

# Patuxent Research Refuge



## April & May 2021 Programs

### NORTH TRACT PROGRAMS

230 Bald Eagle Drive  
Laurel, MD 20724

#### Photo-Adventure Scavenger Hunt

Sat., April 3rd, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Sat., April 17th, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Sat., May 1st, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Sat., May 15th, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Sat., May 29th, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
All ages, no registration

Using clues, individuals and/or groups can hunt for sculptured stones, mystery objects, plants and animals while learning about the history and features of the refuge. A camera or cell phone is needed to record your observations. This is a "drop-in" program. Come when you wish and leave when you are ready. Requires driving a small area (1-2 miles) of the refuge and walking short distances near trails.

#### Tremendous Maryland Tree Planting

Sat., April 10th, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm.  
Ages 10+, registration required  
Come join volunteers in planting 40 native trees provided by Tremendous Maryland. Training will be provided by Maryland Foresters. This project is rain or shine. Participants will need to wear clothing appropriate for walking through mud and weeds. Participants will also need to bring their own water and gloves.

#### Environmental Science Merit Badge

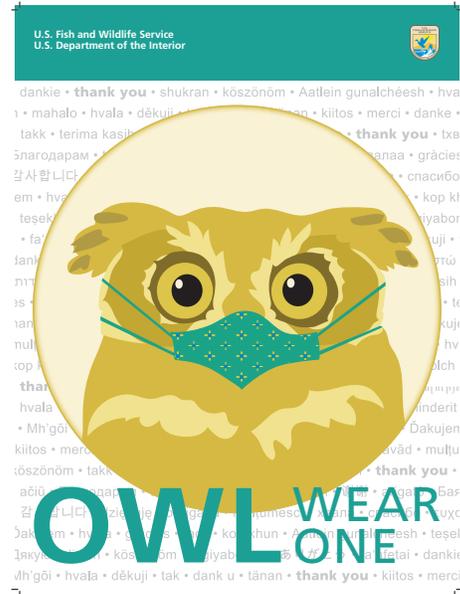
Sat., April 24th, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Sat., May 22nd, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Ages 10-17 BSA, registration required  
Scouts must have a blue card signed by their Scoutmaster prior to class. Please email Elsie Holler at [misholler@gmail.com](mailto:misholler@gmail.com) for the class workbook and to discuss homework.

#### Night Hike to Explore the Sights and Sounds of North Tract [Celebrate Earth Day]

Fri., April 23rd, 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm  
All ages, registration required  
Explore the North Tract in the evening at dusk. Hear the sounds of the night. Have a chance to see beavers and bats and fireflies.

#### Riding Bicycles to Experience North Tract

Sat., May 8th, 11:00 am - 1:30 pm  
All ages, registration required  
Enjoy a spring bicycle ride while experiencing the beauty of the natural area's local wildlife, plants and historical sites. Learn the importance of reducing your footprint and leaving no trace on the 12-mile guided bicycle ride. Bring your own bike, snack, water bottle and helmet. Ride is weather-dependent.



### SOUTH TRACT PROGRAMS

10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop  
Laurel, MD 20708

#### Owl & Kestrel

Sun., April 11th, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm  
Sun., April 25th, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm  
Sun., May 16th, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm  
Sun., May 30th, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm  
All ages, registration required  
Meet two of North America's smallest birds of prey: the American Kestrel and Eastern Screech Owl. Both expert hunters, the American Kestrel uses its acrobatic prowess, while the Eastern Screech Owl is a stealthy hunter.

### REGISTRATION

Programs are **free**. Some programs require advance registration by calling **301-497-5887**. Masks are required for attendees in accordance with State and Federal guidelines. Programs are subject to changes or cancellation due to weather or low participation. Please notify the refuge of any special needs so that you may be accommodated. Join our email list by contacting [timothy\\_parker@fws.gov](mailto:timothy_parker@fws.gov). More information can be found at: [www.fws.gov/refuge/patuxent](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/patuxent).



RESTORE OUR EARTH™

# EARTH DAY 2021

Want to celebrate Earth Day at the refuge? Join in on a guided program or through self-guided activities. Here's what's going on:

## Book Walk

*April 24th & 25th, all day, South Tract, self-guided*

Enjoy a trail and a story with your family. A story from a popular children's book will be posted along one of our trails.

## Agents of Discovery

*Year round, South Tract, self-guided*

Download the free, interactive game for children and adults. The game has new activities.

## Junior Wildlife Ranger

*Year round, North Tract, self-guided*

Pick up the free booklets at the North Tract Visitor Contact Station. Once your little one has completed the activities, come in to the Contact Station to receive the Junior Wildlife Ranger badge.

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