

# Patuxent Research Refuge Public Programs April 2015



## 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.

### Spring Wildflower Walk

*Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am-12:00pm, All Ages*

Join a naturalist to discover early spring ephemerals. Field guide, water, and magnifying glass recommended. Registration is required.

### Bird Walk

*Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### Herp Search

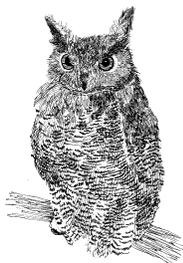
*Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-2:30pm, All Ages*

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

### Owl Prowl

*Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:30-9:00 pm, Ages 10+*

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



### PB & J: The Pollinating Butterflies Job

*Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-11:00am, Ages 10+*

Discover the role that butterflies play in the ecosystem as pollinators and learn to identify several common to Maryland on this guided 2.0-mile, 2 hour hike. Field guide recommended. Bring water and dress for the outdoors. 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.

### Migration Madness

*Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1:00-2:00pm, Ages 8-10*

In the springtime the mid-Atlantic swells with migrating birds passing through or taking up residence. Explore the reasons why birds migrate, their routes, and the hazards they face on the fly through interactive activities! Registration is required.

### Puppet Show: Spring Surprises

*Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:30 am & 11:30 am, 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.

### Bird Walk

*Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 8:00-10:30am, Ages 10+*

*Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 8:00-10:30am, Ages 16+*

*Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8:00-10:30am, Ages 16+*

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

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## Programs Held at the National Wildlife Visitor Center Cont...

### Whooping Crane Observatory Tour

*Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-2:30pm, 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.

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

*Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:00-11:30 am, 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.



### Storytime: Eggs!

*Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:30-11:30am, Ages 5+*

Join us for a storytime about eggs and who may be inside! Registration is required.

### Beautiful Buds!

*Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:00-11:00am, Ages 5-7*

Discover the beauty and bounty of buds and why they are so important through games, crafts and a hike! Registration is required.

### Go Green to Help Wildlife

*Sat., April 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am-12:00pm & 1:00-2:30pm, Family friendly, Ages 6+*

Help the Earth and help wildlife by making your yard wildlife friendly. Learn various ways to attract wildlife to your yard, make a bird feeder and/or nesting materials holder from recycled resources. These activities require parental assistance. Bring a clean, dry gallon jug with a cap if you can or use one of ours to create a bird buffet to take home. Plan to go outside for a short walk. Registration is required.

### Spring has Sprung!

*Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-2:30pm, Ages 8-10*

Learn about the changes taking place as plants and animals alike start to emerge! Put your springtime knowledge to the test with interactive games, activities and a hike. Registration is required.

### Cool Pools

*Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-2:30pm, Ages 5-7*

Discover the world of cool creatures born in icy Springtime pools. Take a hike and play games to explore how important these pools are and who appears as the days get warmer! Registration is required.

### Nature Tots: Totally Turtles

*Wed., April 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:30-11:30am & 1:00-2:00pm, Ages 3-4*

Come learn about what makes turtles tremendous! This hands-on, interactive program for preschoolers features stories, songs, crafts and a special visit from one of our resident turtles. Registration is required.