

2018 Eagle Festival Schedule

Time	Activity/Program	Description
Tours		
8:00 – 9:30 am	Birding with a guide (approx. 1.5 hrs.)	Observe resident and migratory birds, including eagles, geese, ducks, herons and songbirds with guide Terry Allen. Bring binoculars. Meet at Education Building.
10:00 & 11:30 am 1:00 & 2:30 pm	Eagle Prowl (approx. 1 hr 15 min.)	Join our experienced volunteers and staff in a search for bald eagles on the refuge. Seating is limited. Registration begins at 9:30 am for all prowls. Once tickets are gone seats will be filled on a stand by basis. Tickets go fast so plan accordingly.
10:00 & 11:30 am 1:00 & 2:30 pm	Wildlife Drive Bus Tour (approx. 1 hr 15 min.)	Join refuge biologists on a tour of the wildlife drive. Learn how the refuge manages habitat for wildlife from the comforts of a commercial bus. Registration begins at 9:30 am for all tours. Once tickets are gone seats will be filled on a stand by basis. Tickets go fast so plan accordingly.
Live Bird Programs		
10:00 am	Raptor Identification and Adaptation	Meet native birds of prey with naturalist Liz Smith and learn about their very successful hunting adaptations that make them masters of the sky!
11:00 am	Bald Eagles, A National Success Story	Maryland Park Service “Scales and Tales” Rangers will be sharing information about our national symbol, the bald eagle. See this majestic bird up close and hear its amazing story!
12:00 pm	Raptors Rule!	Mike Callahan of Nanjemoy Creek Environmental Education Center will present an interactive live bird of prey program with fun information about the exciting lives of bald eagles and other native raptors of Maryland!
1:00 pm	Bald Eagles, A National Success Story	A second chance to see Maryland Park Service “Scales and Tales” Rangers share information about our national symbol, the bald eagle. See this majestic bird up close and hear its amazing story! (Repeat of 11:00 am program)
2:00 pm	Raptors Rule!	A second chance to see Mike Callahan of Nanjemoy Creek Environmental Education Center present a live bird of prey program about the exciting lives of bald eagles and other Maryland raptors. (Repeat of 12:00 pm program)
3:00 pm	The Peregrine Falcon	Join falconer Andrew Bullen and his raptors, and learn about the natural history of the peregrine falcon and how falconry techniques were successfully used in the recovery of the peregrine population in the U.S!
Exhibits/Demos/Presentations		
11:00 am	Visitor Center	Maryland State Duck and Bear Stamp Judging
11:30 am and 2:30 pm	West Side of Visitor Center	Nutria Detector Dog Demonstrations. See how nutria detector dogs have helped to reduce nutria populations on the Eastern Shore.
All day	In the Visitor Center	View live birds of prey up close with exhibitors from Salisbury Zoo, Nanjemoy Creek Environmental Education Center, and Raptor’s Eye. Live reptiles from MD Scales and Tales, Face Painting, Jr. Duck Stamp activity, and exhibits from the Friends of Blackwater, Pickering Creek Audubon Center, and USDA Nutria Project.
	Visitor Center Parking Lot	Step into the Phillips Wharf “Fishmobile” and meet some of the aquatic residents of the Chesapeake Bay!
Kids’ Stuff		
All day (while supplies last)	Owl Pellet Exploration	Learn about owls and the foods owls like to eat during this fun activity.
	Create a Bird Box	Construct a wren nesting box to take home. All materials supplied.
	Kids’ Make-and-Take	Kids can carve a bird bust out of soap, make a wildlife button, and create a butterfly life cycle model.
All day	Archery	Kids can try their hand at archery at the indoor “Hoverball” range.
	NWTF BB Gun Range	A fun and safe shooting range staffed by the National Wild Turkey Federation.
All Day	Food	Purchase vittles from Boy Scout Troop 532. Visitor Center parking lot.