

2008 American Wetlands Month Events

Nationwide

April - May - Environmental Concern's *Write On! Wetland Challenge 2008*

Science, reading, and the arts collide in this annual competition that first asks middle school students to compose a children's book about wetlands and then asks elementary school students to illustrate the winning manuscript. The theme for 2008 is "Marshy Migrations: Journey's of Lifetime." Each year, animals of all kinds (not just birds) depend on wetlands for food and protection as they prepare for and complete their seasonal migration routes. Students should select one of these animals and write a story about their creature's journey. Call for authors: deadline for entries April 1; Call for illustrators: begins May 1.

For contest details, visit http://www.wetland.org/education_writeon.htm

Contact: Carrie Fredland, Environmental Concern, (410) 745-9620, intern-educate@wetland.org

May – Izaak Walton League Celebration

The Izaak Walton League of America will celebrate American Wetlands Month by focusing on the theme "Climate Change and Wetlands." Through its weekly newsletter, *Wetland Sights and Sounds*, the League explores how climate change is impacting the health of our wetlands, how individual wetland plants and animals being affected, and what your role can be. Visit <http://www.iwla.org> for further information.

May 10 – International Migratory Bird Day

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and other global partners will celebrate International Migratory Bird Day. This year's theme is "Tropics to Tundra." Events around the world will highlight threats to migratory birds and efforts taking place to conserve these beautiful creatures. Visit <http://www.birdday.org> for more information.

May 13 - EPA Watershed Academy Webcast Seminar: "Wetlands and Climate Change"

The EPA Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds will present a special Watershed Academy Webcast Seminar: "Wetlands and Climate Change" from 2-4pm. Join us to learn more about the latest research findings, effects on inland and coastal wetlands in Alaska and Maine, and collaborative planning efforts in the Hudson River Valley to build coalitions that support adaptation strategies to protect people and the environment. Details can also be found at <http://www.epa.gov/owow/watershed/wacademy/webcasts>

May 13 - National Wetlands Award Ceremony

The Environmental Law Institute, EPA, and other federal partners will honor a diverse group of individuals for their extraordinary commitment to conserving wetlands at the 2008 National Wetlands Award Ceremony. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to ELI by May 9, 2008 either via email (wetlandsawards@eli.org) or by phone at (202) 939-3842. You can also visit <http://www.nationalwetlandsawards.org> for more information or http://www.nationalwetlandsawards.org/pdf/2008_NWA_Program.pdf for a copy of the Awards Ceremony Program.

California

May 10 - International Migratory Bird Day

Join Heron's Head Park's 1st Celebration of National Wetlands Month. Drop in to our regular 2nd Saturday Community Volunteer Day and celebrate International Migratory Bird Day. We will be planting of native wetland species, building brush piles, and participating in bird watching and identification activities. Gloves and tools provided. Dress in long pants and layers.

There will also be an optional community potluck at 12:00 pm (beverages provided).

Heron's Head Park, San Francisco, CA; 9:00am-12:00pm; Meet at the muraled storage bin at the parking lot at Cargo Way and Jennings Street. http://www.lejyouth.org/prog_hhp.php4

Contact: Elsa Calvillo, Literacy for Environmental Justice, (415) 282-6840, youthoutreach@lejyouth.org

May 17 - American Wetlands Month Celebration at McNabney Marsh

Join members of the Peyton Slough Wetlands Advisory Committee for a public open house event to celebrate American Wetlands Month, the enhancement projects in McNabney Marsh, the opening of a new bird observation platform and interpretive panels, the memorial plaque in honor of Dr. Teng-Chung Wu (widely regarded as the "Grandfather of Pollution Prevention" in the Golden State), and Mt. View Sanitary District's 85th anniversary. Mt.

View Sanitary District maintains McNabney Marsh, the first wetlands on the west coast using secondary effluent for an environmental oasis and wildlife refuge. Enjoy a fun-filled day while learning about wetlands, birds and much more. Events include guided bird watching, kids and family activities, exhibitions, free food, guest speakers, plant tours, and more!

Mt. View Sanitary District, Martinez, CA; 10:00am-2:00pm; Free; <http://www.mvsd.org>

Contact: Cindy Chen, (925) 228-5635, sradmin@mvsd.org

Colorado

May 1 - Alluvial Fan Wetland Restoration

After an earthen dam collapsed in 1982, large amounts of sediment and debris were carried down and destroyed a large riparian area downstream. Our volunteer effort will include the collection of thousands of native willow stakes to be used in the restoration of important willow-carr riparian habitat for the park. Enjoy a hands-on field day helping to restore a beautiful wetland area back to its original state.

Rocky Mountain National Park, Estes Park, Colorado; 8:30am MST

Contact: Kathleen Kelly; Rocky Mountain National Park Volunteer Office, (970) 586-1330,

Kathleen_Kelly@nps.gov

Connecticut

May 10 – Celebrate International Migratory Bird Day

Discover the amazing journeys that birds undertake each spring and fall. Come meet some live birds of prey, learn how to use binoculars, and more. Free. 2:00pm-4:00pm.

Connecticut Audubon Society, 314 Unquowa Road, Fairfield, CT

Contact: (203) 259-0416, <http://www.ctaudubon.org/visit>

District of Columbia

April 24 - May 1 - Birdfest 2008

Celebrate International Migratory Bird Day. Activities and events include live musical performances, a book lecture, and a weekend family festival featuring children's games, exhibits by conservation organizations, and live migratory birds.

Smithsonian National Zoological Park, DC; Zoo hours: 6:00am-8:00pm; Free.

Contact: (202) 633-4480; <http://nationalzoo.si.edu/BirdFest/>

January 25 - May 11 - Frogs! A Chorus of Colors

See more than a dozen species of live frogs from around the world in terrarium habitats. Compare frog jumping, running, and gliding abilities, and use interactive stations to create a frog chorus and investigate frog anatomy.

National Geographic Society, DC; Mon.-Sat. 9:00am-5:00pm, Sun. 10:00am-5:00pm; Free. Contact: (202) 857-7588; <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/museum/exhibitions/chorusofcolors.html>

May 4 - An Introduction to the Plant Physiology of the Aquatic Gardens

Kenilworth Park and Aquatic Gardens. DC; 10:00am-1:30pm; Free; <http://www.nps.gov/keaq/>

Contact: Kate Bucco, (202) 426-6905, kate_bucco@nps.gov

May 9 - Anacostia River Environmental Education Fair

Students (grades 4-8) from schools in the District will learn about conservation and environmental stewardship through hands-on activities at this annual outdoor event

Anacostia Park, DC; 9:00am-2:30pm; Free.

