

Patuxent Research Refuge  
Annual Wildlife Festival  
National Wildlife Visitor Center  
10am-3pm  
Free for All ages!

Discover groundbreaking research conducted at Patuxent! Activities include live animal displays, children's wildlife crafts and games, tram tours, research exhibits, and behind-the-scenes tours of the USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center to see endangered whooping cranes and much more! There is something for everyone!

**Educational Tours**

**Tickets are required for all tours and are only available first come first serve on the day of the event.**  
**Some tours are weather dependent.**

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| Behind the Scenes<br>Tours          | Approx. 55 mins | 10:30am 11:00am 12:00pm, 12:30pm, 1:30pm and 2:00pm |
| Sea Duck Colony<br>Tours            | Approx. 50 mins | 10:30am, 11:30am, 12:30pm and 1:30pm                |
| Wildlife Conservation<br>Tram Tours | Approx. 30 mins | 10:30am, 11:45am, 12:45pm and 1:45pm                |

Learn more about the refuge and the research center by visiting these educational displays!

U.S. Geological Survey

- Discover the North American Amphibian Monitoring Program & Northeast Amphibian Research and Monitoring Initiative
- Live Birds of Prey and Raptor Flight Demonstration (Check back for times)- Join Patuxent Staff and Falconer Rodney Stotts to explore the amazing world of raptors, from large to small, from here and abroad!
- Bird Banding Lab- Discover the secrets behind how we know where they go.
- Sea Duck Research- Learn how changing ecosystems are affecting our bay natives.
- Whooping Crane Research-Explore the struggle to save this elegant bird.
- Getting Terned On!- Discover the wonderful world of Terns and try your skills at spotting.
- Unintentional Victims- Learn about the hidden dangers of using chemicals for wildlife.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

- Patuxent Research Refuge- Biology Team- Learn more about the wildlife studies and management practices on the refuge.
- Patuxent Research Refuge- North Tract- Discover more recreational opportunities on the refuge.
- North Tract Plant Inventory Project-Learn about the diversity of plant species housed on the refuge and the quest to record them all!
- Migratory Bird Treaty Centennial-Celebrating 100 years of conservation.
- Wildlife Management: Wood ducks- Meet a species that with a little help "bounced" back!
- Friends of Patuxent- Learn about the organization that supports education and research at the refuge and the center!
- Friends of Patuxent- Adopt a Whooper- Learn more about the Patuxent Whooping Crane Project and how to help!
- Planting for Pollinators-Learn more about planting for pollinators!

And much more!!

**Schedule and activities subject to last minute changes. Check back!**

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| <b><u>Scheduled Activities: Great for All Ages!</u></b> |   |   |
| Storytimes  | 10:30am and 1:30pm<br>Approx. 30 mins   | Perfect for toddlers! Join us for a nature story  |
| Turtle Talks  | 11:15am and 12:45pm<br>Approx. 30 mins  | Meet one of our favorite native turtles!  |
| Owl Talks   | 12:00pm and 2:00pm<br>Approx. 20 mins   | Discover the secrets behind this miniature powerhouse predator!   |
| Bird Banding Demos                                      | Approx. 20 mins<br>11:00am, 12:15pm and 1:15pm  | Discover how researchers tell who is who and where they have been!  |
| <b><u>Live Music</u></b>                                | Rockfish<br>11am-2pm  | Listen to this popular southern Maryland band playing an eclectic mix of musical styles from Broadway to bluegrass.                                       |
| <b><u>Ongoing Activities</u></b>                        |   |   |
| Children's Crafts                                       | Discover your "wild" side by making your own wildlife mask!   |   |
|   | Remember your visit by making your own 2016 Wildlife Festival button!   |   |
| Kid's Activities and Games                              | Wildlife Festival Kids Activity Booklet-Celebrate wildlife festival with an activity journal! Visit each Featured Display to earn a sticker or stamp for a small prize. |   |
|   | Wing Watchers Activity- Learn how to use binoculars to find the hidden birds in the gardens. Bring your own binoculars if you have them.                                |   |
|   | Outdoor Migration Games! Weather dependent  |   |
|   | Photo Scavenger Hunt- Anytime between 10am-2pm: Go on a family adventure on a gentle trail, searching for wildlife and signs, taking photos and enjoying the refuge!    |   |
| <b><u>Food</u></b>                                      | Crane Café<br>11am-2pm  | Hungry? Fly on over to the Crane Café Sponsored by the Friends of Patuxent. Items for sale include hotdogs, subs, chips, cookies, water, soda and more... |

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