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Delaware Nature Society Celebrates National Wildlife Week March 14-20

The National Wildlife Federation mark its 73nd annual National Wildlife Week, March 14-20, by asking Americans to “get outside for 15 minutes each day,” whether that means taking a hike, looking for spring wildflowers, or simply relaxing by a stream.

Governor Jack Markell and Lieutenant Governor Matt Denn have declared March 14-20 to be Wildlife Week in the state of Delaware. Their declaration calls on “the citizens of Delaware to preserve and value our wildlife and natural resources in the First State.”

The Delaware Nature Society is celebrating Wildlife Week with a full slate of activities to help participants develop a better appreciation for the state’s natural resources.

“In some respects every week is Wildlife Week at the Delaware Nature Society,” notes Mike Riska, executive director of the society. “Throughout the year we offer programs that celebrate wildlife, ranging from nature walks at the DuPont Environmental Education Center to bird-watching at Burrows Run Preserve. But we’ve made a special effort to offer even more educational opportunities related to wildlife during the week of March 14th.”

Families can take a hike at Ashland Nature Center on March 19 and learn how Native Americans lived in earlier times. Or they can explore Coverdale Farm Preserve on March 20 in search of signs of spring. At the DuPont Environmental Education Center on March 19, families can visit a beaver lodge to observe the construction and engineering techniques used to build it. Adults have plenty of opportunities to get in on the fun. For example, Abbott’s Mill Nature Center is hosting an edible wild plants workshop on March 19. And Bucktoe Creek will be celebrating “Woodcock Week” with bird walks every weeknight.

To learn more about Delaware Nature Society programs and events during National Wildlife Week, March 14-20, go to HYPERLINK "http://www.delawarenaturesociety.org" www.delawarenaturesociety.org or call 302-239-2334.

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