

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.

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—**FERNS & FUNGI.. 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.

Friday, July 21, 2:00—3:30 pm
REFUGE READERS—A BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP Join us for a fun and lively discussion of Blue Highways by William Least Heat-Moon. Copies are available for loan. New members always welcome. 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 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 about volunteer opportunities. 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.



Friday, August 18, 2:00—3:30 pm

REFUGE READERS—A BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP Geese of Beaver Bog by Bernd Heinrich. See July 21 for details. 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 volunteer opportunities. Meet at Wildlife Observation Center (i.e. Boardwalks), 220 Long Hill Road.

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

SEPTEMBER 2017

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

Friday, September 8, 2:00—3:30 pm **REFUGE RAMBLE**
Informal guided walk—**FALL MIGRANTS ... BIRDWATCHING WITH CORINNE ERRICO**. Visitor Center.

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.

Friday, September 15, 2:00—3:30 pm

REFUGE READERS—A BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP Discussion of Tyrannosaurus Sue by Steve Fiffer. See July 21 for details. 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 the Wonders of Water—after all, it is a Swamp. A day of fun activities for all—with free hot dogs on the grill. Photo contest winners will be announced. 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 13 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.



GREAT SWAMP NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 2017—DECEMBER 2017

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.

OCTOBER 2017

OCTOBER 8—OCTOBER 14 NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE WEEK

SUNSET WALKS EVERY NIGHT!

Sunday, October 8—Saturday, October 14
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. Meet at Bluebird Parking Lot, 197 Pleasant Plains Road.

Special Photographer Walk, Thursday, October 12, 4:45 pm—dusk. Get out to the impoundments and set up your cameras early. Reservations required; call 973-425-9510 to sign up.

Citizen Science Opportunity

Sunday, October 8, Dawn to dusk

FRIENDS' SWAMP SITTERS HOST THE BIG SIT!

Learn more about birds and bird identification during this annual citizen science event. Stop by during the day and join the count—for a little while... or longer! Overlook on Pleasant Plains Road.



Second Sunday, October 8, 1:30—3:00 pm

FALL BIRDING IDENTIFICATION ... MIGRANTS, WINTER RESIDENTS, AND DUCKS Volunteer Corinne Errico will take us through the basics of bird identification followed by an optional walk to join The Big Sit and practice our skills. For all ages. Bring your binoculars or borrow ours. Visitor Center.

Friday, October 13, 2:00—3:30 pm

REFUGE RAMBLE—THE BOCKOVENS The Bockoven Family farmed this land for over 200 years. Learn about the family with an indoor slide show followed by an interpretive walk on the Bockoven Trail. Visitor Center.

Volunteer Opportunity

Friday, October 13, 9:00—11:00 am

GARDEN WORK DAY Join the GardenKeepers for fall cleanup in the gardens. No experience necessary. Visitor Center.

Friday, October 20, 2:00—3:30 pm

REFUGE READERS—A BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP The Genius of Birds by Jennifer Ackerman. Visitor Center.

NOVEMBER 2017

Saturday, November 4

YOUTH DEER HUNT—Refuge closed; Visitor Center open.

Wednesday, November 8 through Saturday, November 11

ANNUAL DEER HUNT—Refuge closed; Visitor Center open.

HELEN C. FENSKE VISITOR CENTER

Enjoy state-of-the-art exhibits, Discovery Den activities for kids, the Great Swamp quilt, native plant gardens, trails including the Nature Detective Trail for kids and the one-mile White Oak Trail. Shop in the Friends Nature Shop—all proceeds support Refuge projects. Start your visit here!

Volunteer Opportunity

Sunday, November 5, 9:00—11:00 am

GardenKeepers Work Day. Join us for Fall garden cleanup and to put up the winter bird feeders. Visitor Center.

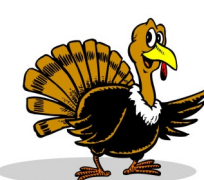
Saturday, November 11, 1:30—3:00 pm

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION Learn about volunteer opportunities at Great Swamp NWR. Visitor Center.

Sunday, November 12, 1:30—3:00 pm

SECOND SUNDAY—GREAT THICKET—OUR NEWEST NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE Join Refuge Biologist Dorothy Wells to learn more about this refuge in New York, created to protect the New England cottontail and other species that use thicket habitat. Visitor Center.

Friday, November 17, 2:00—3:30 pm **REFUGE READERS—A BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** The Invention of Nature by Andrea Wulf. New members welcome. Visitor Center.



Saturday, November 25, 1:00—2:30 pm

ANNUAL TURKEY WALK 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.

DECEMBER 2017

Friday, December 1—Sunday, December 3

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 Nature Shop proceeds are used to fund Refuge projects. Visitor Center.



Saturday, December 2, 5:00—7:00 pm

FRIENDS MEMBER MEETING & POT LUCK DINNER

For all Friends Members. Pot luck dinner and business meeting. Bring a favorite dish to share.

Citizen Science Opportunity

Saturday, December 16 **118TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT**

This is an annual count when thousands of people, all over the country, spend a day counting birds. Even if you are a novice birder you can join a team. It's fun, easy, and a nice day outdoors. Call the Visitor Center for more information.

Prefer to stay indoors? The Friends will be counting the birds at our feeders. Join us and learn the common winter feeder birds and contribute to the Christmas Bird Count data.

**Visitor Center closed: November 23 (Thanksgiving Day);
December 24—26; December 31—January 2, 2017.**



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HELEN C. FENSKE VISITOR CENTER, 32 PLEASANT PLAINS ROAD, HARDING TOWNSHIP, NJ—OPEN DAILY, 10:00—4:00