



# Fifteenth Annual DEAD CREEK WILDLIFE DAY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, October 1, 2016 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area Route 17W, Addison, Vermont**

*This schedule may change due to conflicts, please check the schedule again before arriving for the most up-to-date information. Last update: August 30, 2016*

Activity	Description	Time	Location
Bird Banding Demonstration	Join bird banding experts as they demonstrate mist-netting techniques, bird identification, and banding operations with a chance to see live birds up close.	7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Dead Creek Rte 17 Access Area
Vermont's Bats	Department Bat Biologist Alyssa Bennett will provide an engaging update on Vermont's Bats.	10:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters - Conference Room
Beginners Bird Walk	Otter Creek Audubon board member Craig Zondag will lead this fun and educational birdwalk for beginners.	10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Dead Creek Rte 17 Access Area
History of Vermont's Duck Stamp	Department Waterfowl Biologist David Sausville will discuss the history and statewide impact on conservation of the Vermont Duck Stamp	10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Dead Creek HQ - Workshop
Clayplain Forest Walk and Plant Identification	Enjoy a walk with Otter Creek Audubon's Barb Otsuka through a typical forest of the Champlain Valley to learn about the plants, animals, and special conditions the clayplain forest type supports. Less than 5% of the original clayplain forest remains.	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters
Retrievers Demo and Decoy Sets	Join Alec Sparks of Snowbound Kennels and members of the Lake Champlain Retriever club as they demonstrate the impressive skills of their working dogs. Plus refine your decoy sets and calls to get the most out of your hunting experience.	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.	Kirby Pond - Dead Creek Headquarters
Live Critters of Vermont	Squam Lake Natural Science Center from New Hampshire will bring a selection of rehabilitated wild critters that frequent Vermont's landscape and talk about their ecology and natural history.	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Goose Barn Hay Field - Dead Creek Headquarters
Invasive Walk	Take a walk with FPR staff to identify invasive species, learn removal methods, and discuss their impact on the economy, health, and ecosystem.	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters
Soap Carving	Master carvers from the Birds of Vermont Museum will assist aspiring carvers in carving using soap. A fun activity for children of all ages!	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Event Tent - Dead Creek Headquarters
★ Youth Waterfowl Calling Contest	<b>NEW this year!</b> Are you skilled at calling in waterfowl? Enter our first ever duck and goose calling contest to win prizes! Categories for adults and children.	11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Kirby Pond - Dead Creek Headquarters
VT Game Warden with search & rescue dog	Warden dog Crockett and his handler Warden Rob Sterling will show off their skills tracking poachers and gun powder. Don't miss this exciting demonstration!	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters Grounds
Wildlife Photography	Learn techniques to enhance your wildlife photography skills from Fish & Wildlife Department's Information Specialist, Tom Rogers. Bring a camera and keep your eyes peeled for critters!	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Dead Creek HQ - Workshop
★ Adult Waterfowl Calling Contest	The youth had their turn, now it's time for the adults to try their hand at waterfowl calling!	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Kirby Pond - Dead Creek Headquarters
★ Bat Woman	<b>NEW!</b> Look for Bat Woman flying about and spreading the word on the value of conservation!	1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters Grounds
Live Critters of Vermont	See above	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Goose Barn Hay Field
Soap Carving	See above	2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Event Tent - Dead Creek HQ
Vermont Snakes	Join snake expert, Kiley Briggs in a discussion about Vermont's snakes.	2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	Dead Creek HQ - Workshop
Living with Beavers	Join Vermont's furbearer biologist, Chris Bernier, at the site of a beaver baffle to discuss how to live with these furry engineers.	2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	East Branch Parking
Owl Pellet Workshop	How do we know what owls eat? This workshop led by Carol Ramsayer, Otter Creek Audubon's Education Chair, will give you the chance to take apart an owl pellet to see what it has been eating.	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters - Conference Room
Nature Walk	Department ecologist Everett Marshall will lead this leisurely walk to look at birds, bugs, trees, and whatever else you can find.	2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	West Branch Parking Area

All Day Activities		
Waterfowl Viewing	9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Dead Creek WMA Viewing Area
Face Painting & Crafts	9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Event Tent - Dead Creek Headquarters
Blue Bird Box Building	9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Event Tent - Dead Creek Headquarters
Hands-on Decoy Carving	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Event Tent - Dead Creek Headquarters
Archery Range	10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Dead Creek HQ - Blue Barn
Lets Go Fishing Activities	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Event Tent - Dead Creek Headquarters
VT Fsh & Wildlife Fish Culture Transport Truck	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters