

Fall Birding Series
\$3/person or \$8/family
Reservations Required

Beginner Bird Watching

If you have ever wanted to learn about bird watching but were afraid to ask. We will introduce you to basic skills necessary to go out into the field and enjoy watching birds.



Sept 26, 1 - 4 pm

Birding by Ear

If you wondered what birds you are hearing in your backyard this program will help you figure out who they are. Learn the basics of identifying birds by song and call by listening for similarities and differences in their calls.

Oct 10, 1 - 4 pm

Night Birds



Identifying night birds by sight and sound can be

a fun and exciting way to experience birding at night.

Nov 14, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Waterfowl Identification

Learn about the different types of waterfowl that winter on the Potomac River, swamps and marshes of Caledon. Ducks, geese, swans and mergansers, loons and grebes sightings are possible.

Dec 12, 1:00 - 4:00 pm



Jakes
Outdoors Skill Day

Try out different outdoor skills including archery, geocaching, turkey calling, photography and marksmanship. Other activities include hayrides, K-9 demonstrations and more.

Sponsored by the Fredericksburg Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation and the Northern Neck Chapter of the VA Deer Hunters Association.

For children ages 6-16. Free.
Call 540-663-3861 to register.
Sept 19 9:00 am- 3:00 pm



Art & Wine Festival



Saturday Nov 7
10:00-4:00 pm

Enjoy a nice fall day at Caledon. Sample local wine and get a jumpstart on shopping for that perfect holiday gift.

Admission is Free
Tasting is \$7/person (21 and older).
Includes commemorative glass area. Parking is \$3/vehicle.

Visit caledonnaturalareafriends.com
for more information.

Reservation Procedures

Most of our programs require reservations. This insures that you have a place at the program while allowing us to plan our programs more efficiently.

Reservations can be made at the Visitor Center during business hours or by phone at 540-663-3861.

Payment for the program is expected at the time the reservation is made.

If you need to cancel a reservation, you have 48 hours before the program to do so to receive a refund. If we cancel a program you will be notified and will not be charged.



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Caledon Natural Area



Program Guide
September-December 2009

"Each moment of the year has its own beauty . . . a picture which was never before and shall never be seen again."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Tundra Swan Tours



Take a ride to Jones Pond to see these majestic birds and listen closely to hear the eerie call of the Tundra Swans as they take up residence at the park for the winter season. Please note that tours may be cancelled if the birds are not congregating on the pond.

**Reservations required.
\$6/person**

**Nov 28, 10:00 am
Dec 13, 1:00 pm
Dec 19, 10:00 am**



Star Parties on the Lawn

The Rappahannock Astronomy Club presents evenings of deep space viewing. Program begins 1/2 hour after sunset. **Free**

Oct 17 & Dec 12



Lions in the Night

Explore the night sky as we watch for falling stars. The Leonid's Meteor Shower will provide nature's fireworks. Bring a warm blanket and a lawn chair. We will meet on the field near the picnic shelter. **Free**

Nov 17, 8:00 pm

Family Adventures

Nature programs for young and old alike. These programs are suitable for guests of all ages.

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Animal Tracks



Learn to identify some of our local wildlife species by tracks and other signs.

**Oct 3, 10:00 am
Nov 1, 1:00 pm**

Fossil Find

Learn how fossils were created and look for some along the Potomac shoreline.

Oct 4 1:00 pm



Geocaching 101

Check out the new sport of Geocaching, a global scavenger hunt. GPS units supplied.

**Sept 20, 1:00 pm
Oct 17 & Nov 14 10:00 am**



Family Adventures Cont.

Campfire Stories

Fun for the whole family. Enjoy tall tales and folk stories told around the campfire as the sun sets over the Potomac river.

Sept 18, 7:00 pm

Fall Hayrides

Enjoy a nice fall afternoon ride through the Caledon forest. Keep an eye out for wildlife including eagles, deer & turkeys.

Oct 18 & Oct 31, 1:00 pm



Holiday Hayrides

Escape the Black Friday rush. The Caledon hay wagon will be decked out for the season. Enjoy the crisp fall air as we take a ride to the Potomac shoreline.

Nov 27 2:00, 4:00 & 7:00 pm



Owl Prowl Hayrides

Explore the life of owls. The tour begins at the Visitor Center with a talk about the owls found at Caledon. After the talk we take the hay wagon into the forest to call the owls in.

**Oct 3, Nov 20, Dec 4
7:00 pm**



Family Fright Fest Ghost Stories & Movie Night

Come out to Caledon for a frightfully good time. We will be telling creepy and spine-tingling stories. After the stories we will be showing the film, **Monsters vs. Aliens**. This is a **free event** sponsored by the King George Community Partners. Hot chocolate and treats will be available from the Friends of Caledon. Bring a blanket the stories and the movie will be on the lawn.



Oct 30 6:30 pm



Night Before Christmas Hayride and Story

Bring a warm blanket, your singing voice and a sense of humor. Enjoy a hay-wagon ride through Caledon and then hot refreshments and a rendition of the holiday story **T'was the Night Before Christmas** back at the Visitor's Center. Reservations required.

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**Dec 11 & 18, 7:00 pm
Dec 12 & 19, 5:00& 7:00 pm**