

News Release

Patuxent Research Refuge

National Wildlife Visitor Center

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Patuxent Research Refuge Celebrates Wildlife Conservation Day

The Patuxent Research Refuge will be celebrating Wildlife Conservation Day on Saturday, August 16 from 10:00 AM– 2:00 PM at the North Tract of the Refuge. The public is invited to take guided hikes, learn tips on birding, wildlife photography and observation, practice fly tying, fishing, watch working dogs retrieve, participate in archery and firearms demonstrations, and engage in crafts for the younger children. There will also be information about hunter safety, accessible hunting and fishing, and about hunting and fishing, as well as other conservation and recreational opportunities, in the area. Exhibitors/participants will include the Meade Natural Heritage Association and the National Wild Turkey Federation.

According to Refuge Manager, Brad Knudsen, “Conservation Day celebrates all wildlife conservation efforts and especially the contributions of hunters and anglers in conserving our natural habitats and wildlife resources. The vast lands that make up the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s National Wildlife Refuge System provide not only habitats for wildlife, but provide opportunities for people to enjoy wildlife-related recreational activities such as wildlife observation and wildlife photography, bird watching, hunting, fishing and interpretive programs as well as educational programs. We hope people in the Baltimore/Washington metropolitan area will take advantage of the opportunities provided by Patuxent and other wildlife refuges in the area.”

The North Tract of Patuxent Research Refuge is located at 230 Bald Eagle Drive off of MD Route 198 between the Baltimore/Washington Parkway and Route 32, east of Laurel, MD. If you have any special needs please contact the Refuge at least two weeks prior to the event so that we may accommodate you. For additional information call 301-497-5770 or visit <http://patuxent.fws.gov>.

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