



# Eighteenth Annual DEAD CREEK WILDLIFE DAY SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 5, 2019 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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

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
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
★ Living with Black Bears	<b>NEW!</b> Vermont's bear biologist will discuss the growing bear population and how to be good neighbors to these native animals.	10:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.	Dead Creek HQ - Conference Room
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.	Dead Creek HQ
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 unknown 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
Warden Dog Demonstration	Filling in for Crockett, the dashing warden dog Ramsey and his handler Warden Rich Watkin will wow the crowd with their sniffing skills!	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Dead Creek HQ - Grounds
Sally Laughlin Award Presentation	This prestigious award will be presented to a deserving conservationist by the Agency of Natural Resources Secretary Julie Moore.	12:00 p.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Dead Creek HQ
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.	12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Dead Creek HQ - Waterfowl Tent
★ Autumn Insect Walk	<b>NEW!</b> Take a walk with Vermont's zoologist Mark Ferguson to look for crawling and flying insects that may still be out and about on a cool autumn day.	12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Dead Creek Rte 17 Access Area
★ Snakes & Lizards of Western Vt.	<b>NEW!</b> Western Vermont has 10 species of snake and Vermont's only lizard, but many people only know Common Gartersnake. Jim Andrews will discuss the 11 species of snakes and lizards found in western Vermont.	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Dead Creek HQ - Conference Room
★ Abenaki Creation Story	<b>NEW!</b> Chief Don Stevens of the Nulhegan Abenaki Tribe will tell the story of how the Abenaki people were created, why the eagle and turtle are important, and how plants and animals came to be. This story has been told throughout Abenaki history and is still relevant today.	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
★ All About Raptor Banding	<b>NEW!</b> Learn about raptor banding and the North American Bird Banding Project with P. Brian Machani and view and his impressive pictures.	2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Dead Creek HQ - Conference Room
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Addison's Trapping Boat Demo	Vergennes' own boat expert will discuss the history of a trapping boat unique to Addison county and how to pole through marshes.	2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Dead Creek HQ

All Day Activities		
Dead Creek Visitor Center	9:00 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
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
Retriever Dog Display	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Dead Creek HQ
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. - 2:00 p.m.	Dead Creek HQ - Event Tent