

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Patuxent Research Refuge Public Programs January 2016



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.

Critter Camouflage!

Wednesday, Jan. 6th, 10:00-11:00am, Ages 8-10

Most animals use camouflage to hide. Come learn why and how some animals advertise their presence with bold colors and bizarre behaviors. Registration is required.

Walk with the Refuge Manager

Wednesday, Jan. 13th, 2:00-3:45pm, Ages 12 and up

Join refuge manager, Brad Knudsen, for a leisurely walk along Cash Lake Trail to learn about conservation and winter wildlife at Patuxent. Registration is required.

Family Fun: FROZEN -- All about snow and ice

Friday, Jan. 15th, 10:00am-1:00pm, Ages 3 and up

Saturday, Jan. 16th, 10:00am-1:00pm, Ages 3 and up

What's a frozen fractal? Is it true that no two snowflakes are the same? What's the difference between snow and ice, or between sleet and freezing rain? The weather outside might be frightful, but join us inside as we have fun with snow-themed activities and games, while learning about wintry precipitation. (This is the second of our new Family Fun, drop-in programs -- watch for more in the upcoming months.)

Bird Walk

Sunday, Jan. 24th, 8:00-10:00am, Ages 8+

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

Nature Tots: Whitetails in the Woods

Wednesday, Jan. 27th, 10:30-11:30am, Ages 3-4

Friday, Jan. 29th, 10:30-11:30am, Ages 3-4

Come learn about one of the most common animals on the refuge, the White-tailed deer! Discover the lives of these shy but abundant creatures through games, stories, and crafts. Registration is required.