

GREAT SWAMP NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS JULY—SEPTEMBER 2014

JULY 2014

Thursday, July 3, 12:30–1:30 pm **NATURE ON FILM**—Summer reruns. Bring your green bag lunch. Visitor Center

Friday, July 4—Federal Holiday

VISITOR CENTER OPEN, NOON—4:00 PM

GREAT SWAMP STRIKE TEAM WORK DAY CANCELLED

Thursday, July 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. Visitor Center.

Sunday, July 13, 1:30–3:30 pm

SECOND SUNDAY...with Friends MEET THE INTERNS

Come and meet these enthusiastic summer interns and grad students as they “show and tell” what they’ve been doing this summer! You’ll learn a lot—guaranteed! Visitor Center.

Friday, July 18, 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. Volunteers needed! Meet at Visitor Center.

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

REFUGE READERS—A BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP *Wild Ones* by John Mooallem. New members welcome. Visitor Center.

Saturday, July 19, 9:00—Noon **REFUGE WORK DAY** Join us to work on an outdoor project. Visitor Center.

Sunday, July 20, 9:00—Noon **GARDEN DAY** Join us to work in the gardens. No experience needed. Visitor Center.

Thursday, July 24, 9:00—Noon

INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL WORK DAY See July 10 for details.

AUGUST 2014

Friday, August 1, 9:00—Noon

GREAT SWAMP STRIKE TEAM WORK DAY See July 18 for details.

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

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

Sunday, August 10, 1:30–3:00 pm

SECOND SUNDAY...with Friends BATS BOXES AND MONITORING AT GREAT SWAMP NWR Join Dorothy Fecske, Wildlife Biologist, for an update on bat research and monitoring. Visitor Center.

Thursday, August 14, 9:00—Noon

INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL WORK DAY See July 10 for details.

Friday, August 15, 9:00—Noon

GREAT SWAMP STRIKE TEAM WORK DAY See July 18 for details.

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

REFUGE READERS—A BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP *An American River* by Mary Bruno. Copies are available for loan at the Visitor Center. New members welcome. Visitor Center.

Saturday, August 23, 9:00—Noon **GARDEN DAY** Join us to work in the gardens; no experience needed. Visitor Center.

Saturday, August 23, 1:30–2:30 pm

WILDLIFE OBSERVATION CENTER—MIGRATION STAFFING ORIENTATION Volunteers needed to greet visitors during the busy migration season. Join us for an orientation session. For all volunteers—experienced and new! Wildlife Observation Center.

Sunday, August 24 thru Sunday, November 2 **MIGRATION**

STAFFING—WILDLIFE OBSERVATION CENTER Volunteers Needed!

Thursday, August 28, 9:00—Noon

INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL WORK DAY See July 10 for details

SEPTEMBER 2014



Thursday, September 4, 12:30–1:30 pm

NATURE ON FILM—LUNCH AND A MOVIE *The Greatest Good* Gifford Pinchot and the U.S. Forest Service. Bring a “green bag” lunch. Visitor Center.

Friday, September 5, 9:00—Noon

GREAT SWAMP STRIKE TEAM WORK DAY See July 18 for details.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 10:30—3:30

FALL FESTIVAL

Celebrating Wilderness!



Join us for a Fall celebration—activities for kids, guided walks, exhibits, nature rummage sale—free food and lots of fun! This year we’re celebrating Wilderness! A special interpretive Wilderness Walk will be held. Photo contest winners announced at 11:30. Visitor Center. Watch our web site for details.

Thursday, September 11, 9:00—Noon

INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL WORK DAY See July 10 for details.

Friday, September 19, 9:00—Noon

GREAT SWAMP STRIKE TEAM WORK DAY See July 18 for details.

Friday, September 19, 2:00–3:30 pm (*3rd Fridays*)

REFUGE READERS—A BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP Discussion of *Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill* by Mark Bittner. Copies available for loan at the Visitor Center. New members welcome. Visitor Center.

Sunday, September 21, 9:00—Noon **GARDEN DAY** Join us to work in the gardens. No experience needed. Visitor Center.

Thursday, September 25, 9:00—Noon

INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL WORK DAY See July 10 for details.

Saturday, September 27, 9:00—Noon

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



Sunday, September 28, 1:00–3:00 pm

GREETERS AND GUIDES VOLUNTEER EXCHANGE For experienced volunteers. Wilderness program and round-table discussion. Lunch will be provided. Visitor Center.



GREAT SWAMP NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS OCTOBER 2014—DECEMBER 2014

GREAT SWAMP NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge and the Friends of Great Swamp NWR are pleased to present our Calendar of Events. Take a look at the educational programs, work days, volunteer opportunities, a book group, and more! We hope you'll join us for one—or many—of these events.

