

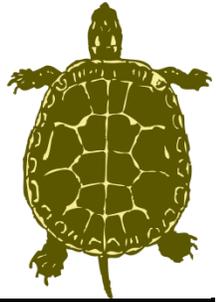
# UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT YOUR LOCAL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES



## ASSABET RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Visitor Center at 680 Hudson Road, Sudbury, MA. For questions about programs or when noted to register contact Tim at [timothy\\_puopolo@fws.gov](mailto:timothy_puopolo@fws.gov) or 978-265-7467.

★ **Mass Audubon Summer Day Camp at Assabet River NWR – Sign up now!** ★



<p><b>Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 11am-2pm</b></p>	<p><b>FAMILY DAY AT THE REFUGE (Drumlin Farm Summer Camp Open House)</b>                  There will be family activities throughout the day ranging from face painting and storytelling to live animal presentations. This day is co-sponsored with Mass Audubon Drumlin Farm Day Camp so come learn about summer camp at the refuge as well as getting outside to learn about the natural environment! This is a fun filled day to get to know the refuge and to find out why it is a wonderful place for families to visit. To see the schedule of programs for the day, visit the refuge website (the link is at the bottom of this flier).</p>
<p><b>Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 2pm</b></p>	<p><b>RACHEL CARSON APPRECIATION WALK</b>                  Did you know Rachel Carson worked for US Fish and Wildlife Service? In this walk learn about her career and contributions to the natural environment. To this date she has left a lasting impact. This will be a one hour nature hike in which we note her life at different spots along the way. <b>RSVP</b> to Tim so we know to expect you.</p>
<p><b>Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 1-1:45pm</b></p>	<p><b>GRANDFATHER TURTLE’S TALES FROM THE THREE RIVERS</b>                  Award winning and professional storyteller Tony Toledo brings nature to life on a whole new level. Come to the Visitor Center and hear Grandfather Turtle's adventures along the Sudbury, Assabet and Concord Rivers where he escapes peril, meets old and new friends, and has laughs along the way. Good for ages 5 and up.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm</b></p>	<p><b>FRIENDS JUNE PRESENTATION – Speaker: Paul Boothroyd</b>  <b>History of the Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge encompassing Hudson, Maynard, Stow and Sudbury, from the World War II years to the Present</b>                  Paul Boothroyd will present the history of the Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge from 1942 to present. He will describe the farms that the US Government took by eminent domain to build a supply and ammunition depot during the Second World War. Paul will tell us about the various activities that took place on the refuge land during and after the war when it was being used by Fort Devens and the Natick Labs. Paul will describe the fortunate turn of events when the FWS took over the land to form the refuge as we know it today. Speaker Paul Boothroyd is the Maynard archivist. He has been researching the general area for decades and has specifically studied the history of the refuge for the last 15 years. Mr. Booth hosts Spring and Fall bus tours of the refuge each time concentrating on either the northern or large parcel of the refuge, or smaller south portion of the refuge near the old Boston &amp; Maine railroad line used to service the depot during WWII. Paul is in the process of writing 3 books about the refuge. One is the history of the refuge up to its transformation into an Army depot and another from the Army years to the present. Mr. Boothroyd is also the author of a postcard series depicting the Town of Maynard, MA, during the 1900's.                  This is a presentation of the Friends of the Assabet River NWR. Talks are free and open to the public. For more information about membership and the refuge please visit <a href="http://www.farnwr.org">www.farnwr.org</a></p>
<p><b>Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am</b></p>	<p><b>REFUGE FLEDGLING HOUR</b>                  Nature themed program series that will include crafts, stories, and games or songs that will relate to a different topic each month. This month’s theme will be on nature’s recyclers. Programs will be held the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of every month 10:30am – 11:30am for 2 to 5 year olds; siblings welcome.</p>
<p><b>Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 1pm</b></p>	<p><b>WHAT’S ALL THE BUZZ ABOUT?</b>                  Come in for an introduction to the world of pollination! Learn about the different types of animals that perform this important ecological service, and why their well-being is essential not only for nature, but also for human society. We will learn a little more about some of our native pollinators, and why so many of them are in trouble. We’ll give you some tips and ideas of things that you can do at home to help pollinators, including some fun, DIY project ideas to make your garden more pollinator-friendly. We’ll conclude with a short walk around the refuge to search for flowering plants and see some pollinators in action! <b>RSVP</b> to Tim to let us know you are attending.</p>

