

October to December 2015 Calendar

Call the refuge at 850-925-6121 for more information and to make reservations.

Unless otherwise stated, public programs are held in Nature's Classroom adjacent to the Visitor Center.

First Sunday at the Refuge—Meets at 2:00 p.m. in the Education Building next to the Visitor Center

Digital Photography Class—Meets at 9:00 a.m. in the Education Building on the first Saturday of most months. Call the refuge for dates, topics and to reserve a space. Limit 15. Registration required.

St. Marks Photo Club—Meets on the third Saturday of every month at 9:00 a.m. Contact President Tom Darragh at thomasd@talstar.com for information.

Tots on Trails and Families in Nature—Tots on Trails meets on the **second Thursday** and the **second Saturday** of each month at 11:00 a.m. Activities for pre-school children last about 45 minutes. Families in Nature programs engage the whole family on the **fourth Saturday** of each month between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Please call the refuge (850-925-6121) to sign up.

OCTOBER

3 - No Photo Class, Lighthouse OPEN 1:30-4; Watercolor Class – 1 pm.

4 - First Sunday at the Refuge, Jim Cox on the brown-headed nuthatch, 2 pm.

8 - Tots on Trails, 11 am.

10 - Tots on Trails, Introduction to Fly Fishing workshop(10 am- 3 pm)

10 – Crane Pen Work Day, 9 am.

11 – The Big Sit! Competitive bird survey at lighthouse. FEE FREE

11 – 17 – National Wildlife Refuge Week – enjoy your refuge!

12 – Refuge Ramble with volunteer Carol Watkins Babcock, 9:30 am. Two hour walk, bring bug repellent, water, snack and wear comfortable walking shoes. Sign up required.

15 - St. Marks pools closed to boats

17 – No Photo Club

18 - e-Tram tour, 1:00 p.m. limit 10, call for space

24 - Monarch Butterfly Festival 10 am – 4Pm., Families in Nature 11 am – 2 pm.

31- “Ghost Town – Port Leon”– Refuge Ramble with volunteer Carol Watkins Babcock, 9:30 am. Four hour total, optional 7 mile walk, bring bug repellent, water, snack and wear comfortable walking shoes. Sign up required.

NOVEMBER

1 - Time changes, refuge gates close at 7:00 p.m., First Sunday at the Refuge - Jeffery Shanks, Byrd Hammock archeology site, 2 pm..

3-7 - Fall Archery, Panacea unit

7 - Photo class, 9 am., Lighthouse OPEN 1:30-4

10-12 – Refuge Ramble with volunteer Carol Watkins Babcock, 9:30 am. Two hour walk, bring bug repellent, water, snack and wear comfortable walking shoes. Sign up required.

14 – Fall Birding Tours, 9 am and 1 pm

10-14 - Fall Archery, Wakulla Unit

12 - Tots on Trails, 11 am.

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15- e-Tram tour, 1:00 p.m. limit 10, call for space

19-21 - St. Vincent NWR Archery Hunt

21 - Photo Club, 9 am.

28 - Families in Nature, 11 am to 2 pm.

DECEMBER

5 - NO Photo Class, Lighthouse OPEN 1:30-4

6 - First Sunday at the Refuge, Susan Cerulean, 2 pm.

10 - Tots on Trails, 11 am.
12 – Early Winter Birding Tours, 9 am and 1 pm
12 – Refuge Ramble with volunteer Carol Watkins Babcock, 9:30 am. Two hour walk, bring bug repellent, water, snack and wear comfortable walking shoes. Sign up required.
12 - Tots on Trails, 11 am.
12-14 - General Gun, Wakulla Unit
12-14 - Mobility Impaired, Panacea/Buckhorn Creek
18-20 - General Gun - Panacea Unit
19 - Photo Club, 9 am.
20 - e-Tram tour, 1:00 p.m. limit 10, call for space
26 - Families in Nature, 11 am – 2 pm.
26-January 3, 2016 - Small Game, Wakulla and Panacea

Your entrance fees pay for environmental education programs for young children and keep the Visitor Center open on weekends and holidays. Thank you!

Check hunt dates before venturing out this fall. Small game hunt permits can be picked up at the Visitor Center on the St. Marks Unit after November 1, 2015.

Dates for St. Marks and St. Vincent NWR Hunts 2015-16

St. Marks NWR Panacea Unit Archery Hunt - Nov. 3-7, 2015 (Tues. - Sat.) – 200
St. Marks NWR Wakulla Unit Archery Hunt - Nov. 10-14, 2015 (Tues. - Sat.) – 200
St. Marks NWR Wakulla Unit Gun Hunt - Dec. 12-14, 2015 (Sat. - Mon) – 150
St. Marks Mobility-impaired Person Gun Hunt - Dec. 12-14, 2015 (Sat. - Mon.) – 15
St. Marks Panacea Unit Gun Hunt - Dec. 18-20, 2015 (Fri. - Sun) – 80
St. Marks Spring Gobbler Hunt - April 12-16, 2016 (Tues. - Sat.) – 100
St. Vincent NWR Sambar Deer Hunt - Dec. 3-5, 2015 (Thurs. - Sat.) – 200
St. Vincent NWR Primitive Weapons Hunt - Jan. 21-23, 2016 (Thurs. - Sat.) – 250
St. Vincent NWR Archery Hunt – Nov. 19-21, 2015 - 250