

# South Slough Winter ~ Spring 2010 Activity Calendar

## FEBRUARY

**February 6**  
**South Slough Birding** 8 - 10 am  
 Search the Reserve for winged wildlife. An interpreter will provide binoculars and spotting scopes. (\$1/birder)

**February 13**  
**Tide of the Toddlers ~ Wild Things** 10 - 11 am  
 Bring your wee ones, 1 - 5 years old. Sing a song, read a story, make a craft and discover the natural world. (\$1/toddler)

**Whales An Unforgettable Journey** 2 - 3 pm  
 View these mammals of the deep on our big screen. Popcorn provided. (free)



**February 20**  
**Explore Your Estuary Hike** 9 am - 12 pm  
 Fun for families or individuals! Check out an Explorer pack and receive a copy of our new guide to learn about South Slough from forest to shore. (\$5/individual, \$10/family)

**Friends of South Slough Annual Meeting** 1 - 4 pm  
 Hear live music from Jim Hockenhuil and listen to guest speaker Dawn Rasmussen of Pathfinder Writing and Career Services. Vote for Board nominees and learn plans for 2010! (free)

**February 26**  
**Fit Friday Hike** 8:30 - 10 am  
 Each hike will range from 2 - 4 miles along various portions of the Reserve. Please wear layers, sturdy hiking pants, thick socks and hiking shoes or sneakers. Bring water, snack, etc. in a backpack. (free)

**February 27**  
**Build a Birdhouse** 9:30 am - 12 pm  
 This is the first workshop in our Build a Better Backyard series. Before the swallows begin to nest, come build a birdhouse to encourage them to live in your backyard! We'll provide the supplies and tools. Work on your own or bring a partner. Please **pre-register** so we have enough kits for everyone! (\$10/birdhouse)



**The Life of Birds - Volume 4** 1 - 3 pm  
 Learn how birds find partners and care for their eggs in this exciting installment. We'll use the big screen and provide popcorn. (free)

## MARCH

**March 6**  
**Birds on the Estuary** 8 - 10 am  
 Explore the shores of our estuary in search of winged wildlife. An interpreter will provide binoculars and spotting scopes. **Meet at the Charleston Visitors Center.** (\$1/birder)

**Cheryl Lindmeier Art Opening** 1 - 3 pm  
 Experience Cheryl's weaving of natural artifacts into soft sculpture. Will you be able to identify where these objects were found? (free)

**March 12**  
**Fit Friday Hike** 8:30 - 10 am  
 Each hike will range from 2 - 4 miles along various portions of the Reserve. Please wear layers, sturdy hiking pants, thick socks and hiking shoes or sneakers. Bring water, snack, etc. in a backpack. (free)



**March 13**  
**The Silent Invasion** 1 - 2 pm  
 View this special presentation by Oregon Field Guide to learn more about the aliens invading Oregon! Big Screen and popcorn provided. (free)

**March 19 Interpretive Center closed for State Furlough**

**March 20**  
**Removing Invaders from your Backyard** 9 am - 12 pm  
 This is the second in our Build a Better Backyard series. Learn to identify organisms waiting to invade or living in your backyard. Learn techniques to avoid establishment of invasives and how to remove invasive species from your backyard. (\$5/participant)



**Tide of the Toddlers ~ Rabbits** 10 - 11 am  
 Bring your wee ones, 1 - 5 years old. Sing a song, read a story, make a craft and discover the natural world. (\$1/toddler)

**March 26**  
**Capturing Nature in Still and Moving Pictures** 10 am - 3 pm  
 Broaden your perspective and create better images of wildlife and nature in this class. For Beginners we can supply cameras for the first 5 participants to use. Intermediate photographers please bring your own camera. Bring a lunch and water bottle. Dress for the weather (\$5/person)

**March 27**  
**Paddle the Estuary** 9 am - 2 pm  
 Explore South Slough on a trail that flows with the tide. Provide your own kayak or canoe (no inflatables or pedals), paddles, PFDs, water and lunch. Feet and legs may get wet and muddy at launch points. A driver and shuttle will be provided. **Registration required.** 3 boat minimum/8 boat maximum. (\$15/boat)

*South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve's mission is to improve the understanding and stewardship of Pacific Northwest estuaries and coastal watersheds.*

The Interpretive Center, located 4 miles south of Charleston on Seven Devils Road, is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm. Trails are open daily from dawn to dusk. For more information visit us at [www.wouthsloughestuary.org](http://www.wouthsloughestuary.org)

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## APRIL

**April 3**  
**South Slough Birding** 8 - 10 am  
 Search the Reserve for winged wildlife. An interpreter will provide binoculars and spotting scopes. (\$1/birder)

**Creative Writing in Nature** 1 - 4 pm  
 Join Tyler Pedersen, author of *Nostalgia, Naturally*, as he shares his work and helps you to open your mind to writing in and about nature.