Contact: DC Departments of Health and the Environment

http://app.doh.dc.gov/services/administration_offices/environmental/watershed/enved.shtm

May 10 - International Migratory Bird Day Festival

Gardens will open early to celebrate International Migratory Bird Day. Celebration will include bird walks, children's games, a class on creating backyard bird habitat, and a volunteer park cleanup.

Kenilworth Park and Aquatic Gardens, DC; 6:30am-1:00pm; Free; <http://www.nps.gov/keaq/>

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May 18 - Spring Early Birds

Immerse yourself in the phenomenon of spring migration with a short morning bird walk. Designed for beginning and intermediate birders for whom the spring migration can sometimes be overwhelming. We'll search for songbirds by sight and sound and discuss the arrival sequence of spring migrants, practice spotting them in the forest, and learn the songs of many species.

Kenilworth Park and Aquatic Gardens, DC; 7:00am-9:30am; Led by Audubon Naturalist Society; Registration required; Cost: Members: \$16; Nonmembers: \$22.

To register, go to <http://www.audubonnaturalist.org/default.asp?page=556>

Contact: Stephanie Mason, Audubon Naturalist Society, (301) 652-9188 ext. 37

May 22 and May 25 - Migration Cycles on the Delaware Bay

Each May, horseshoe crabs migrate to the beaches of Delaware Bay to mate and lay their eggs. During the same time, hundreds of thousands of shorebirds, en route to summer breeding grounds, stop at the Bay to feast and refuel on the concentrated numbers of horseshoe crab eggs. On May 22, the lecture will go over shorebird migration and use slides to help identify some of the most common shorebirds in our region. On May 25, we will go to the Delaware Bay, where under favorable conditions, we can hope to see hundreds of horseshoe crabs and a flurry of shorebird feeding activity.

May 22 (7:30pm-9:30pm) and May 25 (all day trip); Led by Audubon Naturalist Society; Registration required; Cost: Members: \$36.50, Nonmembers: \$52.

To register, go to <http://www.audubonnaturalist.org/default.asp?page=556>

Contact: Stephanie Mason, Audubon Naturalist Society, (301) 652-9188 ext. 37

Florida

April 11 -May 23 - Florida Master Naturalist Freshwater Wetlands Course

This course consists of 40 contact hours, which includes about 20 hours of classroom presentations, instructional videos, interpretive speaking practice and completion of group projects; and about 20 hours of field trips. Students learn about Florida's freshwater wetland systems of marshes, swamps, rivers, lakes, and springs; wetland ecology, habitats, plants, and wildlife; naturalist interpretation skills; and environmental ethics and conservation issues.

Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve; Apalachicola, FL; Fridays 6-8:30 PM, Saturdays 9:00 am - 4:30 pm; classes in Franklin, Gulf, Liberty, and Wakulla Counties in NW FL.

<http://www.paec-sc-iii.org/MasterNaturalistWETLANDSFlyer.pdf>

Contact: Rosalyn Kilcollins, (850) 653-8063, Rosalyn.Kilcollins@dep.state.fl.us

May 15 - Panhandle Habitats Series - Flatwoods and Savannahs

This Panhandle Habitats Series One-Day class covers the ecology, geology, and natural history of the pine flatwoods and savannahs. Learn about the various habitats and plant communities found in this fascinating system. Subjects will include biodiversity, plants and animals and their interactions, the vital importance of the system, and threats and conservation. Be prepared to spend part of the day in the classroom and part out in the field exploring the flatwoods and savannahs of the Apalachicola National Forest. Waterproof footwear is advised as the savannahs can be quite wet.

Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve, Apalachicola, FL; 8:45 am - 4:30 pm

Contact Alan Knothe; (850) 653-8063, Alan.knothe@dep.state.fl.us

May 22 - Panhandle Habitats Series Barrier Island Class

This one-day Barrier Islands Class covers such topics as island habitats, common plants and animals, waves and currents, hurricanes, human impacts, island and dune formation, erosion and regulatory issues, and more. This class includes a field trip to St. George Island State Park where we will seine the Gulf, explore beach and intertidal benthic habitats, conduct an island transect, and examine many interesting plants and animals.

Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve, Apalachicola, FL; 8:45 am - 4:30 pm

Contact: Alan Knothe, (850) 653-8063, Alan.knothe@dep.state.fl.us

Kansas

May 3 - Washburn University Field Trip to Wakarusa Wetlands

Celebrate wetlands month with field trip to Wakarusa Wetlands to learn its historical, cultural, & spiritual significance to Native Americans.

Wakarusa (Haskell-Baker) Wetlands, Lawrence, KS; 9:00 am
Contact: Paige Stonerock, (785) 550-1180, margaretq@gmail.com

May 9, 2008 - Wakarusa Wetland Learners project

This is one of 16 trips for sixth grade students in Lawrence, Kansas, sponsored by Jayhawk Audubon Society and Kaw Valley Heritage Alliance. Trips have involved approximately 1,000 people: students, teachers, and parents. In groups, students will rotate through activities led by expert facilitators volunteering their time to share knowledge of content, including macro-invertebrates, herps, botany, monarch butterflies, water hydrology, water quality/chemistry, orienteering, history of the Wakarusa wetlands, kinesthetic activities responding to wetlands, multi-sensory observations, and artistic expression. There is also an internship component through which KVHA trains university science majors to become part of the facilitator pool, increasing their skills in educating the public about natural environments.

Wakarusa Wetlands, Douglas County, KS; 9:30am-12:00pm
<http://wetlandlearners.wordpress.com/> and <http://kawvalleyheritagealliance.org/>
Contact: Sandy Sanders, Kaw Valley Heritage Alliance and Jayhawk Audubon Society, (785) 841-4807, sandysanders@sunflower.com

Louisiana

May 18 - The Historic New Orleans Collection's Annual Family Day

This year's Family Day is focused on Louisiana's endangered wetlands in conjunction with our on-going exhibit "Surrounded by Water: New Orleans, the Mississippi and Lake Pontchartrain."

Historic New Orleans Collection; New Orleans, LA; 11:30am-4:00pm; <http://www.hnoc.org/>
Contact: Eddy R. Parker, (504) 598-7187, EddyP@hnoc.org

Maine

May 10 - Spring Fest: A Celebration of International Migratory Bird Day

Come to the nature center for an all ages, all-day, free event celebrating International Migratory Bird Day. We're featuring bird walks, yoga, a live turtle presentation, a native & organic plants sale, a photography workshop, a children's area, and more!

