

GREAT SWAMP NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS APRIL—JUNE 2012

APRIL 2012

JUNIOR REFUGE MANAGER DAYS AT WILDLIFE OBSERVATION CENTER

April 15, 21, 29, May 6, 12, 1:30–3:30

Earn your Junior Refuge Manager Badge. Volunteers will be available to assist. Wildlife Observation Center.

Sunday, April 1, 1:30–2:30 pm (*1st Sundays*)

REFUGE RAMBLE An informal guided walk. Visitor Center.

Thursday, April 5, 12:30–1:30 pm (*1st Thursdays*)

NATURE ON FILM—LUNCH AND A MOVIE

Green Fire: The Aldo Leopold Story Bring a “green bag” lunch. We’ll provide beverages & dessert. Visitor Center.

Sunday, April 8, 1:30–3:30 pm

SECOND SUNDAY... with Friends GREEN FIRE: THE ALDO LEOPOLD STORY One-hour movie followed by a discussion of this leading conservationist and his lasting impact. Visitor Center.

Thursday, April 12, 1:30–3:00

GREETERS AND GUIDES VOLUNTEER EXCHANGE For current volunteers. Earn your own Junior Refuge Manager Badge! Wildlife Observation Center.

Saturday, April 14, 9:00–Noon

SPRING ROADSIDE CLEANUP Help pick up litter along Refuge roads. Refuge Headquarters, 241 Pleasant Plains Road.

Friday, April 20, 2:00–3:30 pm (*3rd Fridays*)

REFUGE READERS—A BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP Return to Wild America by Scott Weidensaul. All are welcome. Visitor Center.

Saturday, April 21, 9:30 am–Noon

GARDEN DAY It’s Spring! Join us for a work day in the gardens. All are welcome. Bring lunch. Visitor Center.

Sunday, April 22, 1:30–3:30 pm (*4th Sundays*)

LET’S GO EXPLORING... WITH RANGER DAVE—EARTH DAY Monthly program, ages 6–12. It’s Earth Day... learn ways to help. Indoor learning activities followed by exploration outside. Dress warmly. Visitor Center.

CHILDREN’S STORY TIME WITH PAT GARVIN. Stories and activities will be geared to the same topic. For the younger set.

MAY 2012

Thursday, May 3, 12:30–1:30 pm (*1st Thursdays*)

NATURE ON FILM—LUNCH AND A MOVIE To be announced. Bring a “green bag” lunch; drinks & cookies provided. Visitor Center.

Sunday, May 6, 1:30–2:30 pm (*1st Sundays*)

REFUGE RAMBLE Informal guided walk. Visitor Center.

Thursday, May 10, 9:00–Noon

INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL WORK DAY Help control invasive species on the Refuge. Work days on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month through September. Visitor Center.

Sunday, May 13, 1:30–3:30 pm

SECOND SUNDAY...with Friends ALL ABOUT BATS Refuge Biologist Dorothy Fecske will discuss bats, their current situation, and research on the Refuge. Visitor Center.

Thursday, May 24, 9:00–Noon

INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL WORK DAY See May 10.

Saturday, May 19, 9:30 am–Noon

GARDEN DAY The GardenKeepers will be planning and planting! All are welcome. Bring lunch. Visitor Center.

Sunday, May 20, 1:30–2:30 pm

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION Learn about the Refuge and volunteer opportunities. For new volunteers. Visitor Center.

Friday, May 18, 2:00–3:30 pm (*3rd Fridays*)

REFUGE READERS—A BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP The World Without Us by Alan Weisman. All are welcome. Visitor Center.

Sunday, May 27, 1:30–3:30 pm (*4th Sundays*)

LET’S GO EXPLORING... WITH RANGER DAVE—FROGS Learn about frogs. Ages 6–12. Indoor learning activities and outside exploration. Dress warmly. **CHILDREN’S STORY TIME WITH PAT GARVIN:** Frog stories and activities for the younger set.

JUNE 2012

Saturday, June 2, 4:30–7:00 pm

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION EVENT . By invitation. Visitor Center.

Sunday, June 3, 1:30–2:30 pm (*1st Sundays*)

REFUGE RAMBLE Informal guided walk. Visitor Center.

Thursday, June 7, 12:30–1:30 pm (*1st Thursdays*)

NATURE ON FILM—LUNCH AND A MOVIE

To be announced. Bring a “green bag” lunch. We’ll provide beverages & dessert. Visitor Center.

Saturday, June 9, 9:30–Noon **GARDEN DAY** The GardenKeepers will be weeding and planting! All are welcome. Bring lunch. Visitor Center.

Sunday, June 10, 1:30–3:30 pm

SECOND SUNDAY...with Friends A NEW VISION FOR REFUGES There’s an exciting new vision for the National Wildlife Refuge System—and Great Swamp. Come learn more! Visitor Center.

Thursday, June 14, 9:00–Noon

INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL WORK DAY See May 10.

Friday, June 15, 2:00–3:30 pm (*3rd Fridays*)

REFUGE READERS—A BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Discussion of: Moby Duck by Donovan Hohn. Copies are available for loan. Join us! All are welcome. Visitor Center.

Saturday, June 16, 1:30–3:00

GREETERS AND GUIDES VOLUNTEER EXCHANGE The third in this new series for volunteers. Visitor Center.

Sunday, June 24, 1:30–3:30 pm (*4th Sundays*)

LET’S GO EXPLORING... WITH RANGER DAVE—PLANTS This month we’ll learn about plants. Ages 6–12. Indoor learning activities followed by exploration outside. **CHILDREN’S STORY TIME WITH PAT GARVIN:** Related stories and activities for the younger set.

Thursday, June 28, 9:00–Noon

INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL WORK DAY See May 10.

