

Patuxent Research Refuge

Programs



August 2019

NORTH TRACT PROGRAMS

230 Bald Eagle Drive
Laurel, MD 20724

Star Watch and Stories

Possible dates: 1st, 2nd, 6th, 7th,
9:00 – 10:30 pm

All ages, registration required

See globular clusters, planetary nebulae, and double stars in an 18" telescope. Learn about light pollution and its effect on wildlife, and what you can do about it to preserve dark skies for the next generation. Due to possibility of cloud cover we will decide on the 31st of July, which night the event will take place. Calls will then be made to participants.

Conservation and Recreation Day

Saturday, Aug. 24th, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
All ages, no registration

Explore and enjoy being in nature through children's crafts, family adventure scavenger hunts, live animals, fly tying, fishing, archery, firearm display, animal calls and dog retrieving demonstrations. Discover nature photography, learn about endangered animals, plants and other nature groups.

Photo-Adventure Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, Aug. 24th, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Saturday, Aug. 31st, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

All ages, no registration

Using clues, individuals and/or groups can hunt on trails for sculptured stones, mystery objects, plants, and animals while learning about the history and features of the refuge. A camera or cell phone is needed. This is a drop-in program. Come when you wish and leave when you are ready.

Beginner's Hunt (0.75 mile)

This scavenger hunt will be on the Little Patuxent River Trail.

Advanced Hunt (1.2 mile)

This scavenger hunt will be on the Merganser Pond Trail and Wildlife Viewing Area.

Amazing Race Scavenger Hunt

A photo-scavenger hunt that involves driving around the "Wildlife Loop" to find mystery objects and also solve a "Biology Puzzle."



NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER PROGRAMS

10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop
Laurel, MD 20708

Forest Discovery Tram Tour

Saturdays: 11:30 am, 1:00 pm, 2:00 pm

Sundays: 1:00 pm, 2:00 pm

All ages, tickets are first come, first serve

How is our forest an interconnected community of plants and animals? Discover more about your local forest on this guided exploration of the woods. Tours are **free**, lasting 45 minutes, and include stops to meet dragonflies, decomposers, and who ever is here to greet us on the trail.

(See Reverse Side for More Programs)

REGISTRATION

Programs are **free**, however, donations to The Friends of Patuxent are greatly appreciated! Some programs require advance registration by calling 301-497-5887. Programs are subject to changes or cancellation due to weather or low participation. Please notify the refuge of any special needs so that you may be accommodated. Join our email list by contacting timothy_parker@fws.gov. More information can be found at www.fws.gov/refuge/patuxent

NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER PROGRAMS

10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop
Laurel, MD 20708

Owl & Kestrel

Saturday, Aug. 3rd, 12:15 – 12:45pm
Saturday, Aug. 10th, 12:15 – 12:45pm
Saturday, Aug. 17th, 12:15 – 12:45pm
Saturday, Aug. 24th, 12:15 – 12:45pm
Saturday, Aug. 31st, 12:15 – 12:45pm
All ages, no registration

Meet two of North America's smallest birds of prey: the American kestrel and eastern screech owl. Both expert hunters, the American kestrel uses its acrobatic prowess, while the eastern screech owl is a stealthy silent hunter.

Hike with the Refuge Manager

Monday, Aug. 12th, 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Monday, Aug. 19th, 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Ages 5+, registration required
Join the refuge manager on a short and easy hike to see where wildlife live. Learn how the refuge manages its various habitats to support wildlife and public use.

Agents of Discovery Team Adventure

Saturday, Aug. 17th, 10:00 - 11:00 am
All ages, registration required
Come play Agents of Discovery and be the first team to complete all the challenges! We'll have some new game questions for this event and special surprises along the way. Download the game for free at any app store.

Family Fun: Colors in Nature

Friday, Aug. 16th, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Saturday, Aug. 17th, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
All ages, no registration
There so many pretty colors in nature! But why? Is it just to make the world beautiful, or do the colors serve a purpose? Come find out the answer through hands-on activities, games and crafts for all ages. This is a drop-in program: come when you wish and leave when you're ready.

Conservation & Recreation Day Patuxent Research Refuge- North Tract

Saturday, August 24th
10:00 am- 2:00 pm

Fishing
Archery & firearms demos
Crafts
Scavenger hunts
Live animals
And more!



PC: Jerry Herman

Agents of Discovery Is Back for Summer and has New Challenges!

This interactive science game app can be played on the trails at the National Wildlife Visitor Center or at North Tract. Once you finish our games, head over to Goddard Space Center or many other DC locations to earn additional Agents of Discovery badges.



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