

Patuxent Research Refuge Public Programs March 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 North Tract

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

Bird Walk

Saturday, March 5th, 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.

Owl Prowl

Saturday, March 5th, 5:30-7:00pm, Ages 10+

Explore the refuge at night while looking and listening for owls. 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.

Whooping Crane Observatory Tour

Sunday, March 6, 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.

Bird Walk

Wednesday, March 9th, 8:00-10:00am, Ages 14+

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

Family Fun: Refuge System Habitats and Adaptations

Friday, March 11th, 10:00am to 1:00pm, Ages 3 and up

Saturday, March 12th, 10:00am-3pm, Ages 3 and up

Drop-in program: no registration required. Come any time and leave when you wish.

Learn about different habitats at Patuxent and other National Wildlife Refuges as we celebrate the Refuge System Birthday. Discover how animals have adapted to survive in the harshest places and how refuges help. Enjoy self-paced interactive games and activities for all ages. (Note: Saturday's program will be held in conjunction with the annual Refuge System Birthday Bash celebration.)

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Walk with the Refuge Manager

Wednesday, March 16th, 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 spring wildlife at Patuxent. Registration is required.

Eggs Abound

Friday, March 25th, 10:00am-11:30am, Ages 5-7

Discover who is growing inside an egg! Learn about many different animals that hatch from eggs and take a hike to search for some in their habitats. Springtime is the perfect time for eggs! Registration is required.

March Special Events



Refuge System Birthday Bash!

National Wildlife Visitor Center

Saturday, March 12th

10:00am – 3:00pm FREE



*Celebrate the Birthday of the National Wildlife Refuge System! See live animals, crafts, live music with Ryan Buckle, educational games and activities. Don't miss authors Paul Baicich and Margaret Barker as they present on their book *Feeding Wild Birds in America: Culture, Commerce & Conservation* at 2pm. No registration required.*



**ENVIRONMENTAL
FILM FESTIVAL**

IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL

National Wildlife Visitor Center

Saturday, March 19th

1:00pm-3:00pm FREE

Featured Films

Osprey: Marine Sentinel

Puffin Patrol

*The Friends of Patuxent and the Environmental Film Festival in the Nation's Capital invite you to attend the annual film festival featuring guest speakers, displays and award winning environmental films. Follow the fantastic journey of an **Osprey** pair in *Osprey: Marine Sentinel* (15 mins) and discover the uniqueness of the delightful puffin in *Puffin Patrol* (50 mins). No registration required.*