in the Visitor Center.

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AUGUST

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A River Runs Through It

10:30am – 12 noon

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Sunday, August 14

Home Sweet Home

12 noon – 1pm

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SEPTEMBER

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Saturday, September 24

Nisqually Watershed Festival

10am – 4pm

Tours and guided walks through-out the day, as well as music, live animal presentations, educational exhibits, great food, a marine touch tank, and more! Join us in a celebration of the cultural, economic and natural resources of the Nisqually Watershed!