

Patuxent Research Refuge Public Programs September 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 National Wildlife Visitor Center

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

Micro Habitat Hike

Wednesday, Sept. 9th, 10:00am-12:00pm, Ages 8-10

Not all habitats are as large as a forest -- some are very small! And lots of the wildlife at the Refuge is small, too. Explore the outdoors visiting some microhabitats and search for some of the smaller residents of the refuge. Please wear long pants to spend time on the ground. Rain date: Wed., Sept 16. Registration is required.



Bird Walk

Wednesday, Sept. 16th, 8:00-10:30am, Ages 16+

Saturday, Sept. 19th, 8:00-10:00am, Ages 8+

Wednesday, Sept. 30th, 8:00-10:30am, Ages 16+

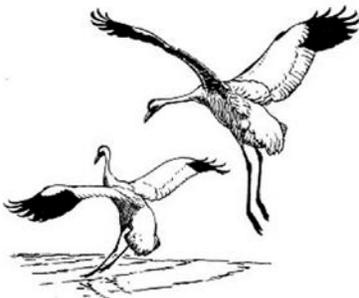
Search for birds in several refuge habitats on this guided hike. Field guides and binoculars recommended. Registration is required.



Whooping Crane Observatory Tour

Sunday, Sept. 13th, 1:00-2:30 pm, Ages 14+

Take 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.



Specialty Kid's Tram

Sunday, Sept. 27th, 10:30-11:10am, Ages 3-9

Join a refuge volunteer for a special kid's themed wildlife tram tour! Visit the various habitats of the refuge. Look, listen and learn about the plants and animals that live there. Registration is required.

Monarch Magic

Sunday, Sept. 27th, 1:00-2:30pm, All Ages

Monday, Sept. 28th, 1:00-2:30pm, All Ages

Discover the miraculous journey of a Monarch from a tiny egg to an intricate butterfly that travels 2,500 miles across open water all the way to Mexico. Learn what they eat, what makes them so magical and how to support them in your own backyard through family friendly activities. Registration is required.

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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.

Wildlife Loop Adventure Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, Sept. 5th 9:00am-1:00pm, All Ages

Using clues and locations, families and groups can drive the North Tract's Wildlife Loop and nearby trails to hunt for sculptured stones, mystery objects, plants and animals while learning about the history of North Tract and other recreational opportunities. A camera or cell phone that takes pictures is recommended. Arrive anytime between 9am and 1pm to begin your hunt and plan for 1-2 hours! Registration is required along with approximate arrival time. Please call 301-497-5887 to make your reservation.



Monarch Festival



Patuxent Research Refuge North Tract

Saturday, September 19th, 2015 *FREE*

9:00am-3:00pm

Join the Friends of Patuxent as they celebrate the magnificent Monarch butterfly. Visit Monarch Waystations and learn about Monarch conservation through educational displays, family friendly activities, games and crafts.

No registration necessary.

Bird Walk

Sunday, Sept. 20th, 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.

Night Hike

Sunday, Sept. 20th, 6:30-8:00pm, Ages 5+

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

Fall Wildflower Walk

Saturday, Sept. 26th, 10:00am-12:00pm, Ages 5+

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.

Riding Bicycles to Experience the North Tract

Sunday, September 27th, 1:00-3:00pm, Ages 10+

Enjoy a pleasant family-oriented bicycle outing on the North Tract and experience the beauty of this natural area on two wheels. Discover local wildlife, plants and historical sites. Learn the importance of reducing your footprint and leaving no trace on this 5-mile guided bicycle ride. Bring your own bike (wide tire hybrid and mountain bikes only - narrow tire road bikes are not suitable for several of our trails), water bottle and helmet. Weather dependent. Can't make this ride, join us next month on Oct. 4th. Registration is required.