

# Patuxent Research Refuge Public Programs August 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 National Wildlife Visitor Center

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

### Midnight Mysteries

*Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00-11:30 am, Ages 8-10*

Uncover the mysterious adaptations of night dwelling creatures by sharpening your own nocturnal skills such as night vision, scent and more through exploration and games! Registration is required.

### Tiny Tots: Nature and Music

*Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am-12:15 pm, Ages 18-42 mos.*

*Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### Raccoons!

*Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:00-11:30 am, Ages 5-7*

Discover the world of these marvelous masked mammals through exploration, crafts, puppets and more! Search for evidence along the trail and even craft your own raccoon nest. Registration is required.

### Nature Tots: Turtle Time

*Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:30-11:30 am & 1:00-2:00 pm, Ages 3-4*

Introduce your child to the radical world of turtles with fun games and crafts. Discover what makes turtles unique and meet a live turtle! Registration is required.

### Spying for Spiders

*Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:00-11:30 am, Ages 5-7*

Join us to learn why spiders are not insects. Explore their unique traits with a game, poem, song, craft, and a hike! Registration is required.

### Making Your Yard a Hangout for Birds and Butterflies

*Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2:00-3:30 pm, Ages 15+*

Come learn how to increase the biodiversity of your yard. What do birds and butterflies need to enjoy your space? Master Gardener, Ann Coren, has increased the bird species in her yard from 5 species to 32 species since transitioning to Ecosystem Landscaping. What do birds and butterflies need besides seeds and milkweed? We will talk about creating landscapes that include native foods, shelter and water to support our avian friends. Registration is required.



### Based on Books: Monthly Nature Series: Ducks!

*Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:30-11:15 am, 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.

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## Programs and Event held at the North Tract

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

### Bird Walk

*Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8:15-10:15 am, All Ages*

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

Registration is required.



### Herp Search

*Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1:00-2:30 pm, All Ages*

Join a refuge naturalist on this guided search for reptiles & amphibians. Registration is required.

### Night Hike

*Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:45-9:15 pm, Ages 5+*

Discover the nighttime world of the refuge as you look and listen for nocturnal animals on this guided walk.

Registration is required.

### Evening Wildflower Search

*Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:45-7:45 pm, Ages 8+*

Want to see a variety of wildflowers but don't want to do a lot of walking in the heat? Join a guided caravan tour (in the comfort of your own vehicle) and travel along our wildlife loop stopping at multiple locations to learn about beautiful late summer blooms.

Registration is required.

# Wildlife Conservation and Recreation Day!



At North Tract Entrance  
Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
10:00am-2:00pm  
FREE! For All Ages!



Learn about wildlife conservation and recreational opportunities through habitat exploration, children's crafts, fishing, archery and firearm demonstrations.

No registration necessary.