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McNary rangers offer bird-watching hike

Umatilla, Ore – Bird-watchers can learn about and see some of the birds that have made their homes near McNary Lock and Dam during a nature hike led by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers natural resources staff at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 24.

The public is invited to join Park Ranger Doug Helman as he leads hiker through the Wildlife Nature Area just downstream of the dam, near Umatilla, Ore.

“The Wildlife Nature Area at McNary Dam is home to a variety of resident and migratory birds and water fowl,” said Helman. “It is also a place where you might see deer, beaver or bald eagles. This time of year, there are numerous species of ducks visiting the ponds.”

Participants of all ages are welcome. The hike starts promptly at 10 a.m. at the Pacific Salmon Visitor Information Center on the downstream side of the dam’s Oregon shore. Rangers recommend participants dress warmly, wear sturdy walking shoes, and bring drinking water in a portable container. Hikers are encouraged to bring cameras and/or binoculars. Maps and some binoculars will be available. The trail relatively flat, however participants should be prepared to travel over uneven surfaces.

Directions: travel 1 mile east of Umatilla, Ore., on Highway 730, turn north onto McNary Dam Road, follow the road to the visitor center parking lot; the visitor center is located at Columbia River Mile 292, on the south riverbank.

For more information, call (541) 922-2268.

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