

## Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge

# WILD NEWS

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## January - February 2019 Program Schedule

### First Fridays at the National Eagle and Wildlife Property Repository

Friday, January 4, 10:00 am - 11:00 am or 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Friday, February 1, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Learn about the wildlife trade and illegal wildlife trafficking while you explore wildlife items that have been confiscated by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at our ports of entry. You will also learn about the Native American Eagle Feather Program. For ages 12 and up. [Reservations by email \(for Repository tours only\): nwpr@fws.gov.](mailto:nwpr@fws.gov)

Learn more at: <https://www.fws.gov/wildliferepository>

### Wildlife Viewing Tours

Saturday, January 5, 9:30 - 11:00 am

Saturday, February 23, 9:30 - 11:00 am

The quiet of winter and a blanket of snow provide excellent wildlife viewing opportunities! Join us on our Refuge bus for a guided wildlife viewing tour in search of bald eagles, ferruginous hawks, bison, coyotes, deer, and more. Groups up to 10 are welcome.

### Falcon Frenzy - Presented by Nature's Educators

Saturday, January 12, 10:00 - 11:00 am



Get a chance to see live falcons during this auditorium program by Nature's Educators. Discover the "fighter jets" of the bird world, their specialized features that help them catch other birds, and how they fly so quickly. Bring your camera for great photo opportunities!

### Seed Collection

Saturday, January 12, Noon - 2:00 pm

Help Refuge staff gather flowering shrub seeds to be used in prairie restoration projects throughout the Refuge. These plants provide late season nectar sources for pollinators like bats, birds, bees, and butterflies while they are in the area. Recommended for ages 8 and up.

### The Masked Bandit

Saturday, January 26 10:00 - 10:45 am

Saturday, February 9, 10:00 - 10:45 am

Join a naturalist and meet the Refuge's live black-footed ferrets. Discover how this fragile species was brought back from the brink of extinction and why ferrets were released into the wild at the Refuge. You'll also get a chance to see the ferrets have their mid-morning snack!

### Secret Life of Owls - Presented by Nature's Educators

Saturday, February 2, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Join us in our auditorium for a presentation by Nature's Educators with live owls! Learn all about these night hunters, and the physical and behavioral adaptations they have that help them survive in the wild. Don't miss this chance to see four different owls up close and personal.



### Planting for Pollinators

Saturday, February 2, Noon - 2:00 pm

Refuge staff need your help to introduce flowering plants into a restored prairie. These forbs provide early and mid-season nectar sources for pollinators like bats, birds, bees, and butterflies. Recommended for ages 12 and up.

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**Reservations are required for these FREE programs. Call 303-289-0930. Please dress for weather. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Assistance dogs are welcome.**

Assistance dogs are welcome. Refuge staff reserves the right to cancel or reschedule programs due to unforeseen circumstances and any programs with less than 10 participants.

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#### Wildlife Drive

Want to explore more of the Refuge at your own pace? Our 11-mile Wildlife Drive takes you through bison pasture, wetlands, prairie, and wooded areas. It's also a great way to access hiking trails, go birding, and photograph the Refuge.

#### Black-footed Ferret Exhibit

One of North America's most endangered mammals, the black-footed ferret, call the Refuge home. Get an up close look at our resident ferrets in our free, indoor/outdoor live black-footed ferret exhibit. Located north of the Visitor Center patio, the indoor exhibit is open Wednesdays through Sundays from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, and the outdoor exhibit is open from sunrise to sunset.

#### Winter Fun in the Visitor Center Discovery Room

Explore seasonal activities, crafts, and hands-on displays in the Discovery Room. Paint at the art station, make a bald eagle craft, raccoon puppet, or coyote mask, create a winter track stamp scene, read seasonal stories, and put on your own puppet show!

#### Refuge Hours and Address

**Hours: Monday - Sunday sunrise to sunset**  
6550 Gateway Road, Commerce City, CO 80022  
The Refuge is closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day

#### Visitor Center Hours

Wednesday - Sunday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.  
The Visitor Center is closed on all Federal holidays

#### Wildlife Viewing Tours - El Español

*Saturday, Jan. 26 and Feb. 9, 9:30 - 11:00 am*

Tours guiados para observar la vida silvestre por autobús en español. Acompáñenos para una visita guiada donde tendrá la oportunidad de ver bisontes, halcones, coyotes, aves, madriguera búhos, venados y mucho más! El espacio es limitado y se requieren reservaciones. Llame 303-289-0930 para reservar su asiento.

#### Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge

Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge has 10.3 miles of trail open for hiking, biking and horseback riding. This 5,237-acre Refuge is home to 239 migratory and resident wildlife species including prairie falcon, mule and white-tailed deer, elk, coyotes, songbirds, hawks, and the federally threatened Preble's meadow jumping mouse.

#### Rocky Flats NWR Address and Hours

16170 W 120th Ave, Golden CO 80403  
Hours: Sunrise to Sunset; 7 days a week (closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day).

#### Two Ponds National Wildlife Refuge

Two Ponds National Wildlife Refuge, located in Arvada, Colorado, is the smallest urban refuge in the country and part of the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge complex. At 72 acres, the Refuge's habitat hosts over 120 species of birds and a variety of mammals, reptiles, and amphibians. For a list of upcoming free nature programs visit [www.fws.gov/twoponds](http://www.fws.gov/twoponds)

#### Two Ponds NWR Address and Hours

9210 W. 80th Ave, Arvada, CO 80005  
Hours: West side - Sunrise to Sunset ; 7 days a week  
East Side - October to April (closed for winter)

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