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Free Programs Offered at Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge

The Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge will be offering a variety of free weekend programs throughout the winter. The programs include birding tram tours, evening waterfowl fly-offs, naturalist at the viewing platform, owl prowls and more. New for this year, the refuge will have a variety of activities for families and kids during the holiday break from December 19 – January 3.

These free and unique programs provide exciting opportunities for families to learn and experience some of the incredible and memorable things that the refuge has to offer. On tram tours, a refuge guide will assist visitors with bird viewing and identification along the six-mile auto tour. Come see and learn about the evening fly-off as hundreds of thousands of ducks and geese leave the refuge about 30 minutes after the sun sets.

Looking for something to do with the kids over the holiday break? Bring the whole family to the visitor center for educational opportunities! Learn to draw a duck or goose, sketch beaks and feet, make a journal and get information about the Junior Duck Stamp program. The new Junior Refuge Ranger booklet will be available for children to earn collector's cards featuring different animals or plants.

Programs are free of charge. Admission to the refuge is \$6 per vehicle per day. An annual pass costs \$12. Also accepted are Federal Duck Stamps (\$25), America the Beautiful Interagency Annual Pass, Senior (formerly Golden age) pass, Access pass, active military pass, and the Every Kid in the Park pass.

The visitor center is located along Interstate 5 just six miles south of Willows. The visitor center is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through the end of February and is closed on

federal holidays. For more information on dates and times, visit the complex website at <http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Sacramento> or call (530)934-2801.

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