

Fall
2018
NEWSLETTER

Friends
of the
Noxubee
Wildlife
Refuge

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Letter from the Friends of the Noxubee
Wildlife Refuge President Kara Roberts

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Noxubee Wildlife Refuge in photos

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Mowing at the refuge – when it is done
and why.

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Refuge calendar and board nominees

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How can YOU help the Refuge?



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'Astyanax' Red-spotted Purple

Limenitis arthemis Astyanax

Family: Nymphalidae

Subfamily: Limenitidinae

"Everywhere in woods
and swamps I am already
reminded of the fall."

Henry David Thoreau



LETTER FROM THE FONR PRESIDENT

School time has arrived once more. I imagine traffic at the Refuge will pick up now, with students finding nooks to study or relax after class or to get together for fun and cook-outs. What's your favorite spot on the Refuge? If I had to pick one, it'd be the Goose Overlook. You never know what you'll find there and even if there isn't much activity, the view is very nice and it's usually one of the quietest spots on the Refuge.

The Friends of Noxubee Refuge wish to thank the Starkville Rotary Club for their donation of \$1000 to be used for the Volunteer Coordinator! We'd also like to thank Jim Tipton of ESSC for all his time and work he's put in on the Rookery Camera, a lot of which was voluntary!

Canoe days are continuing to be a popular event. They are held the 3rd Saturday of each month at the boat ramp behind the Visitors Center. The next canoe day is August 18, 9 am - 3 pm. Volunteers are always welcome!

Our next Nature Series will be held on September 6 at 6:30 in the Visitor Center. The speaker will be Carolina Baruzzi and her topic is *The importance of Vulture cleaning service for humans and wildlife communities*. She will discuss Vulture decline and the ecosystem service they provide and will then move on to her research at MSU, which focuses on Vulture behavioral response to mass mortality events.

Save the date: Saturday, October 20, 10-2. Friends of the Refuge are working to bring back Refuge Day! Keep an eye out for more information on the webpage or Facebook.

Don't forget about the Friends car tag: specialty tag fee will be paid by the Friends for the first year for the first 300 applications. You can email the completed form to friendsofnoxubee refuge@gmail.com - the form can be found at friends-of-noxubee-refuge.org

See you at the Refuge!

Kara Roberts

President - Friends of the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge

Visitor Center Hours:

Wednesday-Friday: 7:30 am - 4 pm

Saturday: 10 am - 4 pm

Most Sundays: 1 pm - 4 pm

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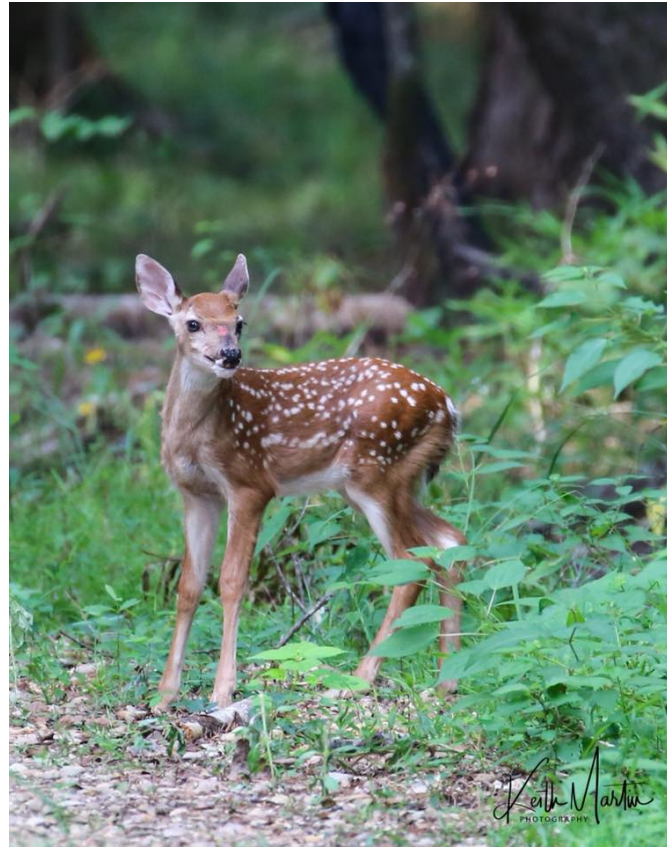


