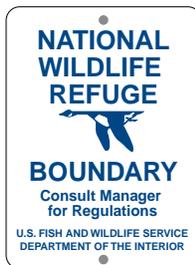


National Wildlife Refuges are located throughout the United States. The Great Lakes-Big Rivers Region is shaded.



Refuge  
Boundary Sign

### Please Respect our Neighbors!

Although still in its developmental phase, the refuge is open to the public. Please stay within the refuge boundary and respect the rights of private landowners.

### For Further Information

Visitor center staff will be happy to assist you, or contact us at 715/685 2678. Email: whittleseycreek@fws.gov

### Partnering for Conservation

Like many refuges, Whittlesey Creek was established with strong support from a community that recognized the value of the area to many fish and wildlife species. Their efforts, in cooperation with the Service, will ensure that future generations will be able to enjoy resident wildlife like bear, deer, otter and grouse, as well as migratory wildlife like ducks, geese, swans, warblers, and fish.



Area residents work with refuge staff and the Service's partners throughout Bayfield County as "Partners for Fish and Wildlife." This cooperative partnership allows landowners and land managers to work jointly on projects such as reforestation, riparian buffers, wetland restoration and stream restoration projects.

### The National Wildlife Refuge System

Whittlesey Creek is a vital link in the National Wildlife Refuge System, a network of lands stretching across the United States and its territories. President Theodore Roosevelt established the first wildlife refuge, three-acre Pelican Island on Florida's Atlantic coast, in 1903 to protect pelicans and other birds that were being killed for their feathers for use on ladies' hats.



President Roosevelt went on to create 51 more refuges during his presidency, and today the National Wildlife Refuge System encompasses over 540 refuges dedicated to wildlife conservation while also offering people opportunities to enjoy the beauty and solitude of the natural world.

Whittlesey Creek is just a small part of over 93 million acres the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service oversees across America for the benefit of fish, wildlife, and its people.



### Photos from top:

Hats made with pelican plumes; President Theodore Roosevelt; Paul Kroegel, Pelican Island refuge manager, USFWS

### Finding the Refuge