Fields Pond Audubon Center, 216 Fields Pond Road, Holden, ME. Free. Contact: (207) 989-2591, hhtwining@maineaudubon.org
<http://www.maineaudubon.org/explore/centers/fpond.shtml>

May 10 - Pine Tree State Arboretum, International Migratory Bird Day Festival

The theme for this year's IMBD is "Tundra to Tropics: Connecting Birds, Habitats, and People." This event is open to the public, free, and is a great event for families to attend. Events will include bird walks led by members of the Augusta Bird Club, information on caring for and attracting birds to your backyard, bluebird information and houses for sale, make-your-own bird feeders for kids, and many other activities.

Pine Tree State Arboretum, 153 Hospital Street, Augusta, ME. 6:00am-12:00pm. Free.
Contact: (207) 621-0031, ptsaedu@roadrunner.com
<http://www.pinetreestatearboretum.org>

May 10 - International Migratory Bird Day at Gilsland Farm

Come to Gilsland Farm to participate in this global event highlighting migrant birds. Shorebirds, flycatchers, warblers and more will be returning from Central and South America, many stopping here to refuel on their way to northern breeding grounds. Eric Hynes will help you identify these birds by sight and sound on a tour of the

sanctuary. You don't have to be big to be a birder. Children 8 and older will walk the trails in search of bird life. We will keep the spotting scope set low, so even the small feel tall. Presented by Maine Audubon.

Gilsland Farm, 20 Gilsland Farm Road, Falmouth, ME. Tour: 7:00am–9:30am. Child Walk: 10:00am–11:30am.

<http://www.maineaudubon.org>

Contact: (207) 781-2330 ext. 237, ehynes@maineaudubon.org

Maryland

May 2 - Art Gallery Reception for “Along the Edge”

Join us in celebrating American Wetlands Month by coming to The Artists Gallery for an exhibit opening which features works by Jeanne Saulsbury. See the coastal landscape painted in oil with the edge of a knife.

The Artists Gallery, Chestertown, MD; 5:00pm-8:00pm; <http://www.theartistsgalleryctown.com>

Contact: Jeanne Saulsbury, (410) 778-2425, jsauls@comcast.net

May 3 - Swamp Romp

Explore ThorpeWood's fascinating Soggy Bottom Swamp area, home to several rare and endangered plant species including native orchids. Please dress for wet/muddy terrain, and feel free to bring your own field guide, sketch book, and camera.

ThorpeWood, Thurmont, MD; 10:00am-12:00pm; Registration required, space limited; Cost: \$20;

<http://www.thorpewood.org>

Contact: (301) 271-2823, info@thorpewood.org

May 3 - Birdwalk

This naturalist-led hike explores the varying habitats at Jug Bay searching for birds of all types. For beginning birders ages 12 and older, bring binoculars if available.

Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary, Lothian, MD; <http://www.jugbay.org/>

Contact: (410) 741-9330 or email programs@jugbay.org

May 10 - Celebrate International Migratory Bird Day: Birding and Canoeing

Celebrate International Migratory Bird Day cruising Pickering Creek by canoe. Learn some basic paddling and bird watching skills and catch a glimpse of the early rising migratory fowl.

Pickering Creek Audubon Center, Easton, MD; 7:30am-11:30am; Cost: General Admission: \$20/\$12; Members: \$15/\$8; Ages 12 and up; Registration required by May 7.

Contact: Register at <http://www.pickeringcreek.org/calendar/index.html> or call (410) 822-4903.

May 16 - Moonlit Paddle

Experience the moon reflecting off the waters of Pickering Creek during this amazing opportunity to canoe at night. We will paddle out together at sunset and enjoy a moonlit evening on the water. Explore the waterways in a whole new light and observe bird activity during these evening hours.

Pickering Creek Audubon Center, Easton, MD; 7:00pm-9:00pm; Cost: General Admission \$20/\$12, Members: \$15/\$8; Ages 12 and up; Registration required by May 14.

Contact: Register at <http://www.pickeringcreek.org/calendar/index.html> or call (410) 822-4903.

May 17 - Smithsonian Environmental Research Center Open House on the Bay

Join us for day long celebration and learn what you can do for the Chesapeake Bay - featuring hands-on presentations, children's games, face painting, a morning kayak race, the Second Annual Wade-In, live music, and boat rides.

Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, Edgewater, MD; 9:00am - 3:30pm; Free shuttle and parking provided at Central Middle School; Suggested donation at door: \$2/adult; \$1/child.

http://www.serc.si.edu/public_programs/open_house.jsp

Contact: Karen McDonald, (443) 482-2300, mcdonaldk@si.edu

May 17 - Canoeing Workshop

A full day of intense, flat-water instruction, classroom and rescue sessions. This workshop prepares you for conditions you might expect on open flat water or slowly moving water; lakes, deepwater rivers, and inland bays. Learning basic strokes early translates later into fluid maneuvers later in the day. We have canoes, paddles, life vest (PFD) and other equipment, but if you have it, please bring your own PFD, fitted and sized properly. Plan to

be in the water, a wet suit is recommended. No experience needed. Wear footwear for wearing in the water (no Crocs); always dress for weather. Bring a complete change of clothes, warm fleece or rain jacket, and lunch. Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary, Lothian, MD; 9:00 am-3:30 pm; Cost: \$40, payable in advance to the Friends of Jug Bay; Free for current Jug Bay canoe volunteers; Class size limited, advanced registration required;. Adults only; <http://www.jugbay.org/>
Contact: (410) 741-9330, info@jugbay.org

Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, Cambridge, MD

Contact: (410) 228-2677 or go to <http://www.fws.gov/blackwater/pcalendar.html>

May 3 - Bird Walk

8:00am; meet at Visitor Center; Free.

May 3 – Tree planting

Volunteers will meet at the Refuge Environmental Education Building located on Blackwater's Wildlife Drive at 8:45am or 12:45pm, depending on the time of the planting. Please wear clothes that can get dirty, boots or old shoes, and gloves. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

Two times: 9:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-4:00pm.

<http://www.fws.gov/blackwater/news.html#earthday>

Contact: To sign up, call Refuge Forester Dawn Washington at (410) 228-2692 x108

May 10 - International Migratory Bird Day/Dorchester Heritage Day

May 24 - Bird Walk

8:00am; meet at Visitor Center; Free.

