



Cinder Worm Workshop

Observe one of nature’s fascinating spring rituals. Witness thousands of cinder worms as they wiggle their way to the surface performing their spring mating dance. Quietly wade the protected coves of Ninigret Pond on a warm spring evening. See the beauty of a sunset over tranquil water. Now listen to the sound of silence as it is interrupted by dozens of surface feeding stripers. Finally, fish for those stripers using the tiny cinder worm flies you tied yourself.

This isn’t some kind of fisherman’s dream, it’s a reality and it can happen to you. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in partnership with Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management’s Aquatic Resource Education program is organizing a Cinder Worm Workshop. There will be two weekday evening classes in fly tying instruction on cinder worm patterns and one weekend evening of fly fishing. “We would like to have everyone attend both workshops,” said David Pollack, one of the organizers of the program, but you also have the option to pick just one.” Introduction to practical rigging and casting instruction will be covered for those that need additional assistance. Fly fishers will then fish the coves of Grassy Point area of Ninigret National Wildlife Refuge. “We don’t guarantee the weather or the fish,” said Pollack, “but past experiences have shown that this is prime time for the worm mating season.”

The program is open to any adult or child over the age of 10, regardless of skill level. There is limited space with a 40 person maximum. Instruction and guidance will be provided by some of the area’s most knowledgeable worm fishermen. New this year will be an opportunity for kayak fishing - limited to experienced kayakers who have their own kayaks, equipped with required safety equipment and lights for kayaking after dark. Dave Pollack will lead that group.

For more information or to register, please contact Scott Travers at scott.travers@dem.ri.gov.

All fly tying materials will be provided. Participants are encouraged to use their personal equipment, but RI Division of Fish & Wildlife’s Aquatic Resource Education program will also provide the necessary fishing and fly tying equipment (other than waders) for beginners and entry level registrants.

Tuesday, May 2nd, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Fly Tying

Kettle Pond Visitor Center, Charlestown, RI

Tuesday, May 9th, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

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These programs are offered FREE to the public by a dedicated and skilled group of volunteers, U. S. Fish & Wildlife staff and local community resources in an effort to increase your enjoyment of the conservation, protection and enhancement of your National Wildlife Refuges in Rhode Island.

Check us out Online: <http://www.fws.gov/ninigret/complex/>
Or on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/rinwrc>

Community Artists Program

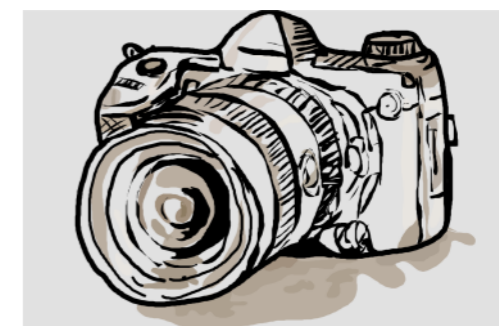
In a continuing effort to connect visitors to nature, the Community Artists Program displays nature inspired artwork at the Kettle Pond Visitor Center in Charlestown. Join us at the Kettle Pond Visitor Center all month to celebrate May’s showcased community artists, whose work will be displayed for the entire month and is viewable by the public 7-days a week from 10am - 4pm. This month’s display will be nature inspired photographs by Caitlin Osso. For additional information, please visit www.caitlincreations.com. For more information on how you might participate in the Community Artists Program, please leave a message for Wendy Rappaport at the Kettle Pond Visitor Center at 401-364-9124.

May 1, 10:00_{AM} – May 31, 4:00_{PM}

Kettle Pond Visitor Center, Charlestown.

Reception at Kettle Pond Visitor Center on

May 7, 1:00 pm — 3:00 pm!



