APRIL

Saturday, April 2

*Birds of a Feather: Take Flight on a Bird Walk*

10:30am – 12 noon

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Saturday, April 9

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Saturday, April 9

*Birds and Plants, Perfect Together!*

1pm – 2:45pm

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Sunday, April 10

*Our Amazing Plant World*

10:30am – 12:30pm

Spring is the perfect time to experience the Refuge plant life is 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.
Sunday, April 10

The Magical Forest
11:30am – 1pm
Ever wonder why skunk cabbage stinks? Ever wonder if all woodpecker holes are the same? Everything has a story to tell, and Ellen Sweetin is here to help translate. Join her on a walk through the remarkable riparian forest and get to know the incredible inhabitants. All ages welcome, curious minds encouraged. Meet at the Visitor Center and prepare to be astonished.

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The Nisqually and Medicine Creek: Where Nature, Culture and History Converge
1pm – 2:30pm
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Saturday, April 16

Amazing Animal Adaptations!
1 pm – 3 pm
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Sunday, April 17

Home Sweet Home
12 noon – 1pm
Enjoy a short walk through the various habitats of the Refuge, exploring all there is to see! Along the way, hear some tales of the Squalli Absch natives, farmer Brown, and the events surrounding the Medicine Creek Treaty. Meet Sue Stone at the flagpole in front of the Visitor Center.
Sunday, April 17

*It’s in Your Nature: Exploring the Wild*

*1pm – 2:30pm*

Life on the Refuge reaches its maximum intensity during the vital, turbulent spring. Flowers explode and the creatures of the refuge dance to nature’s eternal drum. Experience it all on a guided walk led by naturalist Mark Hunter. Meet in the Visitor Center.

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Saturday, April 23

*Birds of a Feather: Take Flight on a Bird Walk*

*8:30am – 10:30am*

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Saturday, April 30

**It’s in Your Nature: Exploring the Wild**

*10am – 12 noon*

From bitterns to butterflies, salmon*berries* 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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Sunday, May 1

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*9:30am – 11am*

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Sunday, May 1

**Birds and Plants, Perfect Together!**

*10:30am – 12:15pm*

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1pm – 2pm
The Peregrine Falcon, the Bald Eagle, the Northern Harrier, the Great Horned Owl: a variety of amazing raptors can be found on the delta, and each has a story to tell. Experienced birder Richard Cormier will reveal unique aspects of a raptor’s journey through life in this short, illustrated program. Meet in the Visitor Center Auditorium.

Sunday, May 15

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**JUNE**

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