Massachusetts

May 3 - International Migratory Bird Day Celebration

Join us at Zoo New England's International Migratory Bird Day. Celebration will be at the Franklin Park Zoo. The day will include a bird bio-facts table, games, activities, bird-friendly art projects, bird books, and guided bird walks.

Zoo New England - Franklin Park Zoo, 1 Franklin Park Road, Dorchester, MA

Contact: (617) 989-2000, <http://zoonewengland.org>

May 3 - Reptiles and Amphibians

Join Tom Tynning, herpetologist, professor of environmental science, and author of Stoke's Guide to Reptiles and Amphibians, for a day of learning about "herps." The study of reptiles and amphibians is known as herpetology. The morning will be spent indoors learning about the amphibians and reptiles of Massachusetts, with special reference to their life cycles, natural history, and conservation issues. Participants will be introduced to local frogs, salamanders, turtles, and snakes; we will learn their Massachusetts distribution and become aware of their conservation status. After lunch we will venture outdoors to visit the vernal pool and forests in search for amphibians, reptiles, and their eggs.

Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary, 127 Combs Road, Easthampton, MA. 10:00am-3:00pm. Fee: Adults \$45 members/\$6 non-members; Registration required. Program code: 525-AR08SP1.

Contact: (413) 584-3009, arcadia@massaudubon.org

http://www.massaudubon.org/Nature_Connection/Sanctuaries/Arcadia/index.php

May 4 - May Refuge Morning Birding Walk

Join the Friends of Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge for a birding and interpretive walk on the refuge. The walk will be led by David Lange and is cosponsored by the Brookline Bird Club.

Meet at the main entrance to the Refuge on Hudson Road in Sudbury, MA at 7:00am. Free.

Contact: Friends of Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge, <http://www.farnwr.org/events.html>

May 4 - Great Blue Heron Rookery

The Lyons-Cutler Reservation, located along Allowance Brook in Sudbury, contains wetlands and beautiful red maple, mixed oak, and white pine uplands. The upland forest descends gently to a swamp with a great blue heron rookery where we can get very close views of the domestic life of the herons and hear their growling offspring. Around the swamp we could also see eastern kingbird, eastern phoebe, tree and rough-winged swallow, red-winged

blackbird, kingfisher, swamp sparrow, flicker, and bluebird. The hike in through the woods could produce several species of warbler, wood thrush, brown creeper, Baltimore oriole, brown thrasher, blue-headed vireo, and migrating flycatchers of various species.

Sudbury, MA. Open to anyone age 16 or older. A map to meeting site will be sent to registrants. Adults: \$25 members/\$35 non-members. Program Code: 1305-DFA08SP1.

Contact: Mass. Audubon Drumlin Farm, (781)259-2200, drumlinfarm@massaudubon.org
http://www.massaudubon.org/Nature_Connection/Sanctuaries/Drumlin_Farm/index.php

May 9 - Fantastic Frogs

It's not easy being green -- or blue, yellow, brown, or black! Frogs come in many colors and sizes. You can find out about the kinds we have here at Habitat, learn about their amazing life cycles, their sounds, and how they can survive with no claws or large teeth! We'll look for frogs and some of their relatives.

Habitat Education Center and Wildlife Sanctuary, 10 Juniper Road, Belmont, MA. 1:00pm-2:30pm. Adults: \$6 members/ \$7.50 non-members. Children: \$6 members/\$7.50 non-members. Program Code: 955-HA08SP1

Contact: (617) 489-5050, habitat@massaudubon.org
http://www.massaudubon.org/Nature_Connection/Sanctuaries/Habitat/index.php

May 9 - Turtles

Come enjoy an hour of fun with your youngster focusing on nature. We'll read a book, do a craft activity, and go for a walk with teacher/naturalist, Chris Eaton.

Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary, 113 Goodnow Road, Princeton, MA. 10:00am-11:00am. Registration required. Children: \$7 members/\$10 non-members. Program Code: 320-WA08SP10

Contact: Wachusett Meadow, (978) 464-2712, wachusett@massaudubon.org
http://www.massaudubon.org/Nature_Connection/Sanctuaries/Wachusett_Meadow/index.php

May 9 - Parent/Child Walkabouts: A Salt Marsh Stroll

Spring is here, and that means it's time to head outdoors to our favorite coastal habitats! Each nature exploration will focus on the importance of a "sense of place" as we explore the ecology, sights, and sounds of the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge. Wildlife, local and migrating birds, collecting techniques, and environmental awareness will be presented in a fun, energetic format adults and children alike will enjoy.

Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, Newburyport, MA. Meet at Parker River National Wildlife Refuge parking lot #1. Rain or shine. Adults: \$10 members/\$14 non-members. Fee covers one adult and one child. Additional siblings: \$8 members/\$12 non-members. Not recommended for children under 3. Program Code: 538-JF08SP4

Contact: Joppa Flats Education Center, (978) 462-9998, joppaflats@massaudubon.org
http://www.massaudubon.org/Nature_Connection/Sanctuaries/Joppa_Flats/index.php

May 10 – International Migratory Bird Day Festival

Explore riverine and upland forest habitats at Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge. Bird walks, mist-netting, bird-banding demonstrations, and arts and crafts. Free.

Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, 73 Weir Hill Road, Sudbury, MA. 11:00am-2:00pm.

Contact: (978) 443-4661, ext. 34, susan_j_russo@fws.gov

May 15 - Evening at the Beaver Ponds

Enjoy an evening in the valley visiting the beaver ponds. Search for beavers and other kinds of wildlife that are attracted by the series of ponds that the beavers have created. Learn about the natural history of beavers and how they continue to change our landscapes 75 years after their reintroduction.

Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary, 472 West Mountain Road, Lenox, MA. 7:00pm-8:30pm. Adults: \$4 members/\$6 non-members. Program Code: 40-PV08SP0.

Contact: (413) 637-0320, berkshires@massaudubon.org
http://www.massaudubon.org/Nature_Connection/Sanctuaries/Pleasant_Valley/index.php

May 17 - Pond and Stream

Find out what lives in the waters of Laughing Brook. Equipped with pond nets, bug boxes, hand lenses, and field guides we will discover many tiny critters living within the muck and on the surface. Look at some of these invertebrates up close and see their unique adaptations to a wet life.

