

GREAT SWAMP NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS APRIL—JUNE 2017

APRIL 2017

Volunteer Opportunity

Saturday, April 1, 9:00—11:00 am **GARDEN WORK DAY** Join us for some spring garden cleanup. Visitor Center.

Volunteer Opportunity Saturday, April 1, 1:30—3:00 pm **VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION** Learn about volunteer opportunities at Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge. Visitor Center.

Friday, April 7, 9:00—Noon **GREAT SWAMP STRIKE TEAM WORK DAY** Help eradicate emerging invasive plant species. Work days on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month. Volunteers Needed! Meet at Visitor Center.

Sunday, April 9, 1:30—3:00 pm **SECOND SUNDAY TROY MEADOWS—A NEGLECTED TREASURE**

Volunteer Opportunity

Wednesday, April 12, 9:00—11:00 am **GARDEN WORK DAY** Volunteers needed! No experience necessary. Visitor Center.

Volunteer Opportunity Friday, April 21, 9:00—Noon **GREAT SWAMP STRIKE TEAM WORK DAY** See April 7 for details.

Friday, April 21, 2:00—3:30 pm **REFUGE READERS—A BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** Beautiful Swimmers by William W. Warner. New members always welcome. Copies available for loan. Visitor Center.

Saturday, April 29, 10:00 am—3:00 pm **JUNIOR REFUGE MANAGER—EARN YOUR BADGE DAY** For kids ages 5 to 13. Volunteers will be on hand to help you complete your Activity Guide and earn your Junior Refuge Manager Badge. Wildlife Observation Center.



MAY 2017



Watch for announcements of weekend **TARGET ARCHERY OPEN SHOOTS**. No registration. Certified instructors. Ages 10 and up. Visitor Center.

Volunteer Opportunity Friday, May 5, 9:00—Noon **GREAT SWAMP STRIKE TEAM WORK DAY** See April 7 for details.

Saturday, May 6, 9:30—3:30 pm **ADVANCED VOLUNTEER WORKSHOP—TREES** An all-day workshop on trees and tree identification. Registration required. For active volunteers.

Volunteer Opportunity Sunday, May 7, 1:30—3:00 pm **VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION** Learn about volunteer opportunities. Visitor Center.

Volunteer Opportunity Thursday, May 11, 9:00—Noon **INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL WORK DAY** Help control invasive plant species. Volunteer work days on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays each month through September. Visitor Center.



Friday, May 12, 2:00—3:30 pm **REFUGE RAMBLE** Informal guided walks on the 2nd Friday of each month. No registration necessary. Every month is different! **MAY—BIRDS AND BIRDING**. Visitor Center.

Volunteer Opportunity Saturday, May 13, 9:00—11:00 am **GARDEN WORK DAY** Join us to work in the gardens. No experience necessary. Visitor Center.



Sunday, May 14, 1:30—3:00 pm **SECOND SUNDAY—ALL ABOUT BLUEBIRDS** with volunteer Leo Hollein. Indoor presentation followed by a peek inside an active bluebird nest box. Visitor Center.

Volunteer Opportunity Friday, May 19, 9:00—Noon **GREAT SWAMP STRIKE TEAM WORK DAY** See April 7 for details.

Friday, May 19, 2:00—3:30 pm **REFUGE READERS—A BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** Founding Gardeners by Andrea Wulf. Copies available for loan. Visitor Center.

Sunday, May 21, 10:00 am—3:00 pm **JUNIOR REFUGE MANAGER—EARN YOUR BADGE DAY** See April 29 for details. Wildlife Observation Center.

Volunteer Opportunity Thursday, May 25, 9:00—Noon **INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL WORK DAY** See May 11 for details.

Saturday, May 27, 10:00—Noon **ENDANGERED SPECIES DAY** Come learn about endangered species, get an update on our innovative and successful head-start program—and meet some of our head-start turtles. Visitor Center.

JUNE 2017

Volunteer Opportunity Friday, June 2, 9:00—Noon **GREAT SWAMP STRIKE TEAM WORK DAY** See April 7 for details.

Saturday, June 3, 4:30—7:00 pm **VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION EVENT**. By invitation. Visitor Center.

Volunteer Opportunity Thursday, June 8, 9:00—Noon **INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL WORK DAY** See May 11 for details.

Friday, June 9, 2:00—3:30 pm **REFUGE RAMBLE** Informal guided walk—**THE BOCKOVEN TRAIL**. Visitor Center.

Volunteer Opportunity Saturday, June 10, 1:30—3:00 pm **VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION** Learn more. Visitor Center

Volunteer Opportunity Sunday, June 11, 9:00—11:00 am **GARDEN WORK DAY** No experience necessary. Visitor Center.

Sunday, June 11, 1:30—3:00 pm **SECOND SUNDAY—LENAPES IN NEW JERSEY** Learn about the lore and culture of the native Americans who historically inhabited this area. Refreshments. Visitor Center.

Volunteer Opportunity Friday, June 16, 9:00—Noon **GREAT SWAMP STRIKE TEAM WORK DAY** See April 7 for details

Friday, June 16, 2:00—3:30 pm **REFUGE READERS—A BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** This month we'll discuss Toms River by Dan Fagin. Visitor Center.

Volunteer Opportunity Thursday, June 22, 9:00—Noon **INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL WORK DAY** See May 11 for details.

Volunteer Opportunity Saturday, June 24, 9:00—11:00 am **GARDEN WORK DAY** No experience necessary. Visitor Center.



