

# Magnificent Whooping Crane Month - May 2015



**Celebrate the Whooping Crane, one of North America's most endangered birds. ADMISSION is FREE. Enjoy these fun family activities:**

- **Kids' Day** (all ages welcome) Saturday, May 9, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - Puppet Shows, Story Times, Crafts, Activities, and More!
- **Whooping Crane Observatory Tours** on Sundays (May 10, 17, 24, 31), from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (*Registration is required; call 301-497-5887 for reservations.*)
- **Whooping Crane Presentations** on Saturdays - **May 2** by **Dr. John French**, Branch Chief at Patuxent Wildlife Research Center; **May 16** by **Ken Lavish**, Volunteer Crane Technician; **May 23** by **Brooke Pennypacker** of Operation Migration; **May 30** by **Dr. Glenn Olsen**, Veterinarian, Patuxent Wildlife Research Center. All presentations will be at 1:30 p.m.
- **Measure Up Activity** - discover how tall you are compared to the height of a Whooping Crane; see if "your wingspan" is as wide as a Whooping Crane's.
- **Whooping Crane Videos** - watch these endangered birds and see them dance!
- **Exhibits** featuring Whooping Cranes and efforts to save them from extinction.
- See entire calendar of activities at: [http://www.friendsofpatuxent.org/images/Calendar-MWCM\\_2015.pdf](http://www.friendsofpatuxent.org/images/Calendar-MWCM_2015.pdf).

Join us on May 9 as we observe two notable days in May on Patuxent's Kids' Day - International Migratory Bird Day and Endangered Species Day.

**Location:** National Wildlife Visitor Center, 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708, just off Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 197, see detailed directions at: <http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent/visit/directions.html>. Call [301-497-5887](tel:301-497-5887) for information and special accommodations.

**Coordinated by the Friends of Patuxent Adopt A Whooper Committee. Contact person:** Ken Lavish; 301-384-4557; [devish@verizon.net](mailto:devish@verizon.net). All programs and activities are FREE; donations to the Adopt A Whooper Program are greatly appreciated and tax deductible!



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