HELEN C. FENSKE VISITOR CENTER
Enjoy state-of-the-art exhibits, Discovery Den activities for kids, the Great Swamp quilt, nature DVDs, native plant gardens, a half-mile walking trail, a new Nature Detective Trail for kids. Shop in the Friends Nature Shop—all proceeds support Refuge projects. Start your visit here!

OCTOBER 2014

Sunday, October 5, 1:30–2:30 pm (*1st Sundays*)
REFUGE RAMBLE. Informal interpretive walk. Visitor Center.

Saturday, October 11, 1:30–2:30 pm
VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION: Interested in volunteering? Come learn about the many opportunities. For new and prospective volunteers. Visitor Center.

OCTOBER 12–OCTOBER 18 NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE WEEK

SUNSET WALKS EVERY NIGHT!

Sunday, October 12–Saturday, October 18
5:30 pm–dark

Join us to watch the many species of migrating ducks that descend into the Refuge pools to spend the night. It's awesome! Easy walk on service roads. Van available Sunday and Thursday nights; space in the van is limited—reservations required. Meet at Bluebird Parking Lot, 197 Pleasant Plains Road, Harding Township NJ.



Citizen Science Opportunity

Sunday, October 12, Dawn to dusk
FRIENDS' SWAMP SITTERS HOST THE BIG SIT!
Learn more about birds and bird identification during this annual event. Stop by during the day and join the fun—for a little while... or longer! Takes place at the Overlook on Pleasant Plains Road.



Sunday, October 12, 1:30–3:00 pm **SECOND SUNDAY—URBAN PARK RESTORATION** We are so fortunate to welcome back FDU Professor Brian Olechnowski to give us an update on his studies of bird population trends in urban park restoration projects. Visitor Center.

Friday, October 17, 2:00–3:30 pm (*3rd Fridays*)
REFUGE READERS—A BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP *Autumn Across America*, by Edwin Way Teale. New members welcome. Copies available for loan at Visitor Center.

NOVEMBER 2014

Saturday, November 1
YOUTH DEER HUNT—Refuge closed, except Wilderness Area.

Sunday, November 2, 1:30–2:30 pm (*1st Sundays*)
REFUGE RAMBLE Informal interpretive walk. Visitor Center.

Wednesday, November 5 through Saturday, November 8
ANNUAL REFUGE DEER HUNT—Entire Refuge closed.



Sunday, November 9, 1:30–3:30 pm
SECOND SUNDAY—IT'S TURKEY TIME! Did you know? Turkeys roost in trees—they are very fast fliers—and 40 years ago, there were no turkeys in N.J. Meet Bob Eriksen, who was instrumental in restoring the Wild Turkey to New Jersey, beginning in the late 1970s. Hear about this fascinating success story and learn more about the life of this unusual bird, so common now that we just take it for granted. Visitor Center.

Friday, November 21, 2:00–3:30 pm (*3rd Fridays*)
REFUGE READERS—A BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP *John James Audubon: The Making of an American* by Richard Rhodes. New members welcome. Copies for loan at the Visitor Center.

Saturday, November 29, 1:00–2:30 pm
ANNUAL TURKEY WALK Back by popular demand. Join us as we walk off that Thanksgiving turkey on an informal walk into the Management Area, normally closed to the public. Easy walk along service roads. Meet at Bluebird Parking Lot, 197 Pleasant Plains Road, Harding Township, NJ.

DECEMBER 2014

Thursday, December 4, 1:00–2:30 pm
NATURE ON FILM—NOTE NEW TIME
Film to be announced. Visitor Center.

December 4 thru December 7. Noon–4:00 on Thursday and Friday, 10:00–4:00 on Saturday and Sunday.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING—DOUBLE DISCOUNT DAYS AT THE FRIENDS NATURE SHOP 10% off all purchases—20% for members. Get your holiday shopping done early and help your favorite place—Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge. All proceeds help fund Refuge projects. Visitor Center.



Saturday, December 6, 5:00–8:00 pm
FRIENDS MEMBER MEETING & POT LUCK DINNER
For all Members. Pot luck dinner followed by a short business meeting and elections. Bring a favorite dish to share. Visitor Center.

Citizen Science Opportunity

Saturday in mid-December (date & details to be announced)
CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT in the Great Swamp /Watchung Ridge Circle. This is an annual count when thousands of people, all over the country, spend a day counting birds, gathering data on the number and species of birds. Even if you are a novice birder, you can join a team—and learn from the many birding experts. It's fun, easy, and a nice day outdoors.

There will be no Refuge Ramble, Second Sunday, or Refuge Readers in December.

