



## Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge 2011 World Series of Birding Special Use Permit - Rules & Regulations

In conjunction with Great Swamp NWR officials, the following rules and regulations are set forth for New Jersey Audubon's World Series of Birding.

A Refuge-issued Special Use Permit is required for access to areas normally closed to the public and at times (e.g. night) when the Refuge is closed. WSB officials will provide Great Swamp NWR staff with a list of all registered team members and registered scouts. ONLY officially registered 2011 World Series of Birding participants and/or scouts will be issued a Special Use Permit. Publically-closed areas and night time access are prohibited to anyone without a Special Use Permit. Deadline for World Series of Birding registration is April 25, 2011. Special Use Permits will be issued by Great Swamp NWR starting at 8 a.m., Monday, May 2, 2011 through 4 p.m., Friday, May 13 from Refuge Headquarters. Requests may also be e-mailed to Jerfelis Pimentel ([jerfelis\\_pimentel@fws.gov](mailto:jerfelis_pimentel@fws.gov)). Jerfelis is the primary Refuge contact for issuing Special Use Permits and may be reached at 973.425.1222 extension 155. Permits may be picked up at Refuge Headquarters during normal business hours (weekdays, 8 a.m.-4:30p.m.) or may be faxed upon request to those teams unable to make it in person.

Great Swamp NWR WSB scouting dates and times are as follows:

Monday, May 2 during daytime hours  
Wednesday, May 4 during daytime hours  
Friday, May 6 during daytime and nighttime hours  
Saturday, May 7 during nighttime hours  
Wednesday, May 11 during daytime and nighttime hours  
Friday, May 13 during daytime and nighttime hours

The publically-open areas of the Refuge are open during normal daylight hours and do not require a Special Use Permit at any time.

You may download the Great Swamp WSB Parking Area Map, available on [www.WorldSeriesofBirding.org](http://www.WorldSeriesofBirding.org) or from Great Swamp NWR when you get your permit, that at will be open either specifically for WSB registered participants or for extra hours during the World Series of Birding.

The Refuge, in collaboration with the Friends of Great Swamp NWR, recently installed an eBird Trail Tracker in the new visitor center. Sightings are regularly updated and posted on the Friends website (<http://www.friendsofgreatswamp.org>). In accordance with WSB rules, the kiosk, but not the website, may be used on World Series of Birding.

### **Information on Special Conditions - Special Use Permit**

- Access to the Management and Wilderness Areas is by foot travel only. All vehicles must be parked in designated Refuge lots (refer to map).
- Individuals must notify Refuge Headquarters before each visit into the Management Area and before night visits in the Wilderness Area.
- Registered individuals are responsible for providing copies of this permit to be prominently displayed on the dash of each vehicle and also be in the possession of each WSB team while on the Refuge.
- Permit holders must obey the 15mph speed limit along Pleasant Plains Road.
- All WSB participants are required to submit their observations on a Refuge bird list by May 23, 2011. A copy of the list will be provided with permit or may be downloaded ([Great Swamp NWR Bird List](#)).
- Participants must stay out of the fields along Pleasant Plains Road, and away from the blinds at the Wildlife Observation Center during day time hours.
- This permit is not transferrable.
- All other Refuge Rules and Regulations remain in force.
- Disabled individuals in need of assistance may qualify for special accommodations by making arrangements in advance with Refuge staff.

**Important: All participants, including non-competing teams or individuals, must be officially registered for New Jersey Audubon's World Series of Birding by April 25, 2011 or they will not have access to the Great Swamp for WSB. Non-competing teams or individuals may not raise money for any organization other than New Jersey Audubon.**

**Anyone who disregards or is in violation of these rules and regulations automatically disqualifies themselves and their team and may be barred from future access to the Great Swamp NWR and/or their participation in future World Series of Birding events.**