

Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge

WILD NEWS

November - December 2018 Program Schedule

Outdoor Survival Skills

Saturday, November 3, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Join us for an introductory program about outdoor survival skills for hiking, camping, or just walking around the neighborhood. This program is adults and families with kids 8 years old and older. Be dressed for outdoor weather as we may be outside for the entirety of the program.

Seed Collection

Saturday, November 3, Noon - 2:00 pm

Help Refuge staff gather flowering shrubs 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. For ages 8 and up.

Wildlife Viewing Tours

Saturday, November 10 and December 15, 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.

Archery

Saturday, November 10, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Have you ever wanted to learn archery? Now is your chance! A certified instructor will help you learn the basics of archery and how to improve your shot. This program is for adults and families with kids 12 years old and older. Please wear closed toe shoes.

Big Buck Photo Tour

Friday, November 16, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Capture striking photographs of mule and white-tailed deer in their regal glory as their rut season begins. Bucks are sporting their remarkable antlers as they search for does amongst the fall landscape of the Refuge.

Awesome Antlers

Saturday, November 17 & 24, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Saturday, December 1, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

During the fall breeding season, mule and white-tailed deer bucks are a sight to see with their massive and impressive antlers. Learn about seasonal behavior and antler growth through a short presentation, and then explore their habitat while getting awesome photos too!

The Masked Bandit

Saturday, November 24, 10:00 - 10:45 am

Sunday, December 2, 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!

First Fridays at the National Eagle and Wildlife Property Repository

Friday, December 7, 10:00 - 11:00 am and 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. Learn more at <https://www.fws.gov/wildliferepository>

Planting for Pollinators

Saturday, December 8, Noon - 2:00 pm

Assist Refuge staff by enhancing habitat for pollinators by planting native wildflowers along the Lake Ladora trail. These plants will provide an ongoing nectar source for butterflies, bees, and other pollinators. Wear closed toe shoes and bring water. For ages 12 and up.

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.

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Refuge News

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.

Vote for Your Favorite Refuge Photos!

Stop by the Refuge Visitor Center through November 30 and vote for your three favorite Refuge photos from the 8th Annual Refuge Amateur Photo Contest. Winning photos will be announced in early December. Winners will have their photos made into postcards, which will be sold at Nature's Nest Books and Gifts inside the Visitor Center.

Winter Fun in the Visitor Center Discovery Room

Explore seasonal activities, crafts, and hands-on displays in the Discovery Room. Dissect an owl pellet, paint at the art station, create wildlife art at the arts and crafts station, 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.
Visitor Center closes at noon on November 21, 2018
The Visitor Center is closed on all Federal holidays

Wildlife Viewing Tours - El Español

Saturday, December 1, 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 a Kyle Donahue 303-289-0133 para reservar su asiento.

Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge

Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge opened 10.3 miles of trail in September. 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. Hiking trails are open year round and Refuge hours are sunrise to sunset seven days a week (closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year's Day). For more information visit www.fws.gov/refuge/rocky_flats/

Rocky Flats NWR Address

16170 West 120th Avenue, Golden CO 80403

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/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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