



Sixteenth Annual DEAD CREEK WILDLIFE DAY SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 7, 2017 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area Route 17W, Addison, Vermont

This schedule may change due to conflicts, please check the schedule again before arriving for the most up-to-date information. Last update: September 7, 2017

Activity	Description	Time	Location
Bird Banding Demonstration	Visit an active bird banding operation and learn the who, what, why, and how of this important work.	7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Dead Creek Rte 17 Access Area
Vermont Marten Research	NEW! Learn about this elusive relative of the fisher and how the department is monitoring it with a special project.	10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters - Conference Room
Beginners Bird Walk	Otter Creek Audubon members Gary and Kathy Starr will lead this fun and educational birdwalk for beginners.	10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Dead Creek Rte 17 Access Area
Clayplain Forest Walk and Plant Identification	Enjoy a walk with Otter Creek Audubon's Barb Otsuka through a typical forest of the Champlain Valley to learn about the plants, animals, and special conditions the clayplain forest type supports. Less than 5% of the original clayplain forest remains.	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters
Goose Decoy Sets and Calls	Refine your decoy sets and calls to get the most out of your hunting experience. Participate in a calling seminar to warm up for the afternoon youth calling contest!	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Fire Pond - Dead Creek Headquarters
Invasive Species Walk	Take a walk with FPR staff to identify invasive species, learn removal methods, and discuss their impact on the economy, health, and ecosystem.	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters
Soap Carving	Master carvers from the Birds of Vermont Museum will assist aspiring carvers in carving using soap. A fun activity for children of all ages!	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Event Tent - Dead Creek Headquarters
Vermont Moose Research	NEW! A special project to monitor Vermont's moose is underway. Biologists will discuss the research on our biggest mammal.	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters - Conference Room
VT Game Warden with search & rescue dog	Warden dog Crockett and his handler Warden Rob Sterling will show off their skills tracking poachers and gun powder. Don't miss this exciting demonstration!	11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters Grounds
The Swing Peepers	NEW! The kids will love this lively concert celebrating nature with an interactive local band!	12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters
Wildlife Photography	Learn techniques to enhance your wildlife photography skills from Fish & Wildlife Department's Information Specialist, Tom Rogers. Bring a camera and keep your eyes peeled for critters!	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Dead Creek HQ - Workshop
Retriever and Pointing Dog Demo	Join Alec Sparks of Snowbound Kennels and members of the Lake Champlain Retriever Club as they demonstrate the impressive skills of their working dogs.	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Fire Pond - Dead Creek Headquarters
Soap Carving	See above	2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Event Tent - Dead Creek HQ
Amphibian Crossing the Road	Herpetologist Jim Andrews will talk about why the salamanders crossed the road, and how a special underpass in Monkton helped them do it safely.	2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Dead Creek HQ - Workshop
Youth Waterfowl Calling Contest	No need to be an expert caller here! Youth have the chance to try out waterfowl calling in our 2nd annual contest for a chance to win a prize!	2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Fire Pond - Dead Creek Headquarters
Owl Pellet Workshop	How do we know what owls eat? This workshop led by Carol Ramsayer, Otter Creek Audubon's Education Chair, will give you the chance to take apart an owl pellet to see what it has been eating.	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters - Conference Room
Nature Walk	Department ecologist Everett Marshall will lead this leisurely walk to look at birds, bugs, trees, and whatever else you can find.	2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	West Branch Parking Area

All Day Activities		
NEW! Dead Creek Visitor Center	9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Visitor Center
Live Critters of Vermont	9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Dead Creek HQ - Blue Barn
Waterfowl Viewing	9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Dead Creek WMA Viewing Area
Face Painting & Crafts	9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Event Tent - Dead Creek Headquarters
Blue Bird Box Building	9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Event Tent - Dead Creek Headquarters
VT Fsh & Wildlife Fish Culture Transport Truck	9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters
Hands-on Decoy Carving	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Event Tent - Dead Creek Headquarters
Big Sit Bird Identification Challenge	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Dead Creek Rte 17 Access Area
4-H Pellet Range Target Practice	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters
Lets Go Fishing Activities	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Event Tent - Dead Creek Headquarters