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Erie National Wildlife Refuge

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Timberdoodle Flutter

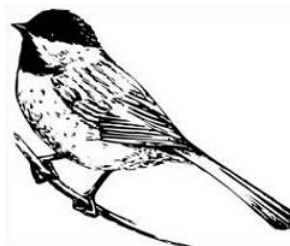


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Friday April 21st 6pm

Join our free family fun event at Erie NWR as we search the recently managed habitat for the American Woodcock (aka Timberdoodle). Observe the magnificent aerobatics and "sky dance" performed during their courtship display!

Attendees should bring binoculars, warm clothes, and field footwear. This twilight flight is weather dependent; so keep your fingers crossed for mostly clear skies and very little wind. Any questions call the refuge office at (814) 789-3585. We hope to see you there! The event will be held at the refuge headquarters, 11296 Wood Duck Lane in Guys Mills, PA.



Bird Walks

April

Friday, 21st at 7:30am

Hike the accessible boardwalk, Muddy Creek Holly Trail. Meet at the kiosk parking area at the intersection of Swamp road and PA-408 in Cambridge Springs.

Saturday, 22nd at 7:30am

Meet at the Northern parking area of Deer Run Trail on Boland Road in Guys Mills.

May

Friday, 12th at 7am

Hike the accessible boardwalk, Muddy Creek Holly Trail. Meet at the kiosk parking area at the intersection of Swamp road and PA-408 in Cambridge Springs.

Saturday, 13th at 7am

Meet at the refuge headquarters, 11296 Wood Duck Lane, Guys Mills to hike Tsuga trail.

June

Friday, 9th at 7am

Meet at the refuge headquarters, 11296 Wood Duck Lane, Guys Mills to hike Tsuga trail.

Saturday, 10th at 7am

Meet at Beaver Run Trail parking area located on Hanks Rd in Guys Mills.

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Refuge Bird Sightings: April

Eastern Phoebe, Killdeer, Red Shouldered Hawk, Ring-necked Duck, Dark-eyed Junco, Northern Flicker, Canada Geese, Northern Cardinal, Great Blue Heron, Song Sparrow, American Crow, Barred Owl, Pied-Billed Grebe, Sandhill Crane, Wild Turkey, American Woodcock, Eastern Bluebird, Tee Swallow, Wood Duck, American Kestrel, Tundra Swan, Lesser Scaup, Field Sparrow, Brown Thrasher, Bald Eagle, American Robins, American Widgeon, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Pileated Woodpecker, Mallard, Hooded Merganser, American Bittern, Common Grackle, American Black Ducks, Mourning Dove, Red-winged Blackbird, Eastern Towhee, Brown-headed Cowbird, Blue Jay, Turkey Vulture, Black-capped Chickadee, Bufflehead, Green-winged Teal, Blue-winged Teal, Red-tailed Hawk



Tree Planting

As a part of the Young Forest project the refuge has been and will be planting thousands of trees on the refuge! By planting these tiny quaking aspen trees in old fields we will be changing the habitat to meet the needs of many young forest residents like the American Woodcock. The staff members take turns riding on the tree planter which is pulled behind a tractor. The tree planter makes a furrow in the ground where we plant the roots of the young trees. The tires of the tree planter then press the soil back together, keeping the young tree firmly planted in the ground!



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Photos (left to right): Young Quaking Aspen trees; Planting a tree, Tree planter and tractor.

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News from the Lodge:



Egg painting craft

Photo Credit: D. Sauers/USFWS volunteer

Eggs-travaganza

Attendees of the Eggs-travaganza held at the refuge visitor center had a great time learning about eggs last Thursday! It was a packed house with almost 50 people in attendance. Visitors got to hear an egg-ucational presentation with lots of eggs-cellent facts. Then there was a egg painting craft. Families were challenged to paint their egg like a real birds egg. Finally, children got to participate in an educational egg hunt!



Egg hunting

Photo Credit: D. Sauers/ USFWS volunteer



Egg presentation

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