**April 9**  
**Fit Friday Hike** 8:30 - 10 am  
 Each hike will range from 2 - 4 miles along various portions of the Reserve. Please wear layers, sturdy hiking pants, thick socks and hiking shoes or sneakers. Bring water, snack, etc. in a backpack. (free)

**April 10**  
**Tide of the Toddlers ~ Big Cedar** 10 - 11 am  
 Bring your wee ones, 1 - 5 years old. Sing a song, read a story, make a craft and discover the natural world. Follow the signs to the Big Cedar trailhead. (\$1/toddler)



**Native Plantings in Your Backyard** 4 pm  
 This is the third in our Build a Better Backyard series. Learn the benefits, ethics and techniques of using native plants in landscaping. Take home a native plant for your yard. (\$5/participant)

**April 16 Interpretive Center closed for State Furlough**

**April 17**  
**Paddle the Estuary** 9 am - 2 pm  
 Explore South Slough on a trail that flows with the tide. Provide your own kayak or canoe (no inflatables or pedals), paddles, PFDs, water and lunch. Feet and legs may get wet and muddy at launch points. A driver and shuttle will be provided. **Registration required.** 3 boat minimum/8 boat maximum. (\$15/boat)

**April 24**  
**Spring Mushrooms** 8:30 am - 12 pm  
 Join naturalist Chuck Holbert to learn how to identify choice spring mushrooms. Bring a knife and bag for collecting and a water bottle. (Free to current FOSS members or \$10/participant)

## MAY

**May 1**  
**International Migratory Bird Day Celebration** 8 am - 3 pm

Join South Slough and other local organizations to learn about birds, both resident and migratory. Guided bird trips, children's activities and speakers. Bring a picnic lunch. **All activities begin at the Charleston Visitors Center.** (free)

**May 8**  
**Tide of the Toddlers ~ Migration** 10 - 11 am  
 Bring your wee ones, 1 - 5 years old. Sing a song, read a story, make a craft and discover the natural world. (\$1/toddler)

**Explore Your Estuary Hike** 1 - 4 pm  
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**May 14**  
**Fit Friday Hike** 8:30 - 10 am  
 Each hike will range from 2 - 4 miles along various portions of the Reserve. Please wear sturdy hiking pants, thick socks and hiking shoes or sneakers. Bring water, snack, etc. in a backpack. (free)

**May 15**  
**Spring Wild Edibles** 8:30 am - 12 pm  
 Join naturalist Chuck Holbert for a morning learning about all nature's pantry has to offer. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. The class will spend time on the trails but will not be collecting. Bring a water bottle. (Free to current FOSS Members or \$10/person)

**May 22**  
**Folded Bark Basket Class** 9 am - 4 pm  
 Join Weaver Nan McDonald to make a folded bark basket. This basket comes from Nan's ancestors who are from Canada. Local spruce roots, cedar and ash bark will be used to make the baskets. **Registration is required.** Class will start promptly at 9 am. Good hand dexterity and the ability to stand for a short time required. All materials are provided. Class is limited to 8 participants. (\$65/participant)



**Build a Bat Box** 1 - 4 pm  
 This is the final workshop of our Build a Better Backyard series. Build a bat box for your backyard wildlife habitat. We'll provide the supplies and tools. Work on your own or bring a partner. Please **pre-register**, so we have enough kits for everyone! (\$10/bathouse)

**May 29**  
**Paddle the Estuary** 9 am - 2 pm  
 Explore South Slough on a trail that flows with the tide. Provide your own kayak or canoe (no inflatables or pedals), paddles, PFDs, water and lunch. Feet and legs may get wet and muddy at launch points. A driver and shuttle will be provided. **Registration required.** 3 boat minimum/8 boat maximum. (\$15/boat)

All programs begin at the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve Interpretive Center unless otherwise noted.

**Please call (541) 888 - 5558 to pre-register and confirm all programs.** Programs may be cancelled due to low enrollment or hazardous weather.

Activity fees and donations cover materials and are used by the Friends of South Slough Reserve, Inc. in support of the Reserve.