



Twenty-Third Annual DEAD CREEK WILDLIFE DAY SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 5, 2024 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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

Held rain or shine! This schedule may change due to unforeseen conflicts.

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.	Route 17 Access Area
★ Salamanders of Vermont	NEW! Learn about the ecology and identification of Vermont's salamanders with herpetologist Jim Andrews.	10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters - Conference Room
Beginners Bird Walk	Otter Creek Audubon member Kathy Starr will lead this fun and educational birdwalk for beginners.	10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters
Clayplain Forest Walk and ID	Enjoy a walk with Otter Creek Audubon's Barb Otsuka to learn about the plants, animals, and special conditions of the clayplain forest type. Less than 5% of the original clayplain forest remains.	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters
Goose Decoy Sets, Calls & Dogs	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
Leashed Game Tracking Dogs	Certified leashed tracking dog teams volunteer during big game hunting seasons to help recover deer or bear. Enjoy a demonstration of their skills! May be opportunities to test your own dog.	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.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
★ Bat Habitat Walk	NEW! Learn to think like a bat! We will look at habitat features that Vermont's nine species of bats use. Learn how you can manage your own land to attract these insect-eating mammals.	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	West Branch Parking
Warden Dog Demonstration	Meet a game warden and their trained K9 as they demonstrate and talk about finding lost people and locating evidence.	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters
Sally Laughlin Award	This annual award honors a recipient who has helped conserve and protect endangered species in Vermont.	12:00 p.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters - Information Tent
Pointing Dog Demonstration	Watch highly trained pointing dogs in action and learn all about their skills from Alec Sparks of Snowbound Kennels.	12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters - Kirby Pond
★ American Martens in VT	NEW! Join us for an engaging presentation on the American marten to learn about their habitat and important conservation efforts for this species.	12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters - Conference Room
Deer Processing	Warden Sera will walk us through how to process a deer.	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters
★ Newt the Turtle Dog	NEW! Meet Newt the Conservation Detection Dog, trained to find turtles and other wildlife to help protect and conserve them.	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters
★ Decoy Painting	NEW! A master carver will show you tricks for painting your decoy to look its best.	1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Event Tent - Dead Creek Headquarters
Bat Woman and Her Bat Assistant	Meet Bat Woman and her Bat Assistant for some photo ops and information about all things bats.	1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters
★ Trail Camera Workshop	NEW! How do you capture the best trail camera footage? Come learn techniques that'll help you capture wildlife on your cameras.	2:00 p.m. - 3:00 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!	2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Event Tent - Dead Creek Headquarters
Retriever Demo	Join members of the Lake Champlain Retrievers Club as they show off the skills of their trained dogs.	2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters - Kirby Pond
Nature Walk	Department ecologist Danielle Owczarski 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
All Day Activities			
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		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 Headquarters
Operation Game Thief Trailer		9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters
Boat Safety		9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters
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
Decoys and Painting		9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Event Tent - Dead Creek Headquarters
Waterfowl 101		10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Fire Pond - Dead Creek Headquarters
Hands-on Decoy Carving		10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Event Tent - Dead Creek Headquarters
Smokey Bear		10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters
Dead Creek Visitor Center and Interpretive Trail		10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Visitor Center
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
Fish Passage Obstacle Course		10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters