

# GREAT SWAMP NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS      APRIL—JUNE 2015

### APRIL 2015



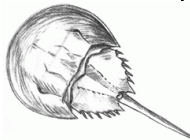
Thursday, April 2, 12:30—1:30 pm **NATURE ON FILM** *Crash: A Tale of Two Species*. The story of the red knot and the horseshoe crab—a compelling look at how every species is interconnected. Bring your lunch. Visitor Center.

Friday, April 3, 9:00—Noon **Great Swamp STRIKE TEAM WORK DAYS** Help eradicate emerging invasive plant species. Work days on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month. Volunteers Needed! Meet at Visitor Center.

Thursday, April 9, 9:00—Noon **GARDEN WORK DAY** Spring clean up time. No experience necessary. Visitor Center.

Saturday, April 11, 9:00—Noon **SPRING ROADSIDE CLEANUP** Help pick up litter along Refuge roads. Meet at Refuge Headquarters, 241 Pleasant Plains Road.

Sunday, April 12, 1:30—3:30 pm **SECOND SUNDAY—HORSESHOE CRABS** Join Bob Loveland for a fascinating look at horseshoe crabs, their importance to migratory birds—and to us! Visitor Center.



Friday, April 17, 2:00—3:30 pm (*3rd Fridays*) **REFUGE READERS—A BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** *North With Spring* by Edwin Way Teale. New members always welcome. Copies available for loan. Visitor Center.

Friday, April 24, 9:00—Noon **GREAT SWAMP STRIKE TEAM WORK DAY** See April 3 for details. (This is a change from April 17.)

Sunday, April 26, 1:30—3:00 pm **VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION** Come learn about volunteer opportunities. Visitor Center.

Sunday, April 26, 7:00—8:30 pm **FROG WALK**. Join us on an evening interpretive walk to learn spring frogs by their calls! Meet at Wildlife Observation Center.

### MAY 2015

Friday, May 1, 9:00—Noon **GREAT SWAMP STRIKE TEAM WORK DAY** See April 3 for details.

Sunday, May 3, 1:30—2:30 pm (*1st Sundays*) **REFUGE RAMBLE** Informal guided walk. Visitor Center.

Sunday, May 10, 10:00—Noon **INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD DAY MOTHER'S DAY BIRD WALK** Improve your birding skills and learn to identify the spring migrants. Bring binoculars or borrow ours. Join us... whether you know a little or a lot! Visitor Center.

Sunday, May 10, 1:30—3:30 pm **SECOND SUNDAY ALL ABOUT BLUEBIRDS** with volunteer Leo Hollein. Indoor presentation followed by a peek inside an active bluebird nest box. Visitor Center.



Thursday, May 14, 9:00—Noon **INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL WORK DAY** Help control invasive plant species. Volunteer work days on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays each month. Visitor Center.

Friday, May 15, 9:00—Noon **GREAT SWAMP STRIKE TEAM WORK DAY** See April 3 for details.

Friday, May 15, 2:00—3:30 pm (*3rd Fridays*) **REFUGE READERS—A BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** Check the Friends web site for current title. All are welcome. Copies will be available for loan. Visitor Center.

Saturday, May 16, 9:00—Noon **GARDEN WORK DAY** Volunteers needed! No experience necessary! Visitor Center.

Sunday, May 17, 1:30—3:00 pm **VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION** Come learn about volunteer opportunities. Visitor Center.

Saturday, May 23, 10:00—Noon **ENDANGERED SPECIES DAY** The turtles are back! Come learn about endangered species and welcome the head-start turtles back home. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Inspectors will be on hand to display some of the confiscated wildlife commodities that are illegally smuggled into the country. Visitor Center.

Thursday, May 28, 9:00—Noon **INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL WORK DAY** See May 14 for details.

### JUNE 2015

Friday, June 5, 9:00—Noon **GREAT SWAMP STRIKE TEAM WORK DAY** See April 3 for details.

Saturday, June 6, 4:30—7:00 pm **VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION EVENT**. By invitation. Visitor Center.

Sunday, June 7, 1:30—2:30 pm (*1st Sundays*) **REFUGE RAMBLE** Informal guided walk. Visitor Center.

Thursday, June 11, 9:00—Noon **INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL WORK DAY** See May 14 for details.

Sunday, June 14, 1:30—3:30 pm **SECOND SUNDAY—LIVING WITH NEW JERSEY BLACK BEARS** Join Visitor Services Manager Jonathan Rosenberg for a film followed by a Q&A on black bears. Visitor Center.



Thursday, June 18, 9:00—Noon **GARDEN WORK DAY** Help weed and plant. No experience necessary. Visitor Center.

Friday, June 19, 9:00—Noon **GREAT SWAMP STRIKE TEAM WORK DAY** See April 3 for details.