Laughing Brook Wildlife Sanctuary, 127 Combs Road, Easthampton, MA. 10:00am-11:30am. Adults: \$3 members/\$5 non-members. Children: \$3 members/\$5 non-members. Program Code: 188-AR08SP1.
Contact: Arcadia, (413) 584-3009, arcadia@massaudubon.org
http://www.massaudubon.org/Nature_Connection/Sanctuaries/Arcadia/index.php

May 18 - Vernal Pool Prowl

Learn what makes vernal pools such a unique and important part of our ecosystem. Wood frogs and mole salamanders only breed in these temporary bodies of water, and rely on them as nurseries for their young. We've planned two visits to the vernal pool at Burncoat Pond Wildlife Sanctuary, once in the early spring and then a month later to see the progression. Discover the wildlife in these big puddles -- maybe we will even see fairy shrimp!

Burncoat Pond Wildlife Sanctuary, Spencer, MA. 1:30pm- 3:30pm. Free. Program Code: 473-BM08SP2
Contact: Broad Meadow Brook Sanctuary, (508) 753-6087, bmbrook@massaudubon.org
http://www.massaudubon.org/Nature_Connection/Sanctuaries/Broad_Meadow/index.php

May 18 - Save Our Sanctuary

Help us remove buckthorn, bittersweet, and other invasive plants. Tools, gloves, and instruction provided. Dress for the woods.

Habitat Education Center and Wildlife Sanctuary, 10 Juniper Road, Belmont, MA. Free. 10:30am-12:30pm.
Program Code: 153-HA08SP2.

Contact: Allison Mooney, amooney@massaudubon.org, (617) 489-5050,
http://www.massaudubon.org/Nature_Connection/Sanctuaries/Habitat/index.php

May 18 - Nauset Marsh Cruise

Cruise serene Nauset Marsh in a pontoon boat searching for birds and other wildlife while learning about the natural history of the salt marsh. Piping plovers nest on islands in the marsh, terns can be seen diving for fish, shorebirds are often found feeding on the flats, and ospreys can be seen atop their nesting platforms. Gray seals are commonly sighted playing in the surf. We'll haul a crab trap on board and examine its contents. Our sunset cruises allow you to experience the beauty of the marsh as evening approaches. All trips are two hours in length. Maximum group size: 15 people.

Nauset Marsh, South Wellfleet, MA. 10:00am-12:00pm. Adults: \$30 members/\$35 non-members. Children: \$25 members/\$30 non-members. Program Code: 16-WF08SP1.

Contact: (508) 349-2615, wellfleet@massaudubon.org
http://www.massaudubon.org/Nature_Connection/Sanctuaries/Wellfleet/index.php

May 29 - A Tale of Two Ponds: Turtle Pond

Pull on your boots and prepare to get muddy as we explore the life in the two permanent ponds on our property. We will use nets to find the creatures that live underwater and compare the different species, observe the elements of the habitat around the ponds, and check what kinds of birds, amphibians, and other animals live in the vicinity

Habitat Education Center and Wildlife Sanctuary, 10 Juniper Road, Belmont, MA. 3:30pm-5:00pm. Children: \$12 members/\$15 non-members. Program Code: 1297-HA08SP1

Contact: 617-489-5050, habitat@massaudubon.org
http://www.massaudubon.org/Nature_Connection/Sanctuaries/Habitat/index.php

New Hampshire

May 3 - Spring into the Wapack Wilderness

Well over a thousand acres of great habitat protected by 'Forever Wild' easement, this area was acquired by the Northeast Wilderness Trust in partnership with the landowner, the Hampshire Country School. This will be a moderately easy back-country outing led by Bob Boynton with ecologists Joe Trudeau and Rick Van de Poll. They will take us to three ponds, two townships, and two counties! Co-sponsored by the Harris Center, Northeast Wilderness Trust, and the Conservation Commissions of Rindge and New Ipswich. Harris Center, Hancock, NH. Instructions and Directions: Carpool departs at 9:00am from the Sharon Arts Center on Route 123 south of Peterborough.

Contact: (603) 525-3394 or email jacobs@harriscenter.org
http://www.harriscenter.org/documents/HC_Calendar.pdf

May 3 - Annual Great Bay Bird Walk with Steve Mirick

Join Coastal bird expert Steve Mirick as he educates us on the migrating and nesting birds that call Great Bay home. Be sure to bring your binoculars (and bug repellent!)

The Nature Conservancy in New Hampshire. Directions/Instructions: We will meet at TNC's Great Bay Office at 112 Bay Road, Newmarket. 7:45am-11:00am. Free. Space is limited. Reservations requested by May 2.

Contact: Megan Lepage, (603) 224-5853 ext. 23, mlepage@tnc.org
<http://www.nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/newhampshire/events/events4833.html>

May 7 - Yearlings Find Frogs

Bring your young preschooler to the Harris Center for a morning of frogs! We'll play games, sing songs, hear stories, and find frogs, tadpoles, and maybe even salamanders. Perfect for young curious preschoolers and their grownups.

Harris Center, Hancock, NH. 10:00am-11:00am. \$5/child. Limited space available. Register by May 2.

http://www.harriscenter.org/documents/HC_Calendar.pdf

Contact: (604) 525-3394, spikol@harriscenter.org

May 10 - Pondicherry International Migratory Bird Day

Join the Friends of Pondicherry for a guided walk to the Pondicherry National Wildlife Refuge in Jefferson and Whitefield, New Hampshire. A one hour wetland and grassland bird walk begins at 7:00am at Airport Marsh near the White Mountain Regional Airport. At 8:00am we will meet at the trailhead on Airport Road and walk 5 miles round trip to Cherry and Little Cherry Ponds. Bring binoculars, food, water and dress for the weather. We will finish by 2:00pm. Highlights will be warblers, waterfowl and grassland birds.

Pondicherry National Wildlife Refuge, 515 Bailey Road, Jefferson, NH. 7:00am–2:00pm.

Contact: (603) 586-7776, Pondicherry@wildblue.net

May 11 - Birding Robb Reservoir and Rye Pond

Celebrate Mothers' Day and spring in the sanctuary's new northwestern extension. We'll walk along the northeast shore of Robb to the area where Merlins were calling last summer, then drive to Rye Pond to see/hear bog-loving birds.

Harris Center, Hancock, NH. Instructions and Directions: Meet honorary trustee and backyard birder columnist Francie Von Mertens, and director Meade Cadot at 8:00am at the junction of Routes 9 and 123 South in Stoddard. 8:00am–10:30am.

