

Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge

WILD NEWS

May - June 2019 Program Schedule

Planting for Pollinators

Saturday, May 4, Noon - 2:00 pm

Saturday, June 8, Noon - 2:00 pm

Assist Refuge staff by enhancing habitat for pollinators by planting native wildflowers along the Lake Ladora trail. These plants provide an ongoing nectar source for butterflies, bees, and other pollinators. Be ready to work outdoors for 1-1.5 hours, wear closed toe shoes, bring water, and sunscreen.

Wildlife Viewing Tours

Saturday, May 11, 9:30 - 11:00 am

Saturday, June 22, 9:30 - 11:00 am

Enjoy a guided tour on our Refuge bus while viewing nature's new arrivals and our migratory, feathered friends. Bison calves, fawns, and coyote pups are exploring the prairie while migratory birds are busy building their nests. Groups up to 10 are welcome.

The Masked Bandit

Saturday, May 18, 10:00 - 10:45 am

Saturday, June 1, 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!

Wildlife Viewing Tours - El Español

Sabado, Mayo 4, 9:30 - 11:00 am

Sabado, Junio 8, 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, aguilas, venados y mucho más! El espacio es limitado y se requieren reservaciones. Llame 303-289-0930 para reservar su asiento.

Incredible Insects

Thursday, June 13, 10:00 - 10:45 am - butterflies

Thursday, June 27, 10:00 - 10:45 am - ladybugs

Join us for a fun morning as we uncover the lifecycle and behavior of butterflies or ladybugs. See these live insects up close while we raise them in our Visitor Center. We'll also read a story, and do an art project inspired by these incredible insects. For kids 3 - 5 years old.

Kids Fishing Clinic

Saturday, June 15, 10:00 am - Noon

Grab your fishing pole and head to the Refuge for some free fishing fun! Experienced anglers from Environmental Learning for Kids Youth Urban Rangers will be on hand to help and poles will be available for loan. Learn about line casting, native fish, and anatomy. For ages 6 to 12 years old.

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

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.

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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2019 Fishing Season

Catch-and-release fishing opened Saturday, April 6, 2019. Fishing is allowed at Lakes Mary and Ladora on Tuesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays from sunrise to sunset through November 30, 2019.

To fish, a signed Refuge permit, a Colorado state license for anglers 16 years and older, and a \$3.00 daily fee is required. High school and college students can fish fee free with a current student identification card. The self-pay fee stations are located at the Contact Station, North Ladora, and South Ladora kiosks. Wading in Lake Ladora is permitted after Memorial Day. Barbless hooks only and no live bait.

The season fishing pass for \$50 can be purchased at the Visitor Center. For details please call the Visitor Center at 303-289-0930 or visit our web site for details.

Spring Fun in the Visitor Center Discovery Room

Explore the seasonal activities, crafts and hands-on displays in the Discovery Room. Make an animal mask, track rubbings, or bird craft. At the sit down learning station discover food webs and see what's new under the microscopes.

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 - Sundays from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, and the outdoor exhibit is open from sunrise to sunset.

Colorado Front Range National Wildlife Refuge Complex

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 part of the Colorado Front Range National Wildlife Refuge Complex and 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.

To learn more visit www.fws.gov/refuge/rocky_flats/

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 Colorado Front Range 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/refuge/two_ponds/

Two Ponds NWR Address and Hours

9210 W. 80th Ave, Arvada, CO 80005

Hours: West side - dawn to dusk; 7 days a week
East Side - October to April (closed for winter)

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