

Neal Smith

National Wildlife Refuge



Special Events

Earth Day

Saturday, April 22

9:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 p.m.



In honor of Earth Day, we invite volunteers to help us restore prairie and oak savanna ecosystems. During this event, volunteers will participate in stewardship activities. Groups and individuals are welcome. FREE lunch provided by the Friends of Neal Smith NWR. **Pre-registration is required.**

International Migratory Bird Day and JDS Ceremony

Saturday, April 29

10:00 a.m. ~ 2:00 p.m.

Are you interested in birds? Spring is the perfect time to explore outside and search for birds! Join us for a ranger-led morning bird hike, raptor programs, crafts, and other activities. The program is open to the public and activities are free. The annual Junior Duck Stamp Ceremony will be held at 2:00 p.m. No lunch will be provided, so pack your own and stay for the day!



Pedal the Prairie

Saturday, May 20

9:00 a.m. ~ 1:00 p.m.

Join us for a spring bike ride on the Prairie Parkway Bike Trail! Ride among wildflowers, toss seed bombs, meet live animals, hike the trails, with games and other activities. Prairie Parkway (10 miles) and Family Fun Hike (1.5 miles) both start at 9:00. Activities until 1:00 p.m. Visitor Center open until 4:00 p.m. To register go to "Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge" on Facebook and click "Coming".



Like Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge on Facebook for event reminders!

Programs for Children

Saturday Nature Tots

Children ages 3-5 are invited to bring their favorite adult and join us as we read stories, explore outside, make nature crafts, and much more! **Registration required.**

Email Doreen_vanryswyk@fws.gov or call 515/994-3400.

| Date | Time | Age | Topic |
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| March 4 | 10:30 am—11:30 am | 3Y to 5Y | Animal Babies |
| April 1 | 10:30 am—11:30 am | 3Y to 5Y | Migrating Birds |
| May 6 | 10:30 am—11:30 am | 3Y to 5Y | Spring Sprouts |



Photo Hikes

Meet near the front entrance to the Prairie Learning Center. Times and/or dates are subject to change. Please check the Neal Smith NWR Facebook page for updates. Call 515-994-3400 or email Doreen_vanryswyk@fws.gov with questions or to register. **Registration required.**

| Day | Date | Time |
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| Sunday | March 19 | 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. |
| Saturday | April 15 | 6:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. |
| Sunday | May 21 | 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. |

Volunteer Opportunities

Second Saturday Stewardship

| Date | Time | Age |
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| March 11 | 9:00 am—12:00 pm | All |
| April 8 | 9:00 am—12:00 pm | All |
| May 13 | 9:00 am—12:00 pm | All |

Interested in giving back to the environment and your community? Stewardship volunteer programs occur on the second Saturday of each month at the Refuge.

To register, call the Refuge at 515/994-3400 or email Nancy_corona@fws.gov.