Contact: (603) 525-3394, jacobs@harriscenter.org
http://www.harriscenter.org/documents/HC_Calendar.pdf

New Jersey

May 3 - May 4 - Spring in Cape May

Cape May County is one of the mid-Atlantic's premier natural areas, and migration season is when Cape May really shines. Natural areas include coastal marshes, freshwater lakes, Atlantic white cedar swamps, and open pine forests. A naturalist will lead us on a broad-based exploration of the natural wonders of this region, including Cape May, the Atlantic Ocean, and the Delaware Bay shores. We'll search for birds, butterflies, and other wildlife, noting plant communities and the geologic origins of this region. Overnight trip.

Led by the Audubon Naturalist Society; Registration required; Cost: Members: \$80, Nonmembers: \$112. To register, go to <http://www.audubonnaturalist.org/default.asp?page=556>

Contact: Stephanie Mason, Audubon Naturalist Society, (301) 652-9188 ext. 37

New York

May 4 - Wetland Meadow Restoration & Clean Up

Help with the restoration of a wetland meadow as well as do invasive vine cutting and clean up along the Saw Mill River and South County Trailway in Hastings-on-Hudson. Come learn what is involved in restoring a wetland meadow, see the plan, and help remove multi-flora rose bushes. Wear leather gloves, heavy shirts/jackets and

pants, sturdy shoes (absolutely no flip flops). Bring your own tools if possible although equipment will be available to use. Children under age 16 require adult supervision. Community service credits available for high school students. Check our website for up to date and event day weather cancellation information.

Farragut Avenue South County Trailway, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY; 1:00pm-4:00pm; We will meet at Farragut Avenue South County Trailway Parking Lot (Exit 13 going NORTH on the Saw Mill River Parkway), Hastings-on-Hudson; <http://www.SawMillRiverCoalition.org>

Contact: Ann-Marie Mitroff, Saw Mill River Coalition, a program of Groundwork Hudson Valley, (914) 375-215, annmarie@groundworkyonkers.org

May 10 - Black Rock and Canterbury Brook Cleanup

Groups will traverse the banks of Canterbury and Black Rock Brooks and adjoining wetland areas to clean up trash and accumulated debris. Sponsored by Black Rock Forest Consortium, Cornwall Conservation Commission, and Cornwall High School Environmental Club

Black Rock Forest Consortium, Cornwall, New York; 9:00am-1:00pm; <http://www.blackrockforest.org/>

Contact: Emily Cunningham, (845) 534-4517, ecunninghamBRF@hvc.rr.com

May 10 - Wetland Meadow Restoration

A major wetland meadow restoration is planned along the South County Trailway and the Saw Mill River. Come learn about what is involved, see the plan, and help remove multi-flora rose bushes. Wear leather gloves, heavy jackets and pants, & sturdy shoes (absolutely no flip flops!) because of the vicious thorns. Bring your own tools if possible although we will also provide equipment. Children under 16 require adult supervision. Community service credits available for high school students.

South County Trailway, Exit 13 north (Farragut Avenue) off of the Saw Mill River Parkway, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York; 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. <http://www.sawmillrivercoalition.org>

Contact: Ann-Marie Mitroff, Saw Mill River Coalition, (914) 375-2151, annmarie@groundworkyonkers.org

Rhode Island

May 3 - Watchaug Pond Kayak & Canoe Paddle

Join volunteers and nature enthusiasts Charlie Hickox and Sally Hanson for a paddle on Watchaug Pond in a partnership between U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) and Westerly Land Trust. Bring your own kayak/canoe, paddle, life jacket, water, lunch, etc. After the paddle we will go to property that the FWS owns for a scenic picnic. A small grill will be available to share.

Burlingame State Park boat launch off of Prosser Trail, Charlestown, RI. 10:00am–12:00pm.

Contact: Sally at (401) 348-9109 or email sally.hanson@verizon.net referencing "Watchaug paddle."

<http://www.friendsNWR-RI.org>

May 10 - International Migratory Bird Day

There will be bird walks and crafts. Also learn about bird migration and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's mission. Maybe you will even meet a blue goose! This celebration has something for all ages!

Trustom Pond National Wildlife Refuge, South Kingstown, RI. 10:00am–3:00pm

Contact: (401) 364-9124, <http://www.friendsNWR-RI.org>

May 14 - Birding Browning Mill Pond

Join Audubon at Browning Mill Pond in the Arcadia Management Area to search for spring migrants. Explore the pond edge and wetlands for warblers, tanagers and flycatchers. Come and discover what this beautiful location has to offer.

Browning Mill Pond is located on Arcadia Road (off Route 165) in Exeter. The parking lot is past the pond on the right.

Audubon Society of Rhode Island - Browning Mill Pond, Arcadia Management Area, Exeter, RI. 8:00am–10:00am. Free for members/\$5 non-members. Course Number: 134334-089.

Contact: <http://www.asri.org>

May 17 - Spring Fling

Enjoy a spring morning stroll along Sachuest Point National Wildlife Refuge trails led by volunteer Anne B. Wagner. See what's blooming and learn about U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service efforts to control invasive plants.

Sachuest Point National Wildlife Refuge, 769 Sachuest Point Road, Middletown, RI. 10:00am-11:30am

Contact: (401) 847-5511, <http://www.friendsNWR-RI.org>

May 31 - Salt Pond Paddle Tour

With experts to explain the pond history, marine science conservation, birding and more, these popular tours are a good opportunity to get out on the ponds and experience this wonderful but fragile place first hand. The trips proceed at a casual pace; more advanced paddlers are welcome to explore on their own and meet the group at the next rendezvous point. Don't forget water, sun block, shades, a pfd, and the paddle and boat of your choice. Ninigret National Wildlife Refuge, 50 Bend Road, Charlestown, RI. 9:00am–12:00pm.

Contact: (401) 364-9124, <http://www.friendsNWR-RI.org>

May 31 - Salt Marsh Birds

Discover the salt marsh habitat—not quite land, but not quite ocean either. Kimball naturalists Mary Jo Murray and Scott Tsagarakis will help search out and identify the birds which make the salt marsh their home—egrets, terns, sandpipers, rails, sparrows, and more. Spotting scopes will be available, but bring your binoculars and footwear appropriate for the marsh. Meet at the parking area at the Quonochontaug breachway, at the end of West Beach Road in Charlestown.

Audubon Society of Rhode Island - Quonochontaug Breachway, Charlestown, RI. 9:30am–11:30am. Adult: \$8 members/\$12 non-members; Child: \$4 members/6 non-members.