Friday, June 19, 2:00—3:30 pm (*3rd Fridays*) **REFUGE READERS—A BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** Check the Friends web site for the current title. New members always welcome. Copies will be available for loan. Visitor Center.

Thursday, June 25, 9:00—Noon **INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL WORK DAY** See May 14 for details.



Sunday, June 28, 1:30—3:00 pm **JUNIOR DUCK STAMP EXHIBIT AND AWARDS CEREMONY** Join us to recognize and celebrate the young artists who entered the 2015 N.J. Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest. Visitor Center.



# GREAT SWAMP NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS      JULY—SEPTEMBER 2015

## JULY 2015

Friday, July 3 **GREAT SWAMP STRIKE TEAM WORK DAY CANCELLED**

Thursday, July 9, 9:00—Noon

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

Sunday, July 12, 9:00—Noon **GARDEN DAY** Join us to work in the gardens. No experience needed. Stay for lunch with the interns—Friends treat. Visitor Center.

Sunday, July 12, 1:30—3:30 pm

**SECOND SUNDAY...with Friends MEET THE INTERNS**

Come and meet these enthusiastic summer interns as they “show and tell” what they’ve been doing this summer! You’ll learn a lot, and be inspired! Guaranteed! Visitor Center.

Friday, July 17, 9:00—Noon

**GREAT SWAMP STRIKE TEAM WORK DAY** Help to eradicate emerging invasive plant species before they take hold. Work days on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month, through October. Volunteers needed! Meet at Visitor Center.

Friday, July 17, 2:00—3:30 pm *(3rd Fridays)*

**REFUGE READERS—A BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** Check the Friends web site for the current title. New members always welcome; copies available for loan. Visitor Center.

Sunday, July 19, 1:30—3:00 pm **VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION** For new volunteers. Come and learn about volunteer opportunities. Visitor Center.

Thursday, July 23, 9:00—Noon

**INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL WORK DAY** See July 9 for details.

## AUGUST 2015

Friday, August 7, 9:00—Noon

**GREAT SWAMP STRIKE TEAM WORK DAY** See July 17 for details.

Sunday, August 9, 1:30—3:30 pm

**SECOND SUNDAY...with Friends SHARING THE WORLD WITH RAPTORS**

Join us as we partner with The Raptor Trust for a presentation on .... Raptors of course! Learn about raptors and how important they are to the natural world. Get to know some of the species of hawks and owls that are common residents in New Jersey. Meet a live education raptor and view specimens and mounts up close. Visitor Center Pavilion (outdoors).

Thursday, August 13, 9:00—Noon

**INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL WORK DAY**  
See July 9 for details.

Friday, August 21, 9:00—Noon

**GREAT SWAMP STRIKE TEAM WORK DAY**  
See July 17 for details.



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Friday, August 21, 2:00—3:30 pm *(3rd Fridays)*

**REFUGE READERS—A BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** Check the Friends web site for the current title. Copies will be available for loan. New members welcome. Visitor Center.

Thursday, August 27, 9:00—Noon

**INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL WORK DAY** See July 9 for details

Saturday, August 29, 9:00—Noon **GARDEN DAY** Join us to work in the gardens; no experience needed. Visitor Center.

Saturday, August 30 thru Sunday, November 1 **MIGRATION STAFFING—WILDLIFE OBSERVATION CENTER** Volunteers Needed!

## SEPTEMBER 2015

Friday, September 4, 9:00—Noon

**GREAT SWAMP STRIKE TEAM WORK DAY** See July 17 for details.

Thursday, September 10, 9:00—Noon

**INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL WORK DAY** See July 9 for details.

## Fall Festival 2015 *Monarchs on the Move*



Saturday, September 12, 10:00—3:30 pm **16TH ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL AT GREAT SWAMP NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**

Join us for a Fall celebration—activities for kids, guided walks, exhibits,—free food and lots of fun! This year we’re celebrating Monarchs! Photo contest winners announced at 11:30 am. Visitor Center.

Friday, September 18, 9:00—Noon

**GREAT SWAMP STRIKE TEAM WORK DAY** See July 17 for details.

Friday, September 18, 2:00—3:30 pm *(3rd Fridays)*

**REFUGE READERS—A BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**

Check the Friends web site for the current title. Copies will be available for loan. New members welcome. Visitor Center.

Sunday, September 20, 1:30—3:30 pm **ALL ABOUT MONARCHS, MILKWEEDS, AND MORE** Indoor Monarch program, tag and release outdoors. Monarchs need our help. Come find out what you can do. Visitor Center.

Thursday, September 24, 9:00—Noon

**INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL WORK DAY** See July 9 for details.

Saturday, September 26, 9:00—Noon

**FALL ROADSIDE CLEANUP** Help pick up litter along Refuge Roads. Meet at Refuge Headquarters, 241 Pleasant Plains Road.

