



Seventeenth Annual DEAD CREEK WILDLIFE DAY SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 6, 2018 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: August 30, 2018

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
Beavers: A Sentry to Biodiversity	NEW! An exploration of the ecology of the remarkable beaver, focusing on its tumultuous history, its management challenges, and the role it plays in maintaining healthy ecosystems.	10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Dead Creek HQ - 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
Warden Dog Demonstration	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!	10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Dead Creek HQ - Grounds
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 HQ
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 Plant Detectives	Seeking recruits for the Invasive Plant Detective Agency! Learn to identify plants, then use those skills to crack the case of the troublesome tree! Appropriate for ages 5+	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Dead Creek HQ
Soap Carving	Master carvers from the Birds of Vermont Museum will assist aspiring carvers using soap. A fun activity for children of all ages!	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Dead Creek HQ - Event Tent
Vermont Turtles	Herpetologist Jim Andrews will talk about Vermont's turtle ecology.	12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Dead Creek HQ - Conference Room
Vermont Turtles in the Field	NEW! Did you just enjoy the Vermont Turtle talk? Join Jim in the field as he checks for turtles in some of Dead Creek's ponds.	1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	West Branch Parking
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 - Conference Room & Outside
Abenaki and Wildlife	NEW! Chief Don Stevens of the Nulhegan Abenaki Tribe will talk about the importance of wildlife to the Abenaki people and how wildlife connects us through educational stories.	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Dead Creek HQ
Retriever Dog Demonstration	Members of the Lake Champlain Retriever Club will show off their retrieving dog skills.	1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Dead Creek HQ - Fire Pond
Echolocation Games with Bat Woman!	NEW! Work with Bat Woman to learn about bats and echolocation. Then stick around for bat trivia -- try to win a bat house!	1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Dead Creek HQ
Soap Carving	Master carvers from the Birds of Vermont Museum will assist aspiring carvers using soap. A fun activity for children of all ages!	2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Dead Creek HQ - Event Tent
Youth Waterfowl Calling Contest	No need to be an expert caller here! Youth have the chance to try out waterfowl calling for prizes in our 3rd annual contest.	2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Dead Creek HQ - Waterfowl Tent
See It. Sketch it. Bird it.	NEW! Learn techniques for observing, describing, sketching, and identifying birds that will immediately help you become a better birder.	2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Dead Creek HQ - 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		
Dead Creek Visitor Center	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Dead Creek Visitor Center
Live Critters of Vermont	9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Dead Creek HQ
Waterfowl Hunting Activities	9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Dead Creek HQ - Waterfowl Tent
NEW! Operation Game Thief Trailer	9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Dead Creek HQ
Waterfowl Viewing	9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Dead Creek WMA Viewing Area
VT Fish & Wildlife Fish Culture Transport Truck	9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Dead Creek HQ
Face Painting & Crafts	9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Dead Creek HQ - Event Tent
Blue Bird Box Building	9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Dead Creek HQ - Event Tent
Big Sit Bird Identification Challenge	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Dead Creek Rte 17 Access Area
Lets Go Fishing Activities	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Dead Creek HQ - Event Tent
Hands-on Decoy Carving	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Dead Creek HQ - Event Tent
4-H Pellet Range Target Practice	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Dead Creek HQ