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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge Holds Additional Winter Tree Identification Walks**

Want to learn how to identify trees in the winter when most trees have lost their leaves?

Take a walk on the Woods Trail at Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge with Volunteer Shirley Bailey on Saturday April 5, 2008 at 1:00 pm. Meet in the Refuge's Visitor Center at 12:45 pm. The slow walk will be one to two hours long.

During the walk you will use various aspects of trees that help identify them without their leaves including: the bark, limbs and tree trunk characteristics, which trees retain some of their leaves in winter, and evergreen tree characteristics. An additional bonus will be to see the purple and green winter leaves of the cranefly orchid and learn some interesting facts about this unusual plant. Bring binoculars, if you have them. It will help to see high in the trees, and you might also sight a few birds as well. If you do not have binoculars, the Refuge has several binoculars to loan.

A second walk is scheduled for Tuesday April 22, 2008 at 1:00 pm. For more information, please call 410-228-2677.

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