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Refuge Week Events October 9 - 11, 2015

Refuge Week is coming up fast! Only a couple of days until Oct. 9th. Make your reservations now for National Wildlife Refuge Week activities - October 9-11, 2015

Updates

- Friday paddle changed to **Ebenezer Creek** because of potentially unsafe river conditions on the Savannah River. Only a few spots left.
- Activity schedule announced for Refuge Week at the Savannah NWR. Activities include photography & birding walks, wagon rides, reptile talk and family activities including face painting, archery, arts& crafts, wilderness education and casting techniques.
>> [Activities Schedule](#)

Paddle the Savannah River	Friday, Oct. 9	9 am
	Ebenezer Creek	
Buffalo Burgers and TR in the Park	Friday, Oct. 9	5 - 8 pm
	Sergeant Jasper State Park in Hardeeville	
Refuge Week at Savannah NWR	Saturday, Oct. 10	10 am - 4 pm
	Savannah Refuge Visitor Center	
	>> Activities Schedule	
Savannah River Refuge Cruise	Sunday, Oct. 11	1 - 4 pm
	Rousakis Plaza Downtown Savannah	
An Evening with TR on Skidaway Island	Sunday, Oct. 11	6 - 8 pm
	St. Peter's Episcopal Church	

Paddle the Savannah River - Friday, October 9 at 9 am

Join the **Swampgirls Paddle Club** for a beautiful six-mile paddle with the current down the Savannah River along the border of Savannah NWR. This has become a very popular annual event led by Friends Board member Linda Etchells.

The trip will begin at **Ebenezer Creek** at 9 am. Bring a snack or lunch and plenty of water. For those coming from Hilton Head, Bluffton & Sun City, we will meet me at the Shell Station at I 95 and 278 at 9 am and go to Ebenezer from there. Those folks that are coming from Savannah area may go directly to the landing at Tommy Johns Landing at 9:30 am or contact me at (843) 247-9191 for directions.

There is one more loaner kayak available for a suggested \$45 donation. A \$20 donation is suggested for those using their own kayaks or canoes. A one-year Friends membership is included with your donation. Make our your check to "The Friends of the Savannah Coastal Wildlife Refuge" This is a continuing event Swampgirls has been doing for several years and this year's donations will be going towards the Friends newest project the "Kingfisher Discovery Center".

Ebenezer Creek is one of the most beautiful Black Water Creek, with Ancient Bald Cypress trees over a 1000 years and many twisty Water Tupelo trees. This is also a very historical area from back in the early settlements in the 1730's by the German settlers, and a sad part of the Civil War, as many slaves perished during Sherman's March to Savannah.

Reservations: Reserve early as space is limited. Contact Linda Etchells at: (843) 247-9191 or email at swampchicks@aol.com.

"Buffalo Burgers and TR in the Park" - Friday evening, October 9 from 5 to 8 pm >> [Event Flyer](#)

A bison burger dinner is planned with [Teddy Roosevelt \(Joe Wiegand\)](#) at Sergeant Jasper State Park in Hardeeville. We recommend that attendees donate \$20 or more for adults and \$10 for children 10 and under. A one-year Friends membership is included with your donation. Refuge staff will prepare the bison burger dinner, also included. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be available if your taste does not run to bison.

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Refuge Week at Savannah NWR - Saturday, October 10 from 10 am - 4 pm

A full day of activities for the whole family at Savannah NWR Visitor Center co-sponsored by the US Fish & Wildlife Service. Bird walks, games, "TR", educational exhibits, archery, and equipment displays are just part of the fun. Hot dogs and snacks provided. >> [Activities Schedule](#)

Reservations: Not required - just come on by.

Savannah River Refuge Cruise - Sunday, October 11, 2015 from 1 pm - 4 pm

Join us for a leisurely cruise up the Savannah River into the Savannah NWR aboard *The Georgia Queen*, a Savannah Riverboat Company replica paddle wheel steamer. This is our 5th cruise and it has been a big hit with previous guests. The cruise is co-sponsored by US Fish & Wildlife Service. "TR" will perform and Refuge staff will present a State-of-the-Refuge talk.

Reservations: Tickets are limited. **Free tickets for Friends members.** Each **Individual** Friends member may reserve a maximum of 1 free ticket in advance. Members at the **Family** membership level or higher may reserve up to 2 free tickets. Cruise reservations for Friends group members are by phone only (call Amy at 843-784-9911). If you are not a member join now. >> [Join the Friends](#).

Pickup you Member tickets at the Friends table on the dock. Lunch is not included. If you would like to have lunch onboard purchase vouchers at the Savannah Riverboat Company ticket office.

Non-members must purchase cruise tickets and optional lunch vouchers directly from the Savannah Riverboat Company at 800-786-6404 or online [HERE](#).

“An evening with TR on Skidaway Island” - Sunday, October 11. 6 pm - 8 pm >> [Event Flyer](#)

Join us for “An Evening with TR” at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church (3 West Ridge Rd, Savannah, GA 31411) on Skidaway Island. Attendees will be asked for a \$20 donation (\$5 for kids 10 and under) which includes a Friends membership. Joe Wiegand puts on a show as TR that you don’t want to miss.

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