## OXBOW NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

For questions about programs, contact Rona Balco, President of Friends of Oxbow NWR, 978-779-2259 or Ada at [ada.friendsoftheoxbownwr@gmail.com](mailto:ada.friendsoftheoxbownwr@gmail.com)

<b>Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 2pm</b>	<b>NATURE PERFORMANCE</b> At the new pavilion, famous singer, musician, storyteller, and poet, Kate Chadbourne, will give one of her spellbinding performances. We invite all of you to come and enjoy a magical afternoon with songs, stories, and harp music. This event will be at the new Bill Ashe Visitor Facility at 80 Hospital Road, Devens, MA. To help the Friends of the Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge in their mission to support the refuge and to preserve our natural wonders, donations are welcome. There will be some light refreshments.
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## GREAT MEADOWS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Concord Impoundments on Monsen Road, off Rte. 62 in Concord, MA  
Sudbury Headquarters is on 73 Weir Hill Road

<b>Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am-2pm</b>	<b>ANNUAL FISHING EVENT &amp; RIVERFEST FAMILY FESTIVITIES: Great Meadows NWR (*Sudbury*)</b> Join refuge staff and <a href="#">MassWildlife's Angler Expert</a> – learn how to fly-cast, spin-cast, and even tie your own fly. All equipment will be provided. 10am – 2pm: Family fun for everyone -join in games, crafts, and face painting, or go for a hike on the trails to discover the variety of riverine habitats on the refuge. 11am-1pm: Wildlife- Up Close and Personal - join <a href="#">Mass Audubon's Drumlin Farm</a> naturalist for a family-friendly visit with native wildlife that live along the banks of the rivers and depend on a healthy habitat. 1pm: Snakes of New England and the World – see a variety of local snakes close up, and a few exotic ones too. Rick Roth, Director of the <a href="#">Cape Ann Vernal Pool Team</a> , will bring some of his favorites and talk about their lives and habits. The Sudbury Headquarters is located at 73 Weir Hill Road in Sudbury. This event qualifies as a free fishing day, between the hours of 10am-2pm state fishing licenses are not required to participate. For information on the day contact Tim Puopolo. Riverfest is celebrated all weekend with programs throughout the watershed, for other programs visit: <a href="http://riverfest.sudbury-assabet-concord.org/">http://riverfest.sudbury-assabet-concord.org/</a>
<b>Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm</b>	<b>FULL MOON WALKS: A Sense of Place at Great Meadows NWR (Concord)</b> Join my full moon/evening walks this summer for special glimpses of refuge wildlife, serenades of night song, and the memorable beauty of the "golden hour." Toward the end of each walk, we will watch the moon rise together and walk back in its light. Wear layers for changing temperatures and bring a small flashlight if your night vision, for the walk back, is poor. Insect repellent is recommended, but please apply well away and down wind of others. Each walk will last 1.5 - 2 hours. See <a href="http://sense-of-place-concord.blogspot.com">sense-of-place-concord.blogspot.com</a> , email <a href="mailto:cherrie.corey@verizon.net">cherrie.corey@verizon.net</a> or call 978-760-1933. For up to date program information and weather cancellation notices, go to the new <i>Calendar of Programs and Events</i> tab, located just under the website masthead. No pre-registration required. Meet at the information kiosk by the parking lot, Great Meadows NWR in Concord (Monsen Rd, off Rte. 62, driveway on left where road curves right). Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Assabet River NWR. Participants of this program will not be charged the refuge entrance fee at this site.

## REMINDER: PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE REFUGES

[Except Service Animals]

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