

News Release



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Paddle along Nestucca Bay National Wildlife Refuge

Interested in getting on the water this summer? The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service invites you to explore Nestucca Bay National Wildlife Refuge through a series of three guided boat tours offered between June and August. From the Little Nestucca River to the bay, expansive mudflats surrounding the Refuge's Two Rivers Peninsula offer plenty to see from a kayak or canoe.

These roughly two-hour trips are free and will take participants through the heart of Nestucca Bay, all while learning about the Refuge's wildlife and natural history. A paddle alongside refuge pastures and tidal wetlands into the wider Nestucca Bay will treat paddlers to beautiful vistas and estuarine wildlife.

Participants must provide their own canoe or kayak. During the summer, this area often has unpredictable winds and waves. For this reason the trip is not recommended for beginners; paddling experience is strongly recommended. For your safety, please dress appropriately for paddling in all weather conditions. Wearing a personal flotation device (PFD) is mandatory.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service can provide binoculars, field guides, and PFDs to use during the trip. Trips are limited in size and scheduled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please call or email to make a reservation and include the number of boats in your party. Once you are registered additional details will be provided. All trips will launch within 15 minutes of the time listed. Visit our website for updates and availability www.fws.gov/refuge/Nestucca_Bay/Events.html.

For more information or to register for a trip, contact:

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Monday, June 4	5:30 – 7:30 pm
Saturday, July 21	8:00 – 10:00 am
Thursday, August 16	4:30 – 6:30 pm

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