



# *HAPPY 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY & REFUGE DAY CELEBRATION*



## **Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge** **Saturday, October 5, 2013**

**Join us!**

Exhibitors                      Live animals                      Speakers  
"Drawn to Sevilleta" poster contest awards  
Vehicle tours                      Walking tours



Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge covers an expanse of nearly 230,000 acres of New Mexico's heartland. It is the largest refuge in the state and sits at the junction of 4 major biomes with the Rio Grande flowing through the middle. The varied landscape of the refuge provides homes for a rich array of wildlife and plant species.

### **REFUGE DAY VEHICLE TOURS**

Reservation required. \$15.00 per person, per tour. Includes a sack lunch. We will use refuge SUVs, pick-ups and vans. Tours will depart from the Refuge Visitor Center. Please arrive 1/2 hour before departure time to check in and pick up your lunch. All vehicle tours include several stops and short hikes, with the exception of the Birding Sevilleta tour which is mostly hiking. We recommend: layered clothing, hiking boots, sunscreen, sunglasses, camera, and plenty of water.

#### **Birding Sevilleta 7:30 am– 12:00 pm**

Join Refuge Manager Kathy Granillo, for this exploration of the grasslands and rolling foothills of Los Pinos Mountains in search of feathered friends. There will be short stops in the grasslands and then a moderate hike of 2–3 miles over uneven surfaces in Pino Canyon. Please don't forget your binoculars, water and daypack. Limit 14.

#### **San Lorenzo Canyon: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm**

Experience the charm of San Lorenzo Canyon as you meander around hoodoos and other geological features. Aside from the rock formations, enjoy the natural splendor that the canyon offers. This is mostly a driving tour with moderate to strenuous short hikes in soft sand and steep inclines. Limit 18.

### **Geology West 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

Travel through the rugged terrain of Sevilleta's West Side and embark on a geological journey which led to the formation of the Rio Grande Valley. It is mostly a driving tour with numerous short stops and hikes. Limit 18.

### **Geology East 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

Learn fascinating facts about the geology of Sevilleta's East Side and the intriguing research projects underway. It is mostly a driving tour with numerous short stops and hikes. Limit 20.



### **FREE REFUGE DAY WALKING TOURS**

Reservation Required! We recommend: layered clothing, hiking boots, sunscreen, sunglasses, camera, and water.

#### **Behind the Scenes at Sevilleta: 10:00 – 11:30 am, 1:00 – 2:30 pm**

Join Amigos de la Sevilleta board member Tamara Coombs for a behind-the-scenes tour to see where some 50 US Fish & Wildlife Service and UNM staff, researchers, students and volunteers work and sometimes live. Visit the spacious Pueblo-style Visitor Center with its new exhibit space. Tour the UNM Field Station, including a beautifully-sited building where the laboratory windows frame spectacular vistas.

#### **Hike Sevilleta! 9:30 – 11:30 am, 2:00 – 4:00 pm**

Join a refuge naturalist to learn some interesting facts about the landscape on a 3.8 mile journey that climbs the mesa west of the visitor center and skirts the mesa's edge before dropping back down into the valley. This trail provides some wonderful views of the Ladrones and surrounding mountains, as well as a wide diversity of awe-inspiring landforms. This is a moderate to strenuous hike.

### **"DRAWN TO SEVILLETA" AWARDS CEREMONY:**

#### **12:30 pm – 1:15 pm Visitor Center conference room**

Talented young winners of the Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge "Drawn to Sevilleta" school poster contest will be recognized, and all entries will be on display.

## FREE PRESENTATIONS in the Visitor Center conference room:

**10:00 am – 10:45 am – Bringing Back Prairie Dogs** – join Refuge Biologist, Jon Erz, and Prairie Dog Pals for a presentation about restoring this essential grassland resident to the refuge.

**11:00 am – 11:45 am – New Mexico Raptors** – enjoy live birds up close and learn about local hawks and owls.

**1:45 pm – 2:30 pm – Mexican Gray Wolf** – learn about efforts to conserve an endangered southwest legend.

**2:45 pm – 3:30 pm – What’s Going On Here?!** – Refuge Biologist, Jon Erz, will highlight wildlife projects on the refuge.

## **SACK LUNCH AVAILABLE 11:00 am – 1:00 pm**

Sack lunches are provided on vehicle tours, and available to others for a suggested donation of \$5. Sack lunch includes sandwich, chips, fruit and dessert (donation requested).

Continental breakfast is also available for a suggested donation of \$3.



## EXHIBITORS

**10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

Staff from conservation organizations will be on hand to answer your questions about their work on behalf of wildlife. Many will include live animals, nature crafts and activities. Exhibitors include:

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service New Mexico Fire District**

**Prairie Dog Pals**

**Whitfield Wildlife Management Area**

**Talking Talons**

**Amigos de la Sevilleta**

**Socorro Amateur Radio**

**New Mexico Herpetological Society**

## Directions:

The Refuge Visitor Center is 50 miles south of Albuquerque at Interstate 25, exit 169. Exit and go west 0.25 miles.

**Sponsors:** Amigos de la Sevilleta, Socorro County Chamber of Commerce, Greater Belen Chamber of Commerce, the University of New Mexico and New Mexico Tech.

# Refuge Day Registration Form

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### Morning vehicle tours

San Lorenzo Canyon:

8:00 am – 12:00 pm – includes lunch

# in party: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

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### Afternoon vehicle tours

Geology West:

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm – includes lunch

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E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

For confirmation purposes ONLY!

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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**Call the Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center for reservations:  
(505) 864 - 4021, Mon - Fri 7:30 am - 4 pm or Sat 9 am - 4 pm**

**Payment may be cash or credit card in person on Refuge Day, or mail your completed registration form and check to: Amigos de la Sevilleta, c/o Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 1248, Socorro, NM 87801**