



## Alligator River and Pea Island National Wildlife Refuges



### Summer Interpretive Program Schedule 2021

Programs will begin June 15 or when Visitor Centers open and the U S Fish and Wildlife Service considers it safe and appropriate to conduct public programs, based on guidance from CDC and State and local Health Departments. Please check [fws.gov/ncgatewayvc/spec.html](https://fws.gov/ncgatewayvc/spec.html) or follow Facebook @USFWS.NC to confirm schedule start dates.

<b>(Weekly through mid-August)</b>					
Program	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Meeting Location
Turtle Talk	2-3 pm				Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center
*AR Canoe Tour (\$) (R)		9-11am	9-11 am	9-11am	Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge, Buffalo City Boat Launch
Bear Necessities	8 am				Alligator River Refuge, Creef Cut Trail Parking Lot
*Open-air Tram Tour (\$) (R)		8:30- 11 am			Alligator River Refuge, Creef Cut Trail Parking Lot
PI Bird Walk				8-9:30am	Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center
*PI Canoe Tour (\$) (R)		9-11am	9-11 am	9- 11 am	Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center
Soundside Adventure			2-3 pm		New Inlet boat launch/parking lot, 3 miles south of PI Visitor Center

\*All programs are free unless noted. \$-Fee charged R-Reservation required - Call 252-216-9464 for tours requiring reservations. Registration closes at 2:30pm the day before the trip. Due to limited spaces this year, you must cancel before registration deadline, or you will be charged for the tour.

NOTE: In general, Pea Island Bird Walks are FREE, Fridays 8:00-9:30 am, year-round except during our Wings Over Water Wildlife Festival.

<https://www.wingsoverwater.org/> [https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Alligator\\_River/](https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Alligator_River/) [https://www.fws.gov/refuge/pea\\_island/](https://www.fws.gov/refuge/pea_island/)

## Program Descriptions

**Turtle Talk** -FREE- What are the differences between sea turtles and land turtles? Why are sea turtles endangered? What can you do to save these gentle giants? Find out about sea turtle conservation; learn how you can be a part of the solution.

**Alligator River Refuge Canoe Tour** - approximately 2 hours - \$35 per person; \$20 for children 12 and under; Reservation required. Really get out into the wild! Milltail Creek Paddling Trails take you deep into the heart of Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge. Paddle the shady blackwater canals; learn about the history of the area. Watch and listen for the refuge's secretive wildlife. Hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, and drinking water are recommended. We provide canoes, paddles, life jackets and two leaders. Meet at the end of Buffalo City Road. Turn left off Hwy 64, approx. 9 miles west of Manns Harbor.

**Bear Necessities** - FREE - Alligator River is home to one of the largest populations of black bears in eastern North Carolina and the eastern United States. Learn more about what makes the Refuge such a good home for our largest mammal. After a 30 minute presentation, you are free to explore the refuge in your vehicle on the Wildlife Drive to look for bears and other wildlife. Maps will be provided by your presenter. Meet at Creef Cut Wildlife Trail parking lot (Milltail Road and Hwy 64 west, approx. 6 miles west of Manns Harbor).

**Open-air Tram Tour** - \$10 per adult. Children 12 and under Free with one or more paying adults. Tram seating is limited. To guarantee your tram seats, you must register ahead of time. Join us for a trip around the refuge and learn about the wild lands and wildlife. Bring your binoculars and camera! Drinking water and insect repellent are also recommended. The program will occur except with lightning, heavy wind or rain, or impassable road conditions. Dress for the weather! Meet at Creef Cut Wildlife Trail parking lot, Hwy 64 and Milltail Road, app. 6 miles west of Manns Harbor. Call 252-216-9464 to register.

**Pea Island Bird Walk** – FREE - Pea Island is for the birds - literally! Throughout the year, Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge has close to 400 species of birds live here or pass through. Whether you're a beginner or an expert, you'll enjoy this casual stroll beside North Pond. Field guides, binoculars, sunscreen, and insect repellent are recommended. Some field guides and binoculars will be available for loan. Meet at Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center, app. 4 miles south of Basnight (Oregon Inlet) Bridge, Hwy 12.

**Pea Island Canoe Tour** - approximately 2 hours - \$35 per person; \$20 for children 12 and under. Reservation required. Visit the quiet side of Pea Island. Explore the marshes, islands, and creeks of Pamlico Sound. Our two- hour tour is designed especially for kids and others who are looking for a hands-on experience and who don't mind wading in shallow water.. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, and drinking water are recommended. Reservations and secure footwear are required. We provide canoes, paddles, life jackets and two leaders. Meet at Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center, app. 4 miles south of Basnight (Oregon Inlet) Bridge, Hwy 12.

**Soundside Adventure** – FREE - Discover what lies beneath the water during this hands-on exploration of Pamlico Sound. Come pull the net and see what we catch. Why are these critters so small? What is it like to be a crab? Footwear is required; sunscreen and hats are recommended for this wet and wild activity. Meet at New Inlet boat launch/parking lot, 3 miles south of Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center, Hwy 12.