

5TH ANNUAL RED RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE CELEBRATION
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2009, 8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Breakfast Bar

8:00 a.m. until

Free! Juice, coffee, tea, and breakfast bars.

Serious Birders Bird Walk – River or Lake Trail

8:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Terry Davis will lead this walk that will explore the river or lake trail. Participants should be prepared to walk a mile or two. Limited to 15 participants. Meet next to the Wild Bird Center booth.

Nature Walks – Pecan orchard nature trails

#1: 8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

#2: 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

#3: 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

#4: 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Leaders for these walks are Dennis Forshee and Maggie Hodge. Children accompanied by an adult are welcome. Meet next to the Wild Bird Center booth.

Hayride Refuge Tours

8:45 a.m. 1:00 p.m.

9:45 a.m. 2:00 p.m.

10:45 a.m.

Tours will last about an hour with a short stop at the Red River overlook at the southern end of the refuge and a longer stop at the lake. Catch a ride to and from designated locations near trailheads on the lake and river trails. Meet next to the Wild Bird Center booth.

Falconry Demonstration

11:00 a.m.

Join the falconers on the refuge trails as they demonstrate hunting with hawks. Meet at the falconry exhibit.

Catfish Lunch

12:00 noon

Free! Donations are gratefully accepted. We'll serve until we run out of food. The menu includes catfish and all the trimmings, fries, hushpuppies, corn dogs, coleslaw, dessert, iced tea, and lemonade.

Rocket Netting Demonstration

1:30 p.m.

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service personnel will demonstrate how rocket nets are used in waterfowl banding.

Refuge Photography Contest Entry Submission

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon; 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Mark Walker will be stationed at the "Art in Nature" exhibit to upload your digital photos to computer or you may submit online. Learn more about the contest on the next page.

EXHIBITS & ALL DAY ACTIVITIES

Refuge Tours by Cart are available. Priority is given to physically-challenged individuals.

Friends of Red River Information & Sales

- Learn about the work of the Refuge Friends group and how you can join and/or volunteer.
- Learn about the Adopt-a-Tree and Adopt-a-Bench programs.
- Items for sale include Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps (Duck Stamps), Songs of the National Wildlife System CDs, handmade wooden nature puzzles, refuge calendars, and reusable water bottles. Sales benefit the Friends group, the refuge, and the National Wildlife Refuge System.
- FREE while supplies last -- Scooter Goleman's Famous Homemade Peanut Butter Cookies.

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) Exhibits

Refuge Manager Pat Stinson and Refuge Biologist Lindsay Coldiron will be on hand to answer questions.

- The Red River National Wildlife Refuge and the National Wildlife Refuge System
- Bird nest boxes display and free plans
- Refuge firefighting equipment exhibit (near Celebration entrance)

Louisiana Black Bears

- Black Bear cub (mounted)
- A Year in the Life of a Black Bear interactive obstacle course

Let's Go Outside!

Complete activities and receive a prize!

- Journey of Discovery Refuge Critter Scavenger Hunt
- What Am I box and fish puzzles
- How to Use Binoculars/How to Use a Field Guide

Falconry – Local falconers and their hawks

Herps & Live Baby Alligators

Alligator Photo Opportunity

Herpetology is the study of reptiles and amphibians (herps). Learn about snakes, alligators, lizards, frogs, and their relatives. Have your picture taken with a live baby alligator for \$5.00 per photo. Proceeds benefit the Friends group and the refuge.

Archaeology Exhibit – Louisiana Archaeology Society & Bossier Parish History Center

- Local Prehistoric Native American use of the landscape
- Artifacts display
- Hands-on demonstration of Native American tools

Birds and Technology – Learn more about Louisiana's birds with Shreveport's Bird Study Group. Discover ways your iPhone or iPod can help you be a better birder and learn about birding resources on the web, including social networking sites like Facebook and Twitter.

Fishing Games for Children

- Fishing rod casting game
- Spearfishing game

Children's Canopy Nature Projects

- Pine cone and suet log bird feeders creation
- Plaster casting of animal tracks
- Water Cycle game
- Animals Habitats nature projects
- Leaf rubbings and identification
- And more!

Art in Nature

- Face painting with designs from nature
- Student art display
- 2008 Refuge photography contest winners
- 2009 Refuge photography contest entry submission

Native Plants Exhibit & Sales – Piney Woods Native Plant Center

Learn about using native plants in the landscape, what plants are appropriate for our area, including plants for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds, Native plants will be available for purchase.

Invasive Species

Learn what plants to avoid and how the spread of invasives adversely affects wild places and home gardens alike from the Natural Resource Conservation Service State Forester for Louisiana.

Bossier Parish Sheriff's Department – Rescue Boats

Live Owls – Walter B. Jacobs Memorial Nature Park

Furs and More! – Learn about modern trapping methods with the Louisiana Trappers & Alligator Hunters Association. Exhibit will include furs and tanning equipment.

Wild Bird Center of Shreveport Sales – Nature-related items. A portion of the sales proceeds is donated to the Friends of Red River.

Refuge Trails

There are miles of nature trails on the refuge for you to enjoy. Maps are available at the Information and Sales canopy and at the Let's Go Outside canopy.

Refuge Photography Contest

The Refuge Celebration photography contest is open to all and has three divisions: Adult, Youth ages 12-17, and Children under age 12. Submit your best photos of wildlife, plants, refuge scenes, or refuge events taken on any unit of the Red River National Wildlife Refuge during 2009. There is a limit of three entries per participant.

Contest Chairman Mark Walker will be on hand during the Refuge Celebration at the "Art in Nature" exhibit from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. to upload your photos to computer. You may also submit your entries electronically by emailing your photos as jpg files along with the information specified in the entry form no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, January 1, 2010, to photocontest@friendsofredriver.org.

Pick up an entry form and a complete copy of the contest rules at the welcome table or the "Art in Nature" exhibit during the Refuge Celebration. Entry forms may also be downloaded at www.friendsofredriver.org/photocontest.

Winning entries will be posted to our website at www.friendsofredriver.org. Judging will be by a panel of judges from the Shreveport Photography Society. Awards will be presented at one of the 2010 Friends of Red River general membership meetings.

NO PETS PLEASE!

We ask that you leave your pets at home. Service/guide dogs are allowed.

NO SMOKING POLICY!

So that folks may have a pleasant, healthful, and safe experience while on the refuge, we ask that there be no smoking anywhere in the Celebration area, on the nature trails, or on the hayrides. Smoking is permitted in the parking lot outside the Celebration area.