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Do Trees Have Antifreeze?

Winter Nature Walk at the Dyke Marsh
Wildlife Preserve

Saturday, February 27, 1 – 3 P.M.

The forests of Dyke Marsh are unique and have a stark beauty in the winter months. But how do they survive? Join the Friends of Dyke Marsh and learn about the remarkable ways trees have of withstanding low temperatures in the winter.

Friends of Dyke Marsh volunteer Jessica Strother, previous Fairfax County urban forester for the Mount Vernon District and others, will lead us on a walk through the forests of the marsh. On this walk you can learn about, for example, winter tree biology, forested wetland characteristics, and waterfowl that seek cover in Dyke Marsh in the winter.

The walk is free and open to all. We'll meet at 1 P.M. at the entrance to the Haul Road (the walking path into the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve), south of the Belle Haven parking lot. We hope you will join us!

To get there: The Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve is part of the George Washington Memorial Parkway, U.S. National Park Service, and is located on the western shoreline of the Potomac River about two miles south of Old Town Alexandria. On the Parkway, turn east at the sign for "Belle Haven Park & Marina/Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve" and park in the Belle Haven picnic area lot. You can also get there by taking a 10-minute bus ride from the Huntington Metro Station on Fairfax Connector bus 101, 151 or 152. Detailed directions and a link to bus schedules can be found on our website (<http://www.fodm.org>).

*** *The walk will be cancelled in the case of steady rain or snow, or if the Haul Road is blocked by snow. Snow/rain date is Saturday, March 5* ***