Contact: <http://www.asri.org>

June 7 - Ninigret Pond Kayak & Canoe Paddle

Charlie Hickox and Sally Hanson will be leading another popular paddle tour for U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and Westerly Land Trust. Bring your own kayak/canoe, paddle, life jacket, water, etc. Bring lunch to eat in the parking lot after the tour.

Ninigret National Wildlife Refuge, 50 Bend Road, Charlestown, RI. 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. East Entrance.

Contact: Sally at (401) 348-9109 or email sally.hanson@verizon.net referencing “Ninigret paddle”

<http://www.friendsNWR-RI.org>

Vermont

May 17 - International Migratory Bird Day Celebration

Join Audubon

Vermont and the Birds of Vermont Museum as we celebrate the return of migratory birds to Vermont. The day will be jam packed with activities including: free admission to the birds of Vermont museum, a live bird presentation, a bird banding demonstration, bird/nature walks, raffles, and more!

8:00am–4:00pm. Free (donations appreciated).

Contact: Green Mountain Audubon Center, 255 Sherman Hollow Road, Huntington, VT

(802) 434-3068, vermont@audubon.org

<http://vt.audubon.org/eventsCalendar.html>

May 31 - Phyllis' Marsh

Join birders for a walk through a private reserve with mixed edge, forest, and wetland habitats and a potential for a wide variety of species on the cusp of their breeding season.

Southeastern Vermont Audubon Society, Brattleboro, VT. Directions/Instructions: Meet in Hannaford's parking lot at 7:00am

Contact: <http://www.sevtaudubon.org/>

Virginia

April 19 - 2nd Annual Dismal Swamp Stomp Half Marathon and Inaugural Children's Half Mile Fun Run

Join us for the 2nd Annual Dismal Swamp Stomp Half Marathon. The flat 13.1-mile asphalt course will take runners through lush, mysterious landscape and rich history. The newly opened Dismal Swamp Canal Trail off Route 17 offers runners forested wetlands and a peaceful path along the wilderness of the Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge. New this year is the Inaugural Children's Half Mile Fun Run for children ages 12 and under. They will receive a t-shirt, runner's packet, and a finisher's medal when they cross the finish line. Parents are welcome to run along side their children.

Chesapeake, Virginia; 8:00am for Half Marathon; 11:00am for Children's Run

Register by April 18 at <http://www.visitchesapeake.com/dismal-swamp-stomp/>

Contact: Chesapeake Conventions & Tourism, 1-888-889-5551, info@visitchesapeake.com

May 3, 11, 17, 25 - Canoe Pohick Bay

These guided canoe trips explore the marshes and creeks of Pohick Bay and include a meal on a beautiful bluff

overlooking the marsh. Participants must be at least 16 years of age. Although no previous canoeing experience is necessary, participants must come ready to learn and not be afraid of the water.
Pohick Bay Regional Park, Lorton, VA; 8:00am-12:00pm; Reservations required; Cost: \$25.
Contact: To register, call (703) 528-5406

May 10 - Migratory Bird Walk

Spend a morning with a naturalist and binoculars scoping out the huge diversity of birds that fly through in mid-spring. Highlights include warblers, vireos, thrushes and others that we rarely see otherwise in our urban environment. Recommended for adults and children ages 12 and up.
Potomac Overlook Regional Park, Arlington, VA; 7:00am; Registration required.
Contact: To register, call (703) 528-5406

May 21 - Grandy Village Wetlands Restoration Open House

Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority with Hampton Roads Transit and the City of Norfolk are hosting an Open House at the site of the Grandy Village wetlands restoration project.
Grandy Village, Norfolk, VA; 10:00am-2:00pm
Contact: Kelly R. Williams, (757) 314-1645, krobertson@nrha.us

May 29 - Sunrise Valley Wetland at Sunset

Enjoy a leisurely stroll around the Sunrise Valley Wetland. Bring a flashlight, binoculars, or any other nature detective tool with you to experience your natural surroundings. This is a great time of year to experience the diversity of nature.
Sunrise Valley Nature Center, Reston, VA; 7:00-8:00pm; Cost: \$3/ members, \$5/non-members; Registration required by May 23.
Contact: To register, call (703) 435-6530 or go to http://www.reston.org/Nature/n_programs.html#allagesprograms

Dyke Marsh, Alexandria, VA

May 4, 11, 18, 25 - Bird Walks at Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve

Join weekly Sunday morning bird walks in May to observe birds along the Potomac River and adjoining islands and mudflats. Walks are led by experienced birders from the Friends of Dyke Marsh.
Dyke Marsh, Alexandria, VA; 8:00am-10:30am; Meet in the south parking lot of the Belle Haven picnic area.
Contact: Friends of Dyke Marsh at <http://www.fodm.org/>

May 10 - Help Clean Up Dyke Marsh

Co-sponsored by The Campaign Center's Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, Friends of Dyke Marsh, and the National Park Service at George Washington Memorial Parkway. A Parental Approval Form must be signed for those under 18 years of age in advance of all volunteer work. Students may obtain community service credit.

Dyke Marsh, Alexandria, VA; 10:00am-12:00pm; Meet next to the restrooms and Mount Vernon Trail in Belle Haven Park picnic area.

Contact: Friends of Dyke Marsh at <http://www.fodm.org/> or Miguel Roberson, (703) 289-2556, miguel_roberson@nps.gov;

May 14 - What Is Dyke Marsh? Why Should We Restore It?

Almost half of Dyke Marsh was destroyed by dredging and the dumping of construction and other debris. It is home to many non-native invasive plants and some animals and insects. The National Park Service has determined that the restoration of Dyke Marsh is both "feasible and desirable" and they have started the process to prepare options for restoration. A team of university scientists compiled available knowledge about this nationally important wetland – plants, animals, invasives, hydrology, geology, history and other aspects. Come listen to Dr. Katia Engelhardt from the University of Maryland's Center for Environmental Science, Frostburg, Maryland. She is the lead scientist in compiling and analyzing what is known about the natural resources of Dyke Marsh. She will summarize this information and explain why Dyke Marsh should be restored and what some of the options might be.

