

SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS AT YOUR LOCAL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES



ASSABET RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Stop by the Visitor Center during regular hours, Saturday & Sunday 10AM-4PM, and check out our Exhibit of the Month and Movie of the Month.

Exhibit of the Month: Art and Nature

This month's display features a variety of wildlife-focused paintings, drawings, and photographs by local artists. Thank you to all who submitted their work for the display.

Movie of the Month: An Original DUCKumentary

Ducks are true originals. They waddle, glide, dive, and dabble, and their feathers shimmer with dazzling hues, brilliant iridescence, and come in every color of the rainbow. There are more than 120 different species of ducks in all, a fantastical group of complex characters with names to match - Buffleheads, Canvasbacks, Pintails, Shovelers, Widgeons, and Woodies. They must make it through a gauntlet of hungry predators, but in the end, ducks have a talent for survival, and their life stories are filled with personality and charm. (Runtime: 55 minutes)

09/04 @ 5:00-8:00pm: Learn to Fish Clinic on Puffer Pond

Have you always wanted to learn how to fish, but never tried? Well here's your chance to learn from expert anglers on a National Wildlife Refuge! We're partnering with Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife's Angler Education Program to host an "Adult Fishing Clinic" at the Refuge.

This "learn to fish" clinic is designed for beginners and is open to all members of the public that are at least 18 years old. The class will start indoors at the Visitor Center and then head out to the fishing piers on Puffer Pond for some hands-on experience. All gear and bait are provided free of charge.

Pre-registration is required and spots are limited, so please contact Jim Lagacy at jim.lagacy@state.ma.us or 508-389-6309.

09/25 @ 7:00-8:30pm: Friends of the Assabet River NWR to host OARS River Report Card, led by Alison Field-Juma

OARS launched the first-ever River Health Report Card for the Assabet, Sudbury and Concord Rivers in June. Alison will explain how the Assabet River got the grades it did—from an A to a D! She will then lead a discussion on what we can do to make our river more accessible and protect it in these changing times. You can see the report card at: ecoreportcard.org.

Alison Field-Juma joined OARS as Policy Director in June 2005 and became Executive Director in 2010. Alison is Vice-Chair of the Sudbury, Assabet and Concord Wild & Scenic River Stewardship Council, Chair of the Aquatic Invasives Management Subcommittee of the SuAsCo Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA) and past CISMA chair, a member of the 495/MetroWest Partnership's Water Resources Committee and represents OARS on other state and regional advisory boards.

By Appointment: Refuge Explorers

Refuge Explorers is a hands-on, family friendly group program for 5-10 year olds focused on getting kids outside and engaged in nature. Discover your surroundings and learn about the Refuge from pages of books, to forests and wetlands. Contact jared_green@fws.gov for more information.

GREAT MEADOWS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

No events for September.

OXBOW NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

09/07 @ 5:30-7:45PM Nighthawks at the Oxbow: Join Friends of Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge and Brookline Bird Club for an evening of watching nighthawk migration in the Nashua River Valley. Bring a lawn chair or camp stool. Birders of all experience levels are welcome! Meet Don MacFarlane at Still River Depot Road, Harvard, MA near the Refuge sign. Contact Don for additional information at (978) 897-7567, or email friendsoftheoxbownwr@gmail.com. This event is free! Rain date 09/08.

About

- Refuge trails are open daily from sunrise to sunset.
 - **Pets are NOT allowed on the Refuges.** Service animals are permitted.
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Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge

(978) 562-3527

https://www.fws.gov/refuge/assabet_river

Main entrance and Visitor Center: 680 Hudson Road, Sudbury, MA 01776

Visitor Center Hours: Saturday & Sunday, 10AM-4PM

North entrance: White Pond Road, Stow, MA 01775

Northeast entrance: Old Marlboro Road, Maynard, MA 01754

Friends of the Assabet River NWR: <https://www/farnwr.org/>

Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge

(978) 443-4661

https://www.fws.gov/refuge/great_meadows/

Headquarters and Sudbury unit: 73 Weir Hill Road, Sudbury, MA 01776

Concord unit: 179 Monsen Road, Concord, MA 01742

America the Beautiful Interagency Passes sold by appointment only:

Call ahead (978) 443-4661 to make an appointment to purchase an America the Beautiful pass at Refuge Headquarters.

Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge

(978) 443-4661

<https://www.fws.gov/refuge/oxbow>

Bill Ashe Visitor Facility: 80 Hospital Road, Devens, MA 01434

South entrance: Still River Depot Road, Harvard, MA 01451