



Be a Part of the Migration Host a Kite Flying Event

The Arctic is all around us. Every year, birds that begin their lives on the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge journey to all 50 states and across six continents, before heading back to the Arctic, where the cycle of life begins again. Many of these birds come through our backyards or make a stopover in your local National Wildlife Refuge. (To the right is an illustration of these migratory paths.)

As we mark the 50th anniversary of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, we must do everything we can to be sure that this last wild haven remains for generations to come.



You can be part of this by participating in our symbolic migration. Concerned citizens across the country will be getting together throughout the year to fly kites symbolizing the birds that come through their areas and celebrating the natural connection between the Arctic Refuge and their area. The League has directions on how to make a kite on our website or you can request that a kit be sent to you. After you get your kite materials, make a plan to fly them with the rest of their flock. Invite your friends and family to a mini-migration of your own! You will have fun and raise awareness about the Arctic Refuge. You could:

- Ask your friends and family to join you in a local park to make and fly kites on a Saturday afternoon. Provide a picnic and ask passersby to sign a postcard asking for protection for the Arctic Refuge.
- Work with your child's school or after-school program to help the kids learn more about the web of life in the Arctic Refuge. The kids could learn about the species that call the Refuge home and then make kites and fly them.
- Ask the members of your organization to plan a community event and invite the public to come to a local park to make and fly their own kites.
- Coordinate an event at your church to follow a Sunday afternoon service. Families could gather and make their own kites and then go outside to fly them as a group.
- Talk to the staff of your local National Wildlife Refuge to see if they would work with you to host a public event where community members could come by, learn about birds that your Refuge shares with the Arctic Refuge and make and fly their own kites.

For more information on this campaign and to download your kite kit, go to www.alaskawild.org/migration or call 202-544-5205.