GREAT SWAMP NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS JULY—SEPTEMBER 2017

JULY 2017



FOURTH OF JULY—Visitor Center Closed, Refuge Trails Open. Happy Fourth!



Watch for announcements of weekend **TARGET ARCHERY OPEN SHOOTS**. No registration necessary. Certified instructors. Ages 10 and up. Visitor Center.

Volunteer Opportunity Friday, July 7, 9:00—Noon
GREAT SWAMP STRIKE TEAM WORK DAY Help eradicate emerging invasive plant species. Work days on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month. Meet at the Visitor Center.

Sunday, July 9, 1:30—3:00 pm
SECOND SUNDAY...with Friends MEET THE INTERNS
Join the young people who have been working at the Refuge this summer and learn about their adventures. Visitor Center.

Volunteer Opportunity Wednesday, July 12, 9:00—11:00 am
GARDENKEEPERS WORK DAY Join us to work in the gardens. Volunteers Needed! Visitor Center.

Volunteer Opportunity Thursday, July 13, 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.

Friday, July 14, 2:00—3:30 pm **REFUGE RAMBLE** Informal guided walk—**MUSHROOMS.. WITH DOROTHY SMULLEN**. Visitor Center.

Saturday, July 15, Time to be announced. Celebrate **LATINO CONSERVATION WEEK** with a presentation by Refuge interns sponsored by the Hispanic Access Foundation. Visitor Center.

Volunteer Opportunity Friday, July 21, 9:00—Noon
GREAT SWAMP STRIKE TEAM WORK DAY See July 7 for details.

Friday, July 21, 2:00—3:30 pm
REFUGE READERS—A BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP Join us for a fun and lively discussion of Where Worlds Collide by Penny Oosterzee. Copies are available for loan. Visitor Center.

Volunteer Opportunity Thursday, July 27, 9:00—Noon
INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL WORK DAY See July 13 for details.

Volunteer Opportunity Saturday, July 29, 9:00—11:00 am
GARDENKEEPERS WORK DAY Join us to work in the gardens. No experience needed. Visitor Center.

AUGUST 2017

Volunteer Opportunity Friday, August 4, 9:00—Noon
GREAT SWAMP STRIKE TEAM WORK DAY See July 7 for details.

Volunteer Opportunity Thursday, August 10, 9:00—Noon
INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL WORK DAY See July 13 for details.

Friday, August 11, 2:00—3:30 pm **REFUGE RAMBLE**
Informal guided walk—Fall Wildflowers. Visitor Center.

Volunteer Opportunity Saturday, August 12, 1:30—3:00 pm.
VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION Join us to learn more. Visitor Center.

Sunday, August 13, 1:30—3:00 pm
SECOND SUNDAY...with Friends HUMMINGBIRDS—FLYING JEWELS
Join us as volunteer Dave Katz amazes us with all things hummingbird. Visitor Center.

Volunteer Opportunity Friday, August 18, 9:00—Noon
GREAT SWAMP STRIKE TEAM WORK DAY See July 7 for details.

Friday, August 18, 2:00—3:30 pm
REFUGE READERS—A BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP Blue Highways by William Least Heat-Moon. Visitor Center.

Volunteer Opportunity Thursday, August 24, 9:00—Noon
INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL WORK DAY See July 13 for details.

Volunteer Opportunity
Saturday, August 26, 9:00—11:00 am
GARDENKEEPERS WORK DAY Join us to work in the gardens. No experience needed. Visitor Center.

Volunteer Opportunity Saturday, August 26, 1:30—3:00 pm
VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION Do you prefer being outdoors? Learn more about opportunities. Meet at Wildlife Observation Ctr.

Volunteer Opportunity Sunday, August 27 thru Sunday, October 29
MIGRATION STAFFING—WILDLIFE OBSERVATION CENTER

SEPTEMBER 2017

Volunteer Opportunity Friday, September 1, 9:00—Noon
GREAT SWAMP STRIKE TEAM WORK DAY See July 7 for details.

Monday, September 4—LABOR DAY—Visitor Center Closed, Refuge Trails Open.

Sunday, September 10, 1:30—3:00 pm
SECOND SUNDAY...with Friends LIVING IN BEAR COUNTRY
Join Visitor Services Manager Jon Rosenberg for a special program on black bears. Visitor Center.

Volunteer Opportunity Thursday, September 14, 9:00—Noon
INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL WORK DAY See July 13 for details.

Volunteer Opportunity Friday, September 15, 9:00—Noon
GREAT SWAMP STRIKE TEAM WORK DAY See July 7 for details.

Friday, September 15, 2:00—3:30 pm
REFUGE READERS—A BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP Discussion of Tyrannosaurus Sue by Steve Fiffer. Visitor Center.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 10:00 AM —3:30 PM 18TH ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

Join us for a Fall celebration. This year the theme is Water—after all, it's a Swamp. A day of fun activities for all—with free hot dogs on the grill. Visitor Center.

Volunteer Opportunity Sunday, Sept. 24, 9:00—11:00 am
GARDENKEEPERS WORK DAY Fall garden clean-up. Visitor Center.

Volunteer Opportunity Thursday, September 28, 9:00—Noon
INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL WORK DAY See July 14 for details.

Saturday, September 30, 9:00—Noon.
FALL ROADSIDE CLEANUP. Help pick up litter along refuge roads. Meet at Refuge Headquarters, 241 Pleasant Plains Road.

