

2021 Virtual Eagle Festival Schedule of Events

Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge

March 12-14, 2021

StoryWalk® – *Over in the Forest: Come and Take a Peek* by Marianne Berkes

Friday, March 12 through March 31 | Along the Woods Trail

Bring the young ones out to the refuge to hike the Woods Trail and read together the picture book, *Over in the Forest: Come and Take a Peek*. Pages from the book will be installed along the Woods Trail, promoting physical activity, early literacy, and family time together in nature. Discover the animals that live in the forest, while walking through the forest! The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Thanks to the Dorchester County Health Department for the use of their StoryWalk® frames.

Eagle Hot Spots at Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge

Friday, March 12 | 12:00 PM EST | Facebook, [@BlackwaterNWR](#)

Join refuge staff as we kick off this year's Eagle Festival, highlighting some of the best places on the refuge to look for bald eagles! [See the video here.](#)

Tips on Eagle Identification

Friday, March 12 | 1:00 PM EST | Facebook, [@BlackwaterNWR](#)

Not sure if it's a bald eagle, golden eagle, or turkey vulture? Tune in to learn the difference between adult and immature bald and golden eagles during this brief introduction to eagle identification. [See the video here.](#)

The Bald Eagle, Icon of Blackwater NWR and our National Symbol

Saturday, March 13 | 10:00 AM EST | Facebook Premiere, [@BlackwaterNWR](#)

Listen in and share your questions about all things eagles with Mike Callahan of Nanjemoy Creek Environmental Education Center. A live bald eagle will join this program to help demonstrate some of the cool features that eagles have that help them survive and thrive in the wild. [See the video here.](#)

Virtual Story Time and Craft, *Owl Babies* by Martin Waddell

Saturday, March 13 | 11:30 AM EST | Registration Required

Join refuge staff as we watch together an animation of the picture book *Owl Babies*, a story about three baby owls that awake one night to find their mother gone. Following the story, we'll make our very own "owl baby" using just a few basic supplies. **Note: this was a live interactive event, so there is no archived video available. However, you can still view the [supply list and instructions](#) and make your own owl baby!**

Eagle Encounter at Tuckahoe State Park

Saturday, March 13 | 2:00 PM EST | Facebook Premiere, [@BlackwaterNWR](#)

Join Tuckahoe State Park Staff for a behind-the-scenes look in the Scales & Tales Aviary, where they'll answer your questions about bald eagles as well as take a closer look at what makes them so unique! [See the video here.](#)

We also encourage you to learn more about bald eagles by watching the [Earth Day special event](#) brought to you by the US Fish & Wildlife Service.

Raptors Rule

Sunday, March 14 | 10:00 AM EST | Facebook Premiere, [@BlackwaterNWR](#)

Featuring live birds of prey, Mike Callahan of Nanjemoy Creek Environmental Education Center returns with a fun program about some of our native raptors of Maryland. A barred owl, barn owl, and screech owl all make an appearance, as well as a red-tailed hawk! Mike and refuge staff will be LIVE in the chat room during the presentation to answer your questions. [See the video here.](#)

Puppet Show: Habitat Adventures with Will the Goose!

Sunday, March 14 | 1:00 PM EST | Facebook, [@BlackwaterNWR](#)

Grab the kids and get ready for some puppet fun! Learn all about the adventures of a young Canada goose on his first migration as he explores the refuge's habitats and discovers the animals that call Blackwater NWR home. [See the video here.](#)

Bald Eagle Highlight Reel from the Friends of Blackwater

Sunday, March 14 | 4:00 PM EST | Facebook, [@BlackwaterNWR](#)

Take a look at some of the best eagle behaviors captured on video by the four wildlife cameras located at Blackwater NWR, with commentary from the Friends of Blackwater. [See the video here.](#)

For more fun activities, visit our [Just for Kids](#) page!

Missed the event? Links to the presentations will be posted here following the festival!

