

## Fires and Firewood continued

All visitors must follow Industrial Fire Precaution Levels posted at the Headquarters kiosk.

## Water

No potable water is available on the Refuge.

## Location Map



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## Little Pend Oreille National Wildlife Refuge

## Fishing Information



The provisions of these special Refuge regulations supplement the regulations which govern fishing on National Wildlife Refuges, as set forth in Title 50 Code of Federal Regulations.

If you observe any fishing violations, destruction of property or wildlife habitat, please report them to the Refuge Manager.

For more information contact:

**Refuge Manager**  
**Little Pend Oreille NWR**  
**1310 Bear Creek Road**  
**Colville, WA 99114**  
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## **Welcome to the Little Pend Oreille National Wildlife Refuge**

The Refuge covers approximately 40,000 forested acres and supports an abundance of wildlife. It is one of over 550 refuges in a national system of lands managed for wildlife. While fishing on Little Pend Oreille NWR, please help us keep the Refuge clean and safe for all visitors.

All Federal and State of Washington fishing regulations, seasons, limits and license requirements apply, in addition to the following Refuge regulations:

### **Seasons**

Fishing is allowed in Refuge lakes from the last Saturday in April through October 31; in the Little Pend Oreille River from the Saturday before Memorial Day through October 31; and in the Rookery Road beaver ponds and all other streams from the first Saturday in June through October 31. Consult the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's *Fishing in Washington* for more information.

### **Vehicles and Access**

The Refuge is closed to all unauthorized vehicle traffic from January 1 through April 14. Vehicles must remain on established roads open to the public. Park vehicles along road sides but do not block any roads or gates. ATV/ORV use is prohibited.

### **Bayley Lake (18-72 acres)**

Bayley Lake is a fly-fishing only lake with a harvest limit of one fish over 14" from opening day until July 4; after that date it is catch and release only. It has public

access with high and low water boat launches.

### **McDowell Lake (47 acres)**

McDowell Lake is a fly-fishing only lake, catch and release for the entire season, stocked with rainbow trout. It has public walk-in access.

This lake has been treated to eliminate Tench. Please report any Tench caught on the angler report forms available at the launch sites.

### **Potter's Pond (15 acres)**

Potter's Pond, with stocked rainbow trout, nearby campsites and a handicap accessible fishing dock, is great for the whole family.

The inlet and outlet to the pond are closed to fishing.

### **Rivers**

The Little Pend Oreille River opens the Saturday before Memorial Day; Bear Creek, the Rookery Road beaver ponds and all other streams open the first Saturday in June. All fishing seasons end October 31. The Little Pend Oreille River from the Refuge boundary, about one mile downstream from the Refuge office, and upstream to Crystal Falls is catch and release with selective gear rules. Exception—up to 5 eastern brook trout, of any size, may be kept.

### **Boats**

Non-motorized boats may be used on all Refuge lakes and ponds; electric powered motors are only allowed on Potter's Pond.

### **Angler Surveys**

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife monitors the fishing effort and harvest at Bayley and McDowell Lakes. Please complete a survey to help us measure fishing success.

### **Camping**

Camping is allowed only in established campgrounds (with metal fire rings) from April 14 through December 31. Camping is allowed in Dispersed Hunting Campsites (identified with brown carsonite posts) from October 1 through December 31. Campsites must be within 50 feet of carsonite posts. Practice no trace camping: remove litter and bury human waste in a hole 6 to 8 inches deep at least 200 feet from water, camp or fire rings. Do not create any new camps or fire rings. Pack it in and pack it out.

### **Camping Limits**

There is a 7 day camping limit within a 30 day consecutive period in all designated campgrounds from April 14 through September 30. There is a 14 day camping limit within a 30 day consecutive period in all designated campgrounds and Dispersed Hunting Campsites from October 1 through December 31.

### **Fires and Firewood**

Except for daily camp use, firewood cutting is strictly prohibited without a permit. Use only dead and down trees—do not cut snags. Do not remove campfire firewood from the Refuge or leave campfires unattended. Cutting, defacing or damaging live trees is prohibited.