

2017 Eagle Festival Schedule (Tentative)

Time	Activity/Program	Description
Tours		
8:00 – 9:30 am	Birding with a guide (approx. 1.5 hrs.)	Observe resident and migratory birds, including eagles, geese, ducks, herons and songbirds with guide Terry Allen. Bring binoculars. Meet at Education Building.
10:00 & 11:30 am 1:00 & 2:30 pm	Eagle Prowl (approx. 1 hr, 15 min.)	Join our experienced volunteers and staff in a search for bald eagles on the refuge. Seating is limited. Registration begins at 9:30 am for all prowls. Once tickets are gone seats will be filled on a stand by basis. Tickets go fast so plan accordingly.
10:00 & 11:30 am 1:00 & 2:30 pm	Wildlife Drive Bus Tour (approx. 1 hr, 15 min.)	Join refuge biologists on a tour of the wildlife drive. Learn how the refuge manages habitat for wildlife from the comforts of a commercial bus. Registration begins at 9:30 am for all tours. Once tickets are gone seats will be filled on a stand by basis. Tickets go fast so plan accordingly.
Live Bird Programs		
10:00 am	Raptor Identification and Adaptation	Meet native birds of prey with naturalist Liz Smith and learn about their very successful hunting adaptations that make them masters of the sky!
11:00 am	Bald Eagles, A National Success Story	Maryland Park Service “Scales and Tales” Rangers will be sharing information about our national symbol, the bald eagle. See this majestic bird up close and hear its amazing story!
12:00 pm	Raptors Rule!	Mike Callahan of Nanjemoy Creek Environmental Education Center will present an interactive live bird of prey program with fun information about the exciting lives of some of the native raptors of Maryland.
1:00 pm	Bald Eagles, A National Success Story	A second chance to see Maryland Park Service “Scales and Tales” Rangers share information about our national symbol, the bald eagle. See this majestic bird up close and hear its amazing story! (Repeat of 11:00 am program)
2:00 pm	Raptors Rule!	In case you missed it the first time, Mike Callahan of Nanjemoy Creek Environmental Education Center will present a live bird of prey program with about the exciting lives of some of the Maryland’s raptors. (Repeat of 12:00 pm program)
3:00 pm	The Peregrine Falcon	Join falconer Andrew Bullen and his raptors, and learn about the natural history of the peregrine falcon and how falconry techniques were successfully used in the recovery of the peregrine population in the U.S!
Exhibits/Demos/Presentations		
9:00 am, 10:30am & 1:30 pm	“Eagles of the Bay” Visitor Center Conference Room	Learn about the local area eagle population, their daily behaviors, and travels throughout the Bay with local authors Craig Koppie and Teena Ruark Gorrow. They will also have signed copies of their books and raptor photography for sale.
All day	Live Birds of Prey Exhibit Tent	View live birds of prey up close with exhibitors from Salisbury Zoo, Nanjemoy Creek Environmental Center, and Raptor’s Eye.
	Exhibits in the Visitor Center	Learn about the Friends of Blackwater, Pickering Creek Audubon Center, and the USDA Nutria Project with Nutria Detector Dog demonstrations at 11:30 and 2:30.
	Visitor Center Parking Lot	Step into the Phillips Wharf “Fishmobile” and meet some of the aquatic residents of the Chesapeake Bay!
Kids’ Stuff		
All day (while supplies last)	Owl Pellet Exploration	Learn about owls and the foods owls like to eat during this fun activity.
	Create a Bird Box	Construct a wren nesting box to take home. All materials supplied.
	Kids’ Make-and-Take	Kids can create their own bird mask and pair of “binoculars”!
All day	Archery	Kids can try their hand with traditional bows and arrows, and practice target shooting on the unique “Hoverball” range.
	“JAKES” BB Gun Range	A fun and safe shooting range staffed by the National Wild Turkey Federation.
All Day	Food	Purchase vittles from Boy Scout Pack 532. Visitor Center parking lot.