**JANUARY 2020**

- New Year’s Day, Wednesday, January 1. Refuge Trails Open, Visitor Center Closed.
- Sunday, January 12, 1:30–3:00 pm **SECOND SUNDAY… with Friends**
  **THE JOY OF BACKYARD BIRD FEEDING**
  Join Pete Axelrod from Wild Birds Unlimited to learn everything you need to know about bird feeders and bird seed to attract a variety of winter birds. Plus, he’ll give us some tips on dealing with those pesky squirrels! Visitor Center.
- Monday, January 20
  **FEDERAL HOLIDAY—Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
  Refuge Trails Open, Visitor Center Closed.

**FEBRUARY 2020**

- Sunday, February 9, 1:30–3:00 pm **SECOND SUNDAY… with Friends**
  **MIGRATING BIRDS—AND CHOCOLATE! WHAT’S THE CONNECTION?**
  Join naturalist Dorothy Smullen to learn where our summer birds spend the winter … and the importance of refuges for migration. And yes, there will be chocolate … and yes, there is a connection. Visitor Center.
- You can be a citizen scientist!
  February 14–16, 10:00 am–4:00 pm daily
  **GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT**
  The Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) is a worldwide, free, fun, and easy event that engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of bird populations worldwide. We’ll count the birds at our feeders and report results to Cornell Lab of Ornithology. In between counting, keep busy with crafts and bird-related activities. Kids can make a suet feeder or play Bird Bingo. Bird watchers of all ages and skills are welcome. Visitor Center. (Photo by Sarath Vaddi)
- Sunday, February 16, 1:30–3:00 pm **SECOND SUNDAY… with Friends**
  **REFUGE READERS—A BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**
- Friday, February 21, 2:00–3:30 pm **(3rd Fridays)**
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**MARCH 2020**

- **Two Nights!** Thursday, March 5 & Sunday, March 15
  6:30 pm–dusk
  **SPRING WOODCOCK WALKS**
  Watch and listen to the mating displays of the American woodcock. Indoor program followed by a guided walk on Pleasant Plains Road. Program and walk led by volunteer Pete Axelrod. Dress warmly. Meet at Visitor Center.
- Sunday, March 8, 1:30–3:00 pm **SECOND SUNDAY… with Friends**
  **HUMMINGBIRDS ARE AMAZING!**
  Hummingbirds will be starting their northward migration soon—will you be ready? Join Hummingbird Guru Dave Katz to learn about these amazing birds and how to attract them to your yard. Refreshments. Visitor Center. (Photo by Tom Cartwright)

**April 2020**

- **Don’t Forget—Night Two** Saturday, March 28, 9:00—11:00 am
  **SPRING GARDEN WORK DAYS** Our first garden day of the season. Join us for some cleanup and see what’s coming up! No experience necessary. Visitor Center.

**Volunteer Opportunity**

- **Volunteer Opportunity** Saturday, March 28, 1:30–3:00 pm
  **VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION** Learn about the many volunteer opportunities at Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge. Talk to other volunteers and refuge staff. If you are an active volunteer, you are welcome to join us. You may assist in the presentation, get a refresher, or catch up if you missed an earlier Volunteer Orientation. Visitor Center.

**Note:** Inclement weather will cancel events. Call 973-425-9510 for updates.