



# Twenty-first Annual DEAD CREEK WILDLIFE DAY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, October 7, 2023 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 29, 2023*

Activity	Description	Time	Location
Bird Banding Demonstration	Visit an active bird banding operation and learn the who, what, why, and how of this important work.	7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters
★ Snakes & Lizards of VT	<b>NEW!</b> Come learn about the ecology and identification of Vermont's snakes and lizards with herpetologist Jim Andrews.	10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters - Conference Room
Beginners Bird Walk	Otter Creek Audubon member Kathy Starr will lead this fun and educational birdwalk for beginners.	10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters
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
Goose Decoy Sets & Calls with Retriever Work	Learn how to set up decoys and use calls for goose hunting, and watch retrievers in action!	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters
Warden Dog Demonstration	Meet the new lead K9 warden and Game Warden Dustin Snyder as they work to sniff out gunpowder and find people!	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.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
Sally Laughlin Award	This annual award will be given to a recipient who has helped conserve and protect endangered species in Vermont.	12:00 p.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters - Information Tent
Pointing Dog Demonstration	Watch highly trained pointing dogs in action and learn all about their skills from Alec Sparks of Snowbound Kennels.	12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters - Kirby Pond
★ Transportation & Wildlife at VT AOT	<b>NEW!</b> Explore the relationship between wildlife and transportation in Vermont and ways Vermont's Agency of Transportation is providing accommodations for wildlife.	12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters - Conference Room
★ Deer Processing	<b>NEW!</b> Warden Sera will walk us through how to process a deer, and the meat will then be cooked over a campfire.	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters
Invasive Species Walk	Join Fish & Wildlife Department's ecologist Danielle Owczarski on a walk where you'll learn to identify invasive species and the threat they pose to Vermont's native plants.	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters
★ Leashed Wild Game Tracking Dogs	<b>NEW!</b> Certified leashed tracking dog teams volunteer during big game hunting seasons to help recover deer or bear. Enjoy a demonstration of their skills!	1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters
★ Wild Game Cooking	<b>NEW!</b> Gather around an open campfire with Chef Anthony and learn how to cook wild game on your next adventure!	2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.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!	2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Event Tent - Dead Creek Headquarters
Retriever Demo	Join members of the Lake Champlain Retrievers Club as they show off the skills of their highly trained dogs.	2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters - Kirby Pond
Nature Walk	Department ecologist Danielle Owczarski 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.	Dead Creek Headquarters

All Day Activities		
Live Critters of Vermont	9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters
Waterfowl Viewing	9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Dead Creek WMA Viewing Area
VT Fish & Wildlife Fish Culture Transport Truck	9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters
Operation Game Thief Trailer	9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters
Boat Safety	9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters
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. - 2:00 p.m.	Event Tent - Dead Creek Headquarters
Dead Creek Visitor Center and Interpretive Trail	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Visitor Center
Retriever Dog Exhibit	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters
Big Sit Bird Identification Challenge	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters
Lets Go Fishing Activities	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Event Tent - Dead Creek Headquarters
Fish Passage Obstacle Course	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Dead Creek Headquarters