

What's happening in and around the Willamette Valley Refuges?

Event Calendar & Volunteer Opportunities

William L. Finley Refuge's Fiechter House Tours

Saturday, May 25th, 10AM to 3PM

Fiechter House, William L. Finley NWR (~ 10 miles south of Corvallis OR)

Fun/Educational Event

You've probably seen the stately white house and beautiful carriage house on your visits to William L. Finley Refuge. Have you ever been inside? Now is your chance! Explore this 1855 pioneer house, one of the oldest buildings in Benton County. Actual artifacts from the house and the families that lived in the Fiechter House will be on display and there will be hands-on demonstrations and activities, too. We open the Fiechter House every year and May 25th is your next opportunity to get inside! Tours led by interpretation experts. Stay and have a picnic lunch and explore the Refuge!

The Fiechter Barn will be open as well.

For questions please contact Samantha Bartling (samantha_bartling@fws.gov)

For a map of the refuge visit [William L. Finley NWR Trail Map](#)

SOIL! What it is and how it works on the Refuge!

Sunday, June 2nd, 1PM to 3PM

Refuge Office, William L. Finley NWR (~ 10 miles south of Corvallis OR)

Fun/Educational Event

It's ALL about soil! Most people only have a vague idea of what soil is and how it works. You will learn more than you ever thought possible from this lecture and walk led by OSU Instructor of Soil Science, James Cassidy. The reason you are alive, what nutrients are, how soil stores water and nutrients. The fundamentals that ALL humans on the planet Earth should know! We will look at the soils of the refuge and explain WHY we see what we see there...its all about SOIL!!! Please RSVP if you plan to attend.

To RSVP please visit [Soil! - Survey Monkey](#)

For questions please email fwvnrwrc.outreach@gmail.com

For a map of the refuge visit [William L. Finley NWR Trail Map](#)

Friends' July Event about Insects, with Kendra Del Toro

Sunday, July 7th, time TDB

Snag Boat Bend unit of William L Finley NWR (~ 12 miles south of Corvallis OR on Peoria Rd)

Fun/Educational Event

The July event will be a presentation about insects by Kendra Del Toro. More details to come.

For questions please email fwvnrwrc.outreach@gmail.com

For information on Snag Boat Bend visit [Snag Boat Bend Unit](#)

Friends' August Event about Fish, with Brian Bangs

Sunday, August 4th, time TDB

Location TBD (one of the Willamette Valley Refuges)

Fun/Educational Event

The August event will be a presentation about Fish by Brian Bangs. More details to come.

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