

Patuxent Research Refuge Public Programs April 2014



REGISTRATION

All programs are **FREE**, however, donations to **The Friends of Patuxent** are greatly **appreciated!** Note: These public programs are designed for individuals/families. Programs DO require advance reservations and may be subject to changes or cancellation due to weather or low participation. Please call **301-497-5887** to make your reservation.

Please notify the refuge of any special needs so that you may be accommodated.

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Programs Held at the North Tract

The North Tract is located on Rt. 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 32.

"Sense"-ational Nature

Saturday, April 5th, 1:00-2:00pm, Ages 5-7

Discover how animals use their senses, sometimes very differently than we do! Explore how "creature features" are important to their survival through stories and games! Registration is required.

Bird Walk

Saturday, April 12th, 8:15-10:15am, All Ages

Search for birds in several refuge habitats on this guided hike. Field guides and binoculars are recommended. Registration is required.

Owl Prowl

Saturday, April 12th, 7:15-8:45 pm, Ages 10+

Explore the refuge at night while looking and listening for owls. Registration is required.



Wildflower Walk

Saturday, April 26th, 10:00am -12:00pm, All Ages

Come search for wildflowers on the refuge. Learn why these springtime blooms are so important in the refuge ecosystem. Remember to dress for the weather. Field guides are recommended. Registration is required.

Programs Held at the National Wildlife Visitor Center

The Visitor Center is located on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 197.

Bird Walks

Wednesday Bird Walks:

April 2nd, 8:00-10:30am, Ages 16+

April 16th, 8:00-10:30am, Ages 16+

April 30th, 8:00-10:30am, Ages 16+

Saturday Bird Walk:

April 26th, 8:00-10:30am, Ages 10+

Search for early spring migrants in various refuge habitats on this guided hike. Field guides and binoculars are recommended. Registration is required.



Bird Buddies

Saturday, April 5th, 9:00-10:30am, Ages 5-10

Is it a robin or a cardinal? No need to worry, just watching birds can be a blast! Search for birds by sight and sound and discover some of the special qualities birds have in this hands-on program and hike. Registration is required.

Whooping Crane Observatory Tour

Sunday, April 6th, 1:00-3:00pm, Ages 14+

Enjoy a guided tour to the Whooping Crane Observatory at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center to observe a pair of graceful and endangered adult whooping cranes. Find out more about the Whooping Crane population recovery program. Arrive early, as tour will leave on time. Space is very limited. Registration is required.

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Based on Books: Monthly Nature Series Eggs!

Thursday, April 17th, 10:30-11:15am, Ages 4-5

Each program in this series begins with a beautifully illustrated children's story about wildlife. Discover more about nature with puppets, props, and activities. Registration is required.



Puppet Show: Spring Surprises

Friday, April 18th, 11:00 am & 12:30pm, All Ages

All Ages Welcome! **No Registration required.**

Join a very special American Toad on a springtime day at Patuxent as he bumps into old and new friends after a long winter. Length of introduction and puppet show runs approximately 20 minutes.

Wet and Wild Earth Day!

Saturday, April 19th, 1:00-2:30pm, Ages 8-10

Celebrate Earth Day by exploring a healthy wetland to discover who appreciates clean water and how to keep it that way. Be prepared to get wet! Registration is required.

Insects!

Friday, April 25th, 1:00-2:30pm, Ages 5-7

Investigate the amazing world of insects! Learn about different kinds of insects, their habitats, and the role they play in our environment! Registration is required.

Tiny Tots: Nature and Music

Sunday, April 27th, 11:30 am-12:15 pm, Ages 18-42 mos.

Monday, April 28th, 10:30-11:15 am, Ages 18-42 mos.

Come learn about the wildlife at the refuge through songs and rhyming. Parental participation is required. Registration is required.

Nature Tots: Wiggly Worms and Diggity Dirt!

Wednesday, April 30th, 10:30-11:30am & 1:00-2:00pm, Ages 3-4

Get down and dirty as we get up close and personal with our subterranean friends! Explore their habitat and discover the dirt on why we love worms! Registration is required.

Impact of Climate Change on Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat

Dr. Doug Inkley, Senior Scientist, National Wildlife Federation

National Wildlife Visitor Center

Saturday, April 5th, 1:30-2:30 PM, Ages 14+

Join us for an exciting presentation featuring Doug Inkley, Ph.D - Senior Scientist at the National Wildlife Federation. Dr. Inkley is a certified wildlife biologist with expertise in ecology and wildlife management. He has worked on a broad range of wildlife issues including endangered species conservation, state wildlife funding, national wildlife refuge legislation, waterfowl conservation and wetlands conservation. Presentation sponsored by the Friends of Patuxent. No registration required.

May Sneak Peak!-Magnificent Whooping Crane Month

Join us for a very special celebratory month! Patuxent Research Refuge and Patuxent Wildlife Research Center has been deeply involved in saving this majestic bird from extinction since the mid-1960s. Throughout the month there will be educational displays, activities for children, whooping crane observatory tours, and informational talks on Whooping Crane restoration efforts by Dr. John French, Research Manager at Patuxent Wildlife Research Center; Brooke Pennypacker of Operation Migration and Ken Lavish, Volunteer Crane Technician. Stay tuned for more details!