



# Nineteenth Annual DEAD CREEK WILDLIFE DAY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, October 2, 2021 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 10, 2021*

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
Turtles of Vermont	<b>NEW!</b> Herpetologist Jim Andrews will cover the identification, natural history, physiology, and conservation status of all of Vermont's native turtles, including a potential new addition. Bring your questions!	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
Encounters with Batwoman	Look for our very own superhero, Batwoman, and her team of bat helpers to answer questions about bats!	10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters
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 with Retriever Work	Learn how to set up decoys and use calls for goose hunting, and watch retrievers in action!	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters
Eastern Meadowlark Project	<b>NEW!</b> Learn all about this lovely grassland bird with the magical song. You'll learn about conservation efforts to help protect this bird whose population is in decline.	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters - Conference Room
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
Pointing Dog Demonstration	Watch highly trained pointing dogs in action and learn all about their skills from Alec Sparks of Snowbound Kennels.	12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters - Kirby Pond
Take a Walk on the Wild Side	<b>NEW!</b> Join biologist Alyssa Bennett on a habitat walk where you will learn to think like a bat as you imagine foraging over fields and wetlands, along edges, and through forests while navigating with sound.	12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	West Branch Parking Area
Abenaki Q & A	<b>NEW!</b> Come to this open talk with Abenaki Chief Don Stevens and ask questions about the Abenaki of Vermont. If time allows, a traditional Abenaki story may be told.	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters
Motus Tower Intro	<b>NEW!</b> Audubon Vermont's Mark LaBarr will show you the ins and outs of a cool technology to detect migrating wildlife at Dead Creek.	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Dead Creek Visitor Center
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!	2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Event Tent - Dead Creek Headquarters
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
Rocket Netting Demonstration	Back by popular demand! Learn about this exciting technique to capture ducks and then watch the rockets go off!	2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Shallow Pond

All Day Activities		
Dead Creek Visitor Center and Interpretive Trail	9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Visitor Center
Live Critters of Vermont	9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters
Waterfowl Viewing	All Day	Dead Creek WMA Viewing Area
VT Fish & Wildlife Fish Culture Transport Truck	9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters
Operation Game Thief Trailer	9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters
Hands-on Decoy Carving	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Event Tent - Dead Creek Headquarters
Face Painting & Crafts	10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Event Tent - Dead Creek Headquarters
Blue Bird Box Building	10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Event Tent - Dead Creek Headquarters
Retriever Dog Exhibit	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters
Big Sit Bird Identification Challenge	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