

**Longer Hours at Patuxent Refuge
North Tract and National Wildlife Visitor Center**

Patuxent Research Refuge in Laurel, MD will be extending hours for public visitation this summer and both south and north tracts.

According to Refuge Manager, Brad Knudsen, “Twilight Tuesdays” at the Visitor Center and the extended weekend hours at the Refuge North Tract will enable anglers, wildlife photographers, bird watchers and others to take advantage of the longer daylight hours to enjoy the out-of-doors.”

Beginning **June 18 and continuing through August 14**, the **North Tract entrance** to the Refuge (off of Rt. 198 east of Laurel and the Baltimore/Washington Parkway near MD 32) will be open from **8:00 AM to 7:30 PM on Friday and Saturday evenings**.

The walking trails of the Refuge’s **National Wildlife Visitor Center** will also be open until **7:30 PM every Tuesday** from **June 22 through August 17**. The Visitor Center is located south of Laurel off of Powder Mill Road between MD Rt. 197 and the Baltimore/Washington Parkway.