

# WILD NEWS

What's Happening at Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge



## Frosty Photo Tour

Saturday, Dec 10, & Tuesday, Dec 13, 2:30 - 5:00 pm

Even Jack Frost would warm up to this tour! Grab your camera and get ready to photograph some "cool" wildlife and winter landscapes. Recommended for adults at any photography level.

## Eagles in Your Backyard

Saturday, Dec 17, 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Our national symbol takes center stage on this program. Learn about these majestic birds that spend the winter months at the Refuge and the surrounding Denver area. Who knows, you may see an eagle in YOUR backyard!

## December 2011



## Winter Raptors

Thursday, Dec 22, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Ferruginous means iron-rust color which describes the leg feathers of this large wintering hawk. Other raptors also have characteristic features that help identify them. Bring a pair of binoculars and we'll teach you some tips that will help you recognize these magnificent birds of prey.

## Holiday Tour

Wednesday, Dec 28, 9:30 - 11:30 am

Tis' the season to be jolly.....and for taking a ride on our Reindeer Express bus through a winter wonderland! Bring your friends and family along for some spectacular wildlife viewing, and afterwards join us for a warm cup of cheer and snacks!



## Refuge Hours and Address

Winter Hours: Tuesdays - Sundays 7:00 am - 5:00 pm  
6550 Gateway Road, Commerce City, 80022

## Visitor Center Hours

Tuesdays - Sundays 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

## Holiday Closures

Nov. 23, Dec. 23 and Dec. 30: Visitor Center and Refuge close at 12:00 pm

Nov. 24, Dec. 24 - 26 and Dec. 31 - Jan. 2: Visitor Center and Refuge closed

*The Refuge is closed on Mondays and all federal holidays.*

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### WILD RIDES

Wednesdays & Saturdays 9:30 - 11:30 am

Sundays 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Experience the sights and sounds of the Refuge on this two-hour, guided, family-friendly wildlife viewing tour.

Groups of up to 20 are welcome to join this program.

Binoculars and cameras are recommended.

Reservations are required.

### TUESDAY TOTS

2:00 - 3:00 pm

This one-hour program is designed for parents and toddlers to interact together and learn about nature. Children ages 3 to 6 are welcome and must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian at all times. Limit 3 children per parent and reservations are required.



### **The Gift of Green**

*December 6, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm*

Join a Ranger and learn that using less is a way of sharing and caring for each other and Mother Earth. Take home your own recycled craft gift for the holidays.

**Reminder: Stop by Nature's Nest Books and Gifts for your holiday shopping!**

**Don't forget: Our trails are open year round, weather permitting - bundle up and explore the Refuge after a fresh blanket of snow by snowshoeing! It's good exercise, fun and connects you to nature!**



### SUNDAY MATINEES

1:30 pm

Experience the big screen in the Visitor Center's state-of-the-art auditorium on your Sunday afternoon watching one of these wildlife features. Families welcome. It's free and no reservations are required.

### **Life Series - Mammals**

*December 4th*

Mammals are found in every habitat except the deep ocean. Besides their signature physical traits of fat, fur and warm blood, they are unique among animals in the care they lavish on their young. In an astonishing sequence, an elephant grandmother shoves her inexperienced daughter aside to pull her newborn granddaughter out of the mud and save her life.

### **Over the Hedge**

*December 11th*

In DreamWorks' smash-hit comedy, these hungry critters go over the hedge to take a bite out of Suburbia. Family friendly.

### **Happy Feet**

*December 18th*

Emperor penguins are born to sing. All except young Mumble, who was born to tap dance. Such un-penguin like behavior eventually gets Mumble kicked out of emperor land and into the big, cold world. Mumble embarks on an epic journey and ultimately proves that by being true to yourself, you can make all the difference in the world!

Reservations are required for these FREE programs. Call 303-289-0930. Please dress for weather.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Assistance dogs are welcome. Refuge staff reserves the right to cancel or reschedule programs due to unforeseen circumstances and any programs with less than 10 participants.

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