



## ALLIGATOR RIVER AND PEA ISLAND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES PROGRAMS AND EVENTS CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Van Tour (\$) 7 – 9 AM Van Tour (\$) 5 – 7 PM	6 Pea Island Bird Walk 8-9:30 AM	7
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29 Beach Clean-up 10 AM – 12 PM	30	Oct 1	Oct 2	Oct 3	Oct 4 Pea Island Bird Walk 8-9:30 AM	Oct 5

(\$) = Fee charged, reservation required. Call 252-216-9464 to make a reservation. Registration closes at 2 pm the day before the trip. If you must cancel, please do so no later than 2 pm the day before trip or you will be charged for the tour.

For more information about the refuges, please visit:

[fws.gov/peaisland](https://fws.gov/peaisland) or [fws.gov/alligatorriver](https://fws.gov/alligatorriver)

Or call 252-473-1131



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### Alligator River Van Tour

\$30 per person; \$20 for children 12 and under. Reservation required. Call 252-216-9464 to reserve and pay. 6 people maximum. Ages 6 and up. The Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge van tour is customized each time to look for the wildlife that interests participants the most. Refuge volunteers will drive the van around the refuge, stopping any time we see wildlife or sights of interest. The refuge isn't a zoo, so specific animals aren't guaranteed, but with thousands of animals living on the refuge, you never know what you'll see. We'll watch out for all these and more: black bears, river otters, turkeys, bald eagles, great blue herons, alligators, turtles, and endangered red wolves.

### Pea Island Bird Walk

FREE. Pea Island is for the birds - actually! Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge has close to 400 species of birds that live here or pass through. Whether you're a beginner or an expert, you'll enjoy this casual stroll beside North Pond. Field guides, binoculars, sunscreen, and insect repellent are recommended. Some field guides and binoculars will be available for loan. Pea Island Bird Walks are held year-round except during the Wings Over Water Wildlife Festival in October and December. Meet at the Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center, located on NC Highway 12 approximately 4 miles south of Oregon Inlet and 9 miles north of Rodanthe.

### Beach Clean-up

FREE. Join Refuge staff to help keep our beaches clean! Meet at the parking area on NC Highway 12 north of the Jughandle Bridge, 6 miles south of the Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge Visitors Center (labeled Pea Island Beach Parking on Google Maps). Wear comfortable clothes, sturdy shoes, and work gloves; if you have them, bring a 5 gallon bucket and/or grabber. We'll go over a quick safety talk and then head out onto the beaches to pick up trash wherever it's needed most. Wind or rain will cancel.

### Fishing Day with ecoEXPLORE

FREE. Become an ecoEXPLORER and celebrate National Hunting and Fishing Day at Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge! Use a seine net with refuge staff and discover the fish and other animals that call these waters home. Meet at the New Inlet Boat Ramp on NC Highway 12 3 miles south of the Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge Visitors Center (labeled Pea Island Fishing Boat and Kayak Launch on Google Maps). *ecoEXPLORE is an incentive-based community science program for children in grades K-8.*

### OBX Women in the Wild Art Reception

FREE. Featuring the work of four North Carolina wildlife photographers, Joyce Edwards, Jackie Orsulak, Cyndi Goetcheus Sarfan, and Eve Turek, this collection of photographs highlight the beauty of the wildlife found around Alligator River NWR and coastal North Carolina. Black bears, red wolves, and barred owls are a few of the animals these photographers have encountered and photographed on the refuge. Refreshments will be provided. Hosted at the Coastal North Carolina National Wildlife Refuges Gateway Visitor Center, 100 Conservation Way.