Wild about Reading

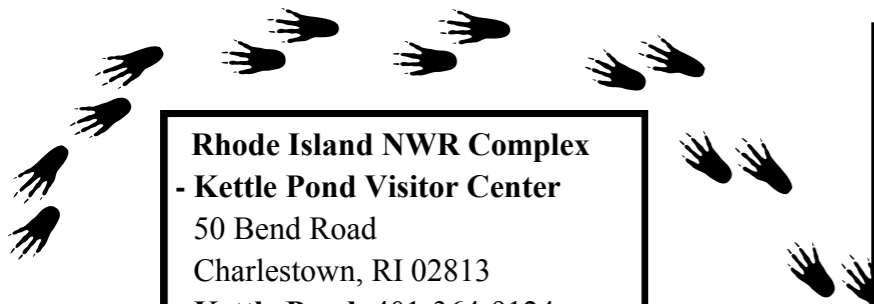
Join us weekly at the Kettle Pond Visitor Center for a story time that is sure to be great fun for the youngest of naturalists. Volunteer Cynthia Reiser will share a nature-based story followed by fun activities like finger plays as well as arts & crafts. (Ages 3-6).

USFWS Volunteer, Cynthia Reiser

Wednesdays, at 10:30 am, May 3, 10, 17

Kettle Pond Visitor Center, Charlestown.



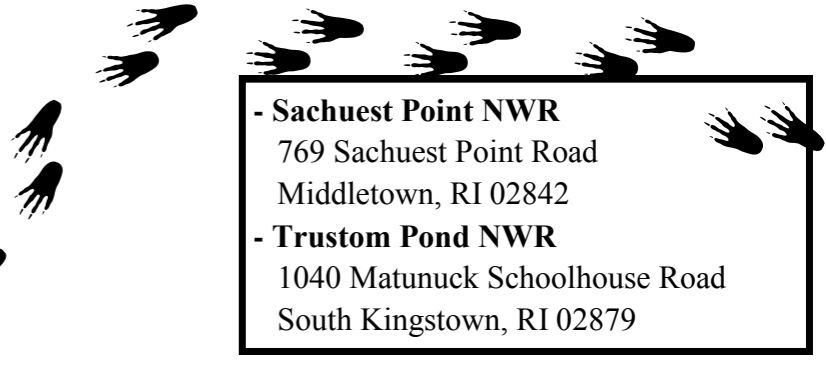





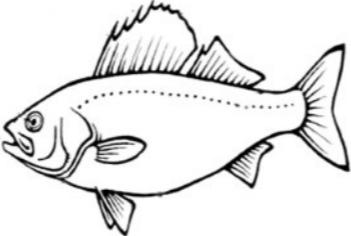
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 - **Kettle Pond Visitor Center**
 50 Bend Road
 Charlestown, RI 02813
 - **Kettle Pond:** 401-364-9124
 - **Sachuest Point:** 401-619-2680

Rhode Island National Wildlife Refuge Complex
PUBLIC PROGRAMS, May 2017

* Block Island NWR (BI) * John H. Chafee at Pettaquamscutt Cove (JC) *
 * Kettle Pond Visitor Center (KP) * Ninigret NWR (NIN) *
 * Sachuest Point NWR (SP) * Trustom Pond NWR (TP) * Block Island (BI)

- **Sachuest Point NWR**
 769 Sachuest Point Road
 Middletown, RI 02842
 - **Trustom Pond NWR**
 1040 Matunuck Schoolhouse Road
 South Kingstown, RI 02879



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nature-inspired photographs by Caitlin Osso May 1— May 31, 2017	1	2 Fly Tying Workshop 6:30 pm —8:30 pm KP	3 10:30 <small>AM</small> –Wild About Reading - KP	4	5	6
7 Artist Reception By Caitlin Osso 1 pm—3pm KP	8	9 Fly Tying Workshop 6:30 pm—8:30 pm KP	10 10:30 <small>AM</small> –Wild About Reading - KP	11 <i>Come walk the trails!</i> 	12	13 Fly fishing at Ninigret East Parking lot 4pm—8 pm
14	15 	16	17 10:30 <small>AM</small> –Wild About Reading - KP	18	19 	20
21	22	23 <i>Enjoy Nature Crafts at our arts Table at KP!</i>	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 		<i>Take a 15 minute stroll to the observation tower from Kettle Pond Visitor Center—to see Block Island and the new wind turbines!</i>	