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## **Take a Walk on the Wild Side**

America's fascinating array of wild animals and plants call more than 500 national wildlife refuges home. You're welcome to visit these refuges anytime but, if you drop by during National Wildlife Refuge Week, October 5-13, 1996, you'll enjoy an even closer look into the natural world we all share.

Chincoteague and Eastern Shore of Virginia National Wildlife Refuges will be sponsoring a variety of special events during that time period. On October 4, 5, and 6, they are joining with community and conservation groups to host the annual Eastern Shore Birding Festival.

On October 12, the Chincoteague Refuge is planning a day of family activities, such as bird house building, bird feeder construction, art contests, button design, and special videos.

In addition, you may want to visit one or more of the national wildlife refuges nearby:

Back Bay NWR  
Virginia Beach VA  
757/721-2412

Blackwater NNW  
Cambridge, MD  
410/228-2692

Bombay Hook NWR  
Smyrna, DE  
302/653-9345

Eastern Neck NWR  
Rock Hall, MD  
410/639-7056

Great Dismal Swamp  
Suffolk, VA  
757/986-3705

Mason Neck NWR  
Woodbridge, VA  
703/690-1297

Patuxent Research  
Laurel, MD  
301/497-5582

Presquile/James River  
Prince George, VA  
804/733-9042

Prime Hook NWR  
Milton, DE  
302/684-8419

For additional information on National Wildlife Refuge Week and basic visitor information for every refuge in the system, call 1-800-344-WILD.

**CELEBRATE WILDLIFE!  
VISIT A WILDLIFE REFUGE NEAR YOU!**

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