

Patuxent Research Refuge Public Programs June 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.

Riding Bicycles to Experience the North Tract

Saturday, June 18th, 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.

Evening Wildflower Walk

Saturday, June 18th, 6:00-8:00pm, 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 summer blooms. Registration is required.

Bird Walk

Saturday, June 25th, 8:15-10:15am, 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, June 25th, 1:00-2:30pm, All Ages

Join a refuge naturalist on this guided search for reptiles and amphibians. Wear good walking shoes and bring water, and remember to dress for the weather. Registration is required.

Night Hike

Saturday, June 25th, 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.

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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, June 1st, 8:00-10:00am, Ages 14+

Wednesday, June 15th, 8:00-10:00am, Ages 14+

Sunday, June 12th, 8:00-10:00am, Ages 8+

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

Whooping Crane Observatory Tour

Sunday, June 5th, 1:00-2:30pm, 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.

Tiny Tots: Nature and Music

Sunday, June 12th, 10:30am-11:15am, Ages 16-42 mos.

Monday, June 13th, 10:30am-11:15am, Ages 16-42 mos.

Come learn about the wildlife at the refuge through songs and rhyming. Parental participation is required. Registration is required.

Learn to Fish

Thursday, June 23rd, 2:00-4:00pm, Ages 15 and under

Learn how to cast a rod, identify types of fish and enjoy the experience of fishing in this hands on program for children. All fishing equipment will be provided and registered participants will meet at the Visitor Center. Space is limited, participants may select a single date. Registration is required.

Flutterby Butterfly

Tuesday, June 14th, 1:00-2:30pm, Ages 5-7

Join us as we celebrate pollinators this week and discover the incredible life of the beautiful butterfly through stories, crafts, and a hike in this fun program. Registration is required.

Family Fun: Wonderful Wetlands!

Friday, June 24th and Saturday, June 25th, 10:00am to 1:00pm, Ages 3 and up

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

Discover just who lives under the water's surface in Patuxent's wetlands and ponds through indoor and outdoor games and hikes (weather permitting), hands on activities and crafts for all ages. No Registration required.