

November & December 2016 Activities at the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Complex

Whether you're a seasoned veteran or a casual visitor, these activities are geared to varied interest and skill levels. See the schedule for activity dates and times. If you would like more information or to sign up for a program, please call the Sacramento NWRC at 530-934-2801 or e-mail us at: sacramentovalleyrefuges@fws.gov. Visit our website at www.fws.gov/refuge/Sacramento

Birding Tram Tours (space is limited)

9:30—11:30 a.m.	Friday, Nov. 18
9:30—11:30 a.m.	Saturday, Nov 26
9:30—11:30 a.m.	Sunday, Nov 27
1:00—3:00 p.m.	Friday, Dec. 2
1:00—3:00 p.m.	Sunday, Dec. 11
1:00—3:00 p.m.	Monday, Dec. 19
9:30—11:30 a.m.	Saturday, Dec. 24
9:30—11:30 a.m.	Tuesday, Dec. 27
9:30—11:30 a.m.	Saturday, Dec. 31



An electric tram will transport the group along the Sacramento NWR auto tour while a guide assists you with bird viewing and identification. This tour is best for beginner birders or nature enthusiasts interested in honing their skills and knowledge, while witnessing the activities of our winter residents. Seating is limited to 5, so sign up early!

Fly-Off

4 p.m.-4:45 p.m.	Saturday, Nov. 19
4 p.m.-4:45 p.m.	Saturday, Nov. 26
3:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.	Sunday, Dec. 4
3:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.	Friday, Dec. 23



Why do thousands of geese and ducks fly off about 30 minutes after sunset? Where do they go? Join a volunteer in a discussion then enjoy the sunset and the fly-off. Rain cancels this program. Drop in at the Sacramento NWR platform. No need to pre-register.



Sandhill Cranes of the Sacramento Valley

2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Saturday, November 19
2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Sunday, November 27

Drop in to learn about the three subspecies of cranes that inhabit the Sacramento Valley and view (hopefully!) the cranes. This program will occur at the Llano Seco Unit (located on Seven Mile Lane). Rain cancels the program.

More programs and events to come in January and February!! Follow the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Complex on Facebook. Visitor Center is closed on federal holidays but the auto tours and trails are open daily 1 hr before sunrise to 1 hr after sunset.



More Activities at the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Complex

Join a Naturalist at the Platform

1 p.m.—3 p.m.	Sunday, Nov. 20 at Sacramento NWR
10 a.m.—3 p.m.	Friday, Nov. 25 at Sac. Colusa, and Llano Seco
10 a.m.—Noon	Saturday, Dec. 3 at Llano Seco Unit
10 a.m.—Noon	Sunday, Dec. 4 at Colusa NWR
10 a.m.—Noon	Saturday, Dec. 17 at Llano Seco Unit
10 a.m.—Noon	Sunday, Dec. 18 at Sacramento NWR
1 p.m.—3 p.m.	Saturday, Dec. 24 at Colusa NWR
1 p.m.—3 p.m.	Friday, Dec. 30 at Llano Seco Unit
10 a.m.—Noon	Saturday, Dec. 31 at Sacramento NWR



Drop-in anytime at the location listed above and find out what makes the Complex a great wintering spot for a variety of birds. A naturalist will be on duty at the platform at Sacramento NWR, Colusa NWR, or Llano Seco Unit with a scope to assist you with viewing and identification. No need to register for this activity. Rain cancels.



Owl Prowl

- 3:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17 at Sacramento NWR
- 3:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30 at Sacramento NWR
- 3:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, 2017 at Sacramento NWR

Discover the owls that inhabit the refuge. After a hands-on introduction, venture on a short walk along an accessible trail to look and listen for owls. Come experience the fantastic owl night life the Refuge has to offer! Must preregister for this activity.

Holiday Break with the Kids!! Bring the family to the Sacramento NWR visitor center for extra activities during school break! Visitor center hours: 9 a.m.—4 p.m.

Junior Duck Stamp Program (Dec. 19—Dec. 23 & 27-30)

Bring the kids by and learn how to draw a duck or goose. Get information about participating in the Junior Duck Stamp art contest. See beaks and feet up close to help you in sketching. Make a journal, sketch waterfowl, and get supplies and advice in drawing waterfowl.



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Junior Refuge Ranger (daily)

This activity booklet educates youth about the role of the refuges and empowers youth to be environmental stewards. Complete activities to earn collector's cards featuring different animals or plants at the refuge.

Daily Activities: (Dec. 19—Jan. 3) Migrate with the birds, Bird Bingo, discover pelts, and much more!

*****Holiday Closures:** The visitor center will be closed on Nov. 24, Dec. 25, and Jan 1. If wet weather, it will also be closed on Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2.