

2025



Nature Programs

Friends of Boyden Wildlife Refuge



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MARCH 15th 11am-12:30pm		Maple Sugaring: A Sweet Labor of Love <i>with Ron Aakjar</i> How does maple sap become syrup or candy? How has the process changed over time? Learn about tree selection, tapping, seasonal timing, and the labor-intensive methods of sugaring in this hands-on program. Rain or Shine.
APRIL 12th 11am-12pm		Coexisting with Massachusetts Wildlife <i>with Meghan Crawford</i> Come explore the biology and behavior of common mammals living among us in southeastern Massachusetts. Learn their remarkable habits and the best ways to coexist. Animal furs and bones will be displayed in this interactive program. Note: Rain date 4/13, same time.
MAY 17th 11am-12:30pm		Snooping for Snakes: Join Chris Rezendes, FOBR Board Member, for this popular program as we search for local snakes in the Boyden Refuge. Learn about their habits, diet and the important role snakes play in the ecosystem. Live snakes will also be on display. Rain or shine.
JUNE 8th & 13th		TRWA River Festival 6/8, 11am – 4pm Come Explore the TRWA River Festival with us and stop by our table! Meat Raffle Fundraiser 6/13, 5pm – 8:30pm Join us at the Taunton Elks Lodge for great food, raffle prizes, gift baskets and more.
JULY 19th 7:30pm-9pm		The Wonderful World of Bats* <i>with Maria Armour</i> Come discover and track our local fabulous flying mammals using bioacoustics recorders. Learn the facts and dispel the myths that surround this amazing animal. Note: Heavy rain, but not light rain, cancels this program.
AUGUST 16th 11am-12:30pm		Monarchs and Milkweed <i>with Sally Spooner</i> This fascinating Monarch Butterfly experience is suited for all ages. Learn its lifecycle, migration, and milkweed dependency. Materials will be provided. Come search for monarch eggs and, perhaps, raise your own butterfly! Note: Rain date 8/17, same time.
SEPTEMBER 20th 11am-12pm		Raptor Tales Rescue <i>with Jess Zorge</i> Join us for a fascinating glimpse into the world of wildlife rehabilitation. How do experts care for sick or injured raptors? Come meet “Blue” the Barred Owl. Note: Heavy rain, but not light rain, cancels this program.
OCTOBER 18th 11am-12:30pm		Salamander Search Party <i>with Caitlin Fisher-Reid</i> Salamanders are one of the most abundant vertebrate animals in New England forests. Learn to locate these hidden gems of biodiversity that keep our woodlands healthy. Note: Heavy rain, but not light rain, cancels this program.