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Refuge Will Issue Limited Number of Berry Picking Permits

Picking cranberries and beach plums is a historical activity on Plum Island – an activity that continues today at Parker River National Wildlife Refuge. Beginning on Monday, August 26th, those interested in picking beach plums and/or cranberries on the refuge will be able to pick up a free permit at the refuge headquarters during normal business hours (8:30 am to 4:00 pm, Monday thru Friday). A total of 50 permits will be issued this year. The number of permits to be issued in a given year is based on the abundance and quality of the fruit. Permits will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis. The actual berry collection season is September 1st thru October 31st. More specific details will be made available at the time the permits are issued.

Refuge headquarters is located at 6 Plum Island Turnpike in Newburyport. Those with further questions about berry collecting should contact the refuge at (978) 465-5753.

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