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Noxubee Nature



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Wildlife Refuge*

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Members and nature enthusiasts!*

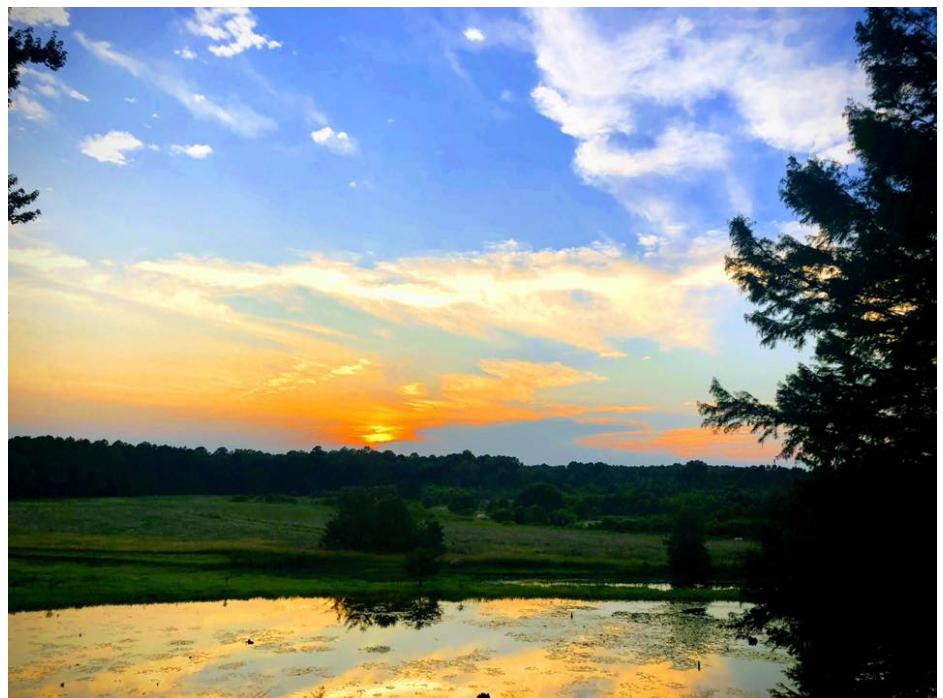


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You've got to know when to mow them!



TIS THE SEASON FOR MOWING GRASS AT THE REFUGE!

While the picnic area and around the buildings are mowed frequently, the roadways and fields are mowed on a schedule. Prior to the August mowing, many small birds and animals use the taller grass for food and for hiding from predators. Mowing too early is a detriment to their habitat.

When you see a tractor on the road, please use caution. Drivers do their best to see you first but may not see you at all.

REFUGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Canoe Day:

August 18th, 9-3



September 6th: Friends of Noxubee Refuge Board Meeting, 5:30 pm in the Visitor Center

Board Nominees: Jeff Harris, Ron Johnson, Lynn Reinschmidt

Nature Series, 6:30 pm: The speaker will be Carolina Baruzzi and her topic is:

The importance of Vulture cleaning service for humans and wildlife communities.





WANT TO SUPPORT THE REFUGE?

Refuge funding continues to decline; private philanthropic support helps fill in the gaps. Thank you for your support!

You can help by donating to our PayPal giving fund by using our website: www.friends-of-noxubee-refuge.org

or you can use the direct link:

<https://www.paypal.com/fundraiser/charity/1896796>

All donations are 100% tax deductible!

Friends of Noxubee Refuge was founded in 2003 as an independent, nonprofit 501(c)3 organization, dedicated to conserving our natural resources through volunteer work and fund raising. Friends promote and support the preservation, history, and use of the Noxubee Refuge, as well as assist Refuge staff in carrying out their mandates.



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