GREAT SWAMP NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS APRIL—JUNE 2019

APRIL 2019

Watch for announcements of weekend TARGET ARCHERY OPEN SHOOTS. Certified instructors. Ages 10 and up. Visitor Center.



Volunteer Opportunity Thursday, April 11, 9:00—Noon INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL WORK DAY Make a difference! Help control invasive plant species. Volunteer work days on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays each month. Visitor Center.

Volunteer Opportunity

Saturday, April 13, 9:00—Noon **Roadside Cleanup**Help pick up litter along Refuge roads. Meet at Refuge Headquarters, 241 Pleasant Plains Road, Harding Twp.



Sunday, April 14, 1:30—3:00 pm

SECOND SUNDAY...nith Friends BASICS OF BUTTERFLY GARDENING Jane Hurwitz, author of Butterfly Gardening, will be our speaker. Learn how to create a butterfly garden—select the right plants for caterpillars and for butterflies. Jane will autograph copies of her book. Visitor Ctr.

Volunteer Opportunity

Wednesday, April 17, 9:00-11:00 am

GARDEN WORK DAY Join us to work in the gardens. No experience necessary. Visitor Center.

Friday, April 19, 2:00-3:30 pm

REFUGE READERS—A BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP American Wolf by Nate Blakeslee. New members welcome. Copies available for loan. Visitor Center.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 9:00-NOON

FISHING DERBY The *Reels on Wheels* fishing trailer will be at Southard Park, Bernards Township for a free fishing event for kids, with refuge staff and volunteers.

MAY 2019

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

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

Volunteer Opportunity Saturday, May 11, 1:30–3:00 pm **VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION** Learn about volunteer opportunities at

Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge. Visitor Center.

Sunday, May 12, 1:30—3:00 pm SECOND SUNDAY...with Friends ALL ABOUT BLUEBIRDS with volunteer Leo Hollein. Indoor presentation followed by a peek inside an active bluebird nest box. Visitor Center.



Photo: Carole Wilmo

Friday, May 17, 2:00-3:30 pm

REFUGE READERS—A BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP The Curve of Time by M. Wylie Blanchet. New members welcome. Copies available for loan. Visitor Center.

Volunteer Opportunity Thursday, May 23, 9:00—Noon INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL WORK DAY See April 11 for details.

Volunteer Opportunity Saturday, May 25, 9:00—11:00 am **GARDEN WORK DAY** Join us to work in the gardens. No experience necessary. Visitor Center.

Monday, May 27, **FEDERAL HOLIDAY**—Memorial Day. Refuge Trails Open, Visitor Center Closed.

JUNE 2019



Saturday, June 1, 10:00— 11:30 am

HEAD-START TURTLE DAY
Welcome the wood turtle
hatchlings back from Massachusetts and get an update on
our innovative and successful
head-start program with Colin
Osborn and Dr. Kurt Buhlmann.

Outdoor program in the Visitor Center Pavilion.

Saturday, June 1, 4:30—7:00 pm

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION EVENT. By invitation. Visitor Center.

Sunday, June 9, 1:30-3:00 pm

SECOND SUNDAY...with Friends
DRAGONFLIES & DAMSELFLIES
OF GREAT SWAMP NWR
Join naturalist Dorothy
Smullen for a look at
these incredible insects.
You'll learn some fascinating facts and some ID tips.
Visitor Center.



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Volunteer Opportunity

Wednesday, June 12, 4:00—6:00 pm. **Garden Work Day** Join us for evening working in the gardens. Bring your dinner for a picnic in the Pavilion after. No experience necessary. Visitor Center.

Volunteer Opportunity Thursday, June 13, 9:00—Noon INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL WORK DAY See April 11 for details.

Friday, June 21, 2:00-3:30 pm

REFUGE READERS—A BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP This month we'll discuss <u>The Good Good Pig</u> by Sy Montgomery. New members welcome. Copies available for loan. Visitor Center.

Volunteer Opportunity Thursday, June 27, 9:00—Noon **INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL WORK DAY** See April 11 for details.

Volunteer Opportunity Friday, June 28, 9:00—11:00 am GARDEN WORK DAY Visitor Center.



