

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT YOUR LOCAL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES



### ASSABET RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Visitor Center at 680 Hudson Road, Sudbury, MA. For questions about programs or to register contact Tim at [timothy\\_puopolo@fws.gov](mailto:timothy_puopolo@fws.gov) or (978) 265-7467

<p><b>Sunday</b> <b>September</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm-</b> <b>6:30pm</b></p>	<p><b>INTRODUCTION TO FISHING FOR KIDS</b> No rod? No problem! The evening is a good time to see if you can get a bite. Meet at the Assabet fishing dock and learn about the different types of fish found in Puffer Pond, and hopefully catch more than a nice view of the pond at dusk. Please contact Tim to <b>RSVP</b> if you plan on using one of our rods.</p>
<p><b>Sunday</b> <b>September</b> <b>18<sup>th</sup>,</b> <b>11:00am-</b> <b>12:30pm</b></p>	<p><b>HISTORIC BUNKER TOUR</b> Join local historian Jan Wright for an informative slideshow followed by a tour of one of the ammunitions storage bunkers at Assabet River NWR. Only 30 spaces are available, to register please contact Jan at <a href="mailto:janicemariaw@verizon.net">janicemariaw@verizon.net</a> by September 17<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.</p>
<p><b>Friday,</b> <b>September</b> <b>23<sup>rd</sup>,</b> <b>10:30am-</b> <b>11:30am</b></p>	<p><b>REFUGE FLEDGLINGS</b> Nature themed program series that will include crafts, stories, and games or songs that will relate to a different topic each month. Programs will be held the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of every month 10:30am – 11:30am for 2 to 5 year olds; siblings welcome.</p>
<p><b>Saturday,</b> <b>September</b> <b>24<sup>th</sup> at</b> <b>9:00am-</b> <b>12:00pm</b></p>	<p><b>NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY</b> National Public Lands Day (NPLD) is the nation's largest, single-day volunteer effort for public lands. Come volunteer to pull invasive plant species from the refuge and to make room for native plant species. Bring a snack, water, sunscreen, bug repellent, work boots, and gloves. Please contact Assabet Pulling Together at <a href="mailto:rkriggert@verizon.net">rkriggert@verizon.net</a> to <b>RSVP</b> by 3pm on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.</p>
<p><b>Sunday,</b> <b>September</b> <b>25<sup>th</sup>,</b> <b>10:00am –</b> <b>2:00pm</b></p>	<p><b>TAKING THE VISITOR CENTER OUTDOORS</b> Enjoy walking the trails here at Assabet River? Enjoy them a little more! Learn about the land's nature and history while simultaneously having a beautiful weekend walk. Informational exhibit tables will be present on the 3-mile loop around Puffer Pond to explore at your leisure, feel free to ask questions!</p>
<p><b>Wednesday,</b> <b>September</b> <b>28<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm-</b> <b>8:30pm</b></p>	<p><b>FRIENDS SEPTEMBER PRESENTATION – WILD TURKEY TALK</b> All seminars are open to the public. Massachusetts undoubtedly has a distinct connection with wild turkeys! This presentation will document the unique history of wild turkeys in Massachusetts; from the very first Thanksgiving, followed by complete annihilation, to present day where turkeys are very abundant across the state through reintroduction. In addition, David Scarpitti will describe and document the extraordinary life history, biology, and unique behavior of wild turkeys that enables them to thrive in virtually every community across the Commonwealth. David is a wildlife biologist with the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries &amp; Wildlife, or (MassWildlife), the state agency charged with the conservation and management of all wildlife and their habitat across the Commonwealth. For the past 10 years, David has worked as the Wild Turkey and Upland Game biologist with MassWildlife and is involved in all aspects of management of game bird and small game management.</p>

## OXBOW NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Entrance: Still River Depot Road parking lot (at end of Still River Depot Road in Harvard, MA). For questions about programs, contact Rona Balco, President of Friends of Oxbow NWR, 978-779-2259 or Ada at [ada.friendssoftheoxbownwr@gmail.com](mailto:ada.friendssoftheoxbownwr@gmail.com)

<b>Saturday, Sept 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am – 11:15am</b>	<b>RIVER DAY (FIRST STOP)</b> At the Bill Ashe Visitor Facility in Devens, come to listen to speakers: MA Congresswoman Tsongas, Director of the USFWS Dan Ashe, Elizabeth Ainsley Campbell of the Nashua River Watershed Association, and representatives of the Friends of Oxbow speak about the river and efforts to keep it wild and scenic. Then follow the fun at the Assabet River in Maynard and the Merrimack River in Haverhill.
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## GREAT MEADOWS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Concord Impoundments on Monsen Road, off Rte. 62 in Concord, MA

<b>Sunday, Sept 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm</b>	<b>MONTHLY NATURE WALKS: A Sense of Place at Great Meadows NWR (Concord)</b> Autumn brings beautiful transitions to the Great Meadows floodplain. Green gives way to burnished color, flowers fade, leaves fall, geese flock, muskrat lodges rise, gossamer billows, and sunsets burn their brightest hues of the year. Join Cherrie to explore these marvels and more. Open to all ages. No pre-registration required. Co-sponsored with Friends of the Assabet River NWR <i>Please note: Refuge headquarters waives the entrance fee for these walks. However, I encourage everyone to consider purchasing a \$12 annual pass to help support critical visitor service needs at Great Meadows - Concord.</i> Meet at the information kiosk at Great Meadows NWR in Concord. Take Rte. 62 to Monsen Rd. Follow Monsen Rd. and turn left into refuge driveway when road turns sharply right. Follow refuge road to the parking lot at the end. GPS: 177 Monsen Rd., Concord, MA abutter to refuge driveway. For questions or to be added to the emailing list for notice of these and impromptu evening walks, contact <a href="mailto:cherrie.corey62@gmail.com">cherrie.corey62@gmail.com</a> or 978-760-1933.
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## REMINDER: PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE REFUGES

[Except Service Animals]

### Contact Us

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