

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Patuxent Research Refuge Public Programs May 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. To view program listings online visit <http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent/visit/PublicPrograms.html>.

Programs Held at the North Tract

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

Adventure Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, May 2nd, 9:00am-1:00pm, All Ages

Using clues and locations, families and groups will explore the contact station grounds and nearby trails to hunt for sculptured stones, mystery objects, plants and animals. A camera or cell phone that takes pictures is recommended. Arrive anytime between 9am and 1pm to begin your hunt and plan for about an hour of fun! Registration is required along with approximate arrival time.

Bird Walk

Saturday, May 30th, 8:15am-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, May 30th, 1:00-2:30pm, All Ages

Join a refuge naturalist on this guided search for reptiles and amphibians. Wear good walking shoes! Registration is required.



Night Hike

Saturday, May 30th, 8:00-9:30pm, Ages 5+

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

Sunday, May 3rd, 8:00-10:30am, Ages 8+

Wednesday, May 13th, 8:00-10:30am, Ages 16+

Wednesday, May 27th, 8:00-10:30am, Ages 16+

Sunday, May 31st, 7:00-9:30am, Ages 8+

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

The Senses to Survive

Tuesday, May 5th, 1:00-2:30pm, Ages 8-10

Discover how animals that must rely on their senses survive in the wild. Rediscover your natural senses and put them to the test with activities, games and a hike. Could you survive using your senses in the wild? Registration is required.

Based on Books- Worms!

Tuesday, May 12th, 10:30-11:30am, 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.

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



Hippity Hop!

Friday, May 15th, 10:30am-12:00pm, Ages 5-7

Discover the fascinating world of frogs by exploring their habitat and life cycle through crafts, games and a refuge hike! Registration is required.

Animal Families!

Saturday, May 16th, 1:00-2:30pm, Ages 5-7

Animal families come in many different shapes and sizes. Learn about three very different babies and how they grow up! Registration is required.

Nature Tots: Silly Goose

Friday, May 29th, 10:30-11:30am & 1:00-2:00pm, Ages 3-4

Introduce your preschooler to the world of Geese through games, stories, and crafts in this fun, interactive program. Registration is required.

Magnificent Whooping Crane Month

National Wildlife Visitor Center

Sponsored by the Friends of Patuxent Adopt a Whooper Committee

Activities and events throughout the month of May celebrating Whooping Cranes.



Magnificent Whooping Crane Month Special Speakers!

Saturdays: May 2nd, May 16th, 23rd and 30th

All presentations begin at 1:30pm. No registration required.

Listen to various Whooping Crane experts discuss their experiences and challenges while assisting with recovery efforts for one of North America's most endangered birds!

For more details about the speakers see complete schedule at http://www.friendsofpatuxent.org/images/Calendar-MWCM_2015.pdf

Magnificent Whooping Crane Kid's Day!

Saturday, May 9th, 10:00am-2:00pm, All Ages

Ongoing crafts, games and activities to learn about Whooping Cranes!

Puppet Shows and Storytimes to last approximately 20-30 minutes. No registration required!

- **Puppet Show: Little Whooper's Excellent Adventure at 10:0 am & 12:30pm**
- **Storytimes at 11:30am & 1:30pm**

Whooping Crane Observatory Tours

Sunday, May 10th, 1:00-2:30pm, Ages 14+

Sunday, May 17th, 1:00-2:30pm, Ages 14+

Sunday, May 24th, 1:00-2:30pm, Ages 14+

Sunday, May 31st, 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, endangered whooping cranes. Arrive early, as tour will leave on time. Space is very limited. Registration is required.