Huntley Meadows Park Visitor Center, Alexandria, VA; 7:30pm

Contact: Friends of Dyke Marsh at <http://www.fodm.org/>

May 31 - Birding by Kayak in Dyke Marsh

Join naturalists from the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust (NVCT) on a kayak trip through Dyke Marsh, the

last enduring substantial freshwater tidal marsh in the Washington area. We will look for birds and other spring wildlife. No experience is required. All kayaking equipment provided. Participants must be 16 or older.
Dyke Marsh, Alexandria, VA; 7:00-10:00 am
Reservations required; Limit: 20 people; Cost: \$35; <http://www.audubonva.org/>
Contact: Audubon Society of Northern Virginia, (703) 256-6895, info@audubonva.org to register.

Huntley Meadows Park, Alexandria, VA

Contact: (703) 768-2525 or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley/>

May 3 - Spring Early Birds

Immerse yourself in the phenomenon of spring migration with a short morning bird walk. The walk is designed for beginning and intermediate birders for whom the spring migration can sometimes be overwhelming. We'll search for songbirds by sight and sound and discuss the arrival sequence of spring migrants, practice spotting them in the forest, and learn the songs of many species.

7:00am-9:30am; Led by Audubon Naturalist Society; Registration required; Cost: Members: \$16, Nonmembers: \$22. To register, go to <http://www.audubonnaturalist.org/default.asp?page=556>
Contact: Stephanie Mason, Audubon Naturalist Society, (301) 652-9188 ext. 37

May 4 - Wetlands Awareness Day at Huntley Meadows Park

Celebrate the importance of wetlands with family-oriented activities on a wetland boardwalk, a children's fun fair, music, and live animals.

Noon-3:00pm; Free; <http://www.friendsofhuntleymeadows.org>
Contact: Melissa Gaulding, (703) 768-2525, melissa.gaulding@fairfaxcounty.gov

May 5 - Young Explorers: Ducks and Geese

Learn about these waddlers and honkers through a story and walk.

3:15pm-4:30pm; Ages 6-8; Reservations required; Cost: \$3.
Contact: To reserve, call (703)768-2525 or go to <http://www.friendsofhuntleymeadows.org/>

May 7 and May 8 - Nature Detectives – Ducks and Geese

Through story, activity and craft learn about these waddlers and honkers.

10:00am-10:45am; Ages: 3-5; Reservations required; Cost: \$5
Contact: To reserve, call (703)768-2525 or go to <http://www.friendsofhuntleymeadows.org/>

May 18 - Birding for Beginners

Learn about spring migration with a park naturalist. Meet in Visitor Center parking lot.

8:00-11:00am; Reservations required; Cost: \$2.
Contact: To reserve, call (703)768-2525 or go to <http://www.friendsofhuntleymeadows.org/>

Lake Accotink Park, Springfield, VA

Contact: Lake Accotink Park, (703) 569-0285 for reservations
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/accotink/events.htm>

May 10 - Can You Canoe?

Experience the great outdoors by learning the basic mechanics of canoeing with an emphasis on safety and enjoyment. Perfect for beginners.

1:00pm-3:00pm; Ages 8 years and up; Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult; Canoes and life jackets provided; Bring a water bottle and snack if desired; Cancelled if rain or windy conditions. Cost: \$10. Refunds only if class is cancelled.

May 11 - Mothers Day Cruise

Treat Mom to a special day at lovely Lake Accotink Park! Cruise the shoreline while listening to an interpretive history of the park, lake and surrounding area. Refreshments served on board.

Cruises leave dock at 12:00pm, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 6:00pm (all ages); Boarding fee: \$4 for Moms, \$7 for other adults, \$4 for children, babies on laps free. Reservations and advanced payment required. Cruise cancelled in case of rain or gusty winds. Refunds issued only if cruise is cancelled.

May 16 - Nature Night Hike

Join us for a night-time hike over wooded terrain as we try to encounter some of the "nightlife" in Lake Accotink Park. Participants will learn about nocturnal activities of the forest residents. Dress for the weather.

8:30pm-10:00pm; Appropriate for 7 years and up;. Meet at the park's Visitors Center; Use the front entrance at 7500 Accotink Park Road; Adults bring a flashlight; Cost: \$5 per adult, \$3 for children under 16 years.

Reservations and advanced payment required. Refunds only if hike is cancelled.

May 24 - Sunset Cruise

Admire the sunset and relax as you cruise the beautiful shoreline of Lake Accotink. You may spot a heron settling in for the night or a deer coming down to water's edge for a late drink. An interpretive history of Lake Accotink Park and the area is included in the tour. Beverages served on board.

7:30 pm; 18 years and up; Cost: \$5 per person; Cruise cancelled in case of rain or gusty winds. Reservations and advanced payment required. Refunds issued only if cruise is cancelled.

Wisconsin

May 6 - Frogs in the Bog

Come "see" the Cedarburg Bog in a brand new way - through sound. Listen for a variety of frog calls including Wood frog, Spring peeper, Chorus frog, American toad, and possibly Cope's gray tree frog and Eastern gray tree frog. We'll also learn about frog lifestyles and mating behaviors as well as ecology of the bog. Bring a flashlight and wear footwear that can get muddy and wet; bring rain gear if appropriate.

Cedarburg Bog, Ozaukee County Wisconsin; 7:00pm-9:00pm

<http://wisconsinwetlands.org/fieldtrips08.htm#frogbog>

Contact: Rachael Carlson, Wisconsin Wetlands Association, (608) 250-9971, info@wisconsinwetlands.org

May 10 - Discover the Wonder of Ephemeral Ponds at Kettle Moraine State Forest

Come see the beauty and wonder of ephemeral ponds at the Kettle Moraine State Forest Southern Unit. More than 20,000 acres of glacial hills, kettles, lakes, prairie restoration sites, pine woods and hardwood forests can be found in the Southern Unit, making this a popular area for a wide variety of visitors.

Kettle Moraine State Forest, Waukesha County Wisconsin, 6:00pm-8:30pm

<http://wisconsinwetlands.org/fieldtrips08.htm#ephermeral>

Contact: Rachael Carlson, Wisconsin Wetlands Association, (608) 250-9971,

info@wisconsinwetlands.org

May 18 - Birding at Zeloski Marsh

Zeloski Marsh, a Madison Audubon Sanctuary, has become a major stopover for shorebirds. Observations of more than 23 species were made there during spring migration. The marsh is also a major stopover for waterfowl and wading birds.

Zeloski Marsh, Jefferson County, Wisconsin,

<http://wisconsinwetlands.org/fieldtrips08.htm#zeloski>

Contact: Rachael Carlson, Wisconsin Wetlands Association, (608) 250-9971, info@wisconsinwetlands.org