



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge

2018 Event Schedule

Spring Migration Open Weekends

Spring Migration 2018 open weekends begin Saturday, March 24 on Saturdays only and conclude on Saturday, May 12 for International Migratory Bird Day.

Fall Migration Open Weekends

Fall Migration 2018 open weekends begin Saturday, October 13 on Saturdays only and conclude on Eagle Days Weekend, December 2.

Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Saturdays 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Earth Day.....Saturday, April 21 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Activities at refuge Headquarters, hiking trails, and auto tour route

Earth Day is a great time to celebrate wildlife and learn more about our natural resources! This fun-filled free event is open to the public and will include opportunities to take guided nature hikes, learn about local wildlife, call turkeys, see birds through staffed spotting scopes, learn about Monarch butterflies and more!

Be sure to see the 2018 Missouri Junior Duck Stamp display at the Headquarters!

Wings Over Weston.....Saturday, May 5 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Weston Bend State Park

Get a head start celebrating International Migratory Bird Day early by joining us at Wings Over Weston, an IMBD celebration event at Weston Bend State Park (Weston, MO), to learn about birds, their migration, and the importance of conservation of habitat! International Migratory Bird Day is on Saturday, May 12.

International Migratory Bird Day.....Saturday, May 12

Take a drive around the 10-mile auto tour route and look for wood ducks, shorebirds, marshbirds, nesting bald eagles, and other feathered friends! Go for a hike in the loess hills and look for spring migratory songbirds like warblers, vireos, sparrows, and more! You may also find more wildflowers peeping in the woods.

Summer Junior Naturalist Programs.....First Thursdays June, July, August 6:30 p.m.

Activities at refuge Headquarters, hiking trails, and auto tour route

Looking for some outdoor fun for your family and young children this summer? Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge will offer Summer Junior Naturalist Programs on the **first Thursday** of each month from June through August 2018 in the evening at 6:30 p.m.! These fun and educational programs will get kids outside and connect them with nature and wildlife through hands-on learning! All programs will be outside; please dress appropriately and wear sturdy shoes. Families are encouraged to join or a parent or legal guardian must accompany youth at all times. All programs are free of charge!

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Directions: Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge, take Interstate 29 to Exit 79 south of Mound City, Missouri then travel south 2 ½ miles on U.S. Highway 159.

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3rd Annual Refuge Photo Contest.....Photos due Friday, August 31, 2018

Have you taken photos at Loess Bluffs NWR or native Missouri animals and plants? We want to see them! This **FREE** Refuge Photo Contest is to encourage you to enjoy nature and share the beauty, value, and uniqueness of Loess Bluffs NWR and species native to Missouri. Share your photos for the 3rd annual Photo Contest. Winning photographs will be displayed throughout the year at the Visitor Center. Photos are due by August 31, 2018. Photo contest rules and entry forms can be found online the refuge website or at the Visitor Center.

Monarch Butterfly Tagging.....Saturday, September 15 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Meet in the auditorium, ends out on the refuge

Join refuge staff and volunteers and help catch and tag monarch butterflies and collect native wildflower seed for future habitat restoration projects on the refuge. A brief introduction will be held at 8:30 a.m. in the auditorium prior to going out on the refuge. Wear long pants, closed toe shoes, bring water to drink, and smiling faces!

National Public Lands Day.....Saturday, September 29 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Meet in the auditorium, ends out on the refuge

Come on out and celebrate volunteerism with educational and fun activities! Join refuge staff and volunteers and help catch and tag monarch butterflies and collect native wildflower seed for future habitat restoration projects on the refuge. A brief introduction will be held at 8:30 a.m. in the auditorium prior to going out on the refuge. Wear long pants, closed toe shoes, bring water to drink, and smiling faces!

Family Day.....Saturday, October 20 9:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Activities at refuge Headquarters, hiking trails, and auto tour route

Join us for a fun-filled day to celebrate National Wildlife Refuge Week! Learn about native wildlife, prescribed fire, take a hike, drive around the refuge, make wildlife-themed arts and crafts, and so much more!

40th Annual Eagle Days.....December 1 and 2 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Activities at refuge headquarters and along auto tour route

Join us for a fun-filled bald eagle themed weekend on the refuge! Take a guided bus tour to observe bald eagles, see special exhibits, learn about eagles during live eagle shows, and so much more. Maps and information about Eagle Days on refuge website.

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