

Vermont Department of Fish & Wildlife Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area

Visitor Center Grand Opening



Grand Opening

5:00pm - 5:30pm — Meet and Greet: visitors, staff, politicians, and
VIPs
Appetizers, Coffee/Tea, and Pastries

5:30 - 6:30 — Ribbon Cutting and Dedication

*Ribbon Cutting with speakers including Fish and Wildlife Commissioner
Louis Porter, Vermont State Representative Bob Helm, and more.

*Dedication of Robert W. Fuller Exhibit Room with speakers including
Wildlife Director Mark Scott and retired Waterfowl Biologist Bill Crenshaw.

6:30 — All guests are invited to walk through Visitor Center

A special thanks to

4H Shooting Sports - Addison County Solid Waste - Addison Eagle Scouts - Addison Girl Scouts - Addison Parent
Teacher Association - Alec Sparks - Alex Cote - Ali Wagner - Ascutney Mountain - Audubon - Bill Barnard
Bill Crenshaw - Birds of Vermont Museum - Bradley Carleton - Briggs Trucking - Brock Quesnel - Cathy Gearwar
Chamberlain Family - Charlie Hohn - Chris Ingram - Chris Sebastian - Clark Family - Curtis Smiley - Dave Tuttle
David & Aiden Book - David King - Dennis Armell - Doug Gimler - Doug Smith - Douglas Brooks - Dubois Family
Ducks Unlimited - Elizabeth Spinney - Essex Middle School - Farrah Ashe - Fuller Family - Gerald Laberge
Gosliga Family - Green Mountain Audubon - Green Mountain National Forest - Green Mountain Power - Hannaford
Career Center - Heidi Stover - Henry Tierney - Herman & Greta Buzeman - John Stokes - Jim Andrews
John Campbell - John Van Hoesen - Kiley Briggs - L R Provencher Earthworks - Lake Champlain Basin Program
Lake Champlain Retriever Club - Lake Champlain International - Leo Labonte - Lil Lumbra - Mariessa Dobrick
Mark Young - Mike Burgess - Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge - The Nature Conservancy - New England Wild
Turkey Federation - North East Kingdom Audubon - Otter Creek Audubon - Outreach for Earth Stewardship
Pamela Pierce - Paul Hamelin - Vermont Historical Society - Peter Lossman - Peter Muller - Ray Phillips
Robin Hopps - Rodney Olsen - Roger Norton - Rutland County Audubon - Shelburne Museum - Stephen Ploof
Steve Dukette & Steve White - Taconic TriState Audubon - Todd Rheault - Tom Myers - Tom Warner
Town of Addison - Trish Hanson - United States Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services
United States Fish & Wildlife Service - University of Vermont Fish & Wildlife Society
University of Vermont Rubenstein School - Veldman Family - Vermont Bear Hounds Association
Vermont Center for Ecostudies - Vermont Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Research Unit - Vermont Coverts
Vermont Endangered Species Committee - Vermont Frames - Vermont Land Trust
Vermont Public Broadcasting Service - Vermont State Archeology - Vermont Forest, Parks & Recreation
Vermont State Police - Vermont Trapper Association - Vermont Turkey & Young Guns Club - Walt Catrell
Waterfowl Advocacy Committee - Wendy Butler

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~ a new educational resource ~

The Information Wall along the ramp to the Visitor Center entrance is always accessible, even after hours and on weekends. Brochures and maps about Dead Creek and local attractions are available.

The Welcome Room is available to visitors most business days for a self-guided tour. Here you can learn about the Department, Dead Creek history, land management techniques and challenges, and the impacts of climate change on the natural world.

The Fuller Room includes interactive displays and will be open on a regular basis. Knowledgeable staff or volunteers can help you buy a hunting or fishing license, find a place to explore, or help you find answers to your most challenging natural science questions. Displays include:



~*Timeline* shows the history of how humans have affected and interacted with the natural world, and how management has evolved. This display includes historical artifacts from Addison County.

~*Dead Creek Diorama* shows a wetland in 3D similar to what you might see during a day on the creek. This display includes taxidermy species; models of bones, scat, and foot prints; furs; and other wildlife artifacts that you can poke and prod.

~*Upland Wildlife* is a rotating display of native wildlife seen in our forests and farmlands.



~*Waterfowl Management* discusses waterfowl hunting and its importance to the local history. Have a seat in or model duck blind to spark your interest in an early-morning hunt and enjoy our collection of decoys.

~*Trapper's Lodge* where you can peek into the history of trapping in Vermont and learn about modern practices. Learn why trapping is relevant today by watching a short video

~*Hunting and Angling* is an opportunity for you to suit up and become an angler while learning about the supplies needed for the sport. Learn about how hunting and angling help manage fish and wildlife populations.



~*Research and Monitoring* is our most interactive display. Become a biologist by looking through microscopes, measuring antlers, and more. Play with tools of the trade and learn why research and monitoring are important. This is a great stop for kids and adults to explore!

~*Vermont's Fish & Wildlife Wardens* and their unique role in conserving Vermont's biodiversity is on display. Learn how they came to be and how they use their specialized skills to enforce fish and wildlife laws.

~*Emerging Issues* is a revolving display highlighting an important topic related to fish and wildlife. Whether it's white-nosed syndrome or a snowy owl irruption, look for information on current issues.