

# Patuxent Research Refuge Public Programs October 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.

### Bird Walk

*Wednesday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:00-10:30am, Ages 16+*

*Sunday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:00-10:00am, Ages 8+*

*Wednesday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, 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, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 the tour will leave on time. Space is very limited. Registration is required.

### Forest Discovery Hike

*Wednesday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:00am-12:00pm, Ages 8-12*

The forest is much more than just trees! Join a refuge volunteer for a hike in the woods to discover the parts of the forest, who uses them and for what. Please dress for the weather. Registration is required.

### Specialty Kid's Tram

*Saturday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### Wonderful Whoopers!

*Sunday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, 11:00-12:00pm, Ages 5-7*

*Monday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-2:00pm, Ages 5-7*

Discover the wonderful world of Whooping Cranes! Learn why this amazing bird is endangered and how researchers are working hard to keep these birds from disappearing forever! Registration is required.

### Nature Tots: Spooky Spiders

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

Discover the wild webby world of the spider through songs, stories and more in this fun program. Registration is required.

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

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

# Patuxent Wildlife Festival

National Wildlife Visitor Center

Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015

10:00am - 3:00pm

No Registration Necessary



Find out about the ground breaking research being done at Patuxent! Activities include live animal displays, children's crafts, tram tours, research exhibits, and behind-the-scenes tours of the USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center to see endangered whooping cranes and much more! Refreshments are available for purchase.

Tours are limited; tickets are available first come first serve on the day of the event.

## 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, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00am-1:00pm, All Ages*

Using clues and locations, families and groups can either drive or bike the North Tract's Wildlife Loop and hike 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 highly 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.

### Bird Walk

*Sunday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, 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, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, 5:45-7:15pm, Ages 5+*

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

### Riding Bicycles to Experience the North Tract

*Sunday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, 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. Registration is required.