

## Temporary Trail Closure at the Concord Impoundments, Great Meadows NWR

This posting is to inform Refuge visitors that the portion of the Dike Trail that is located between the Upper Impoundment and the Concord River will be temporarily closed to all pedestrian access. A 5-meter stretch of this dike collapsed in early May and is now considered unsafe. Draining the impoundment at this time will be detrimental to nesting marshbirds and Blanding's turtles. Therefore Refuge staff will be pursuing methods to stabilize the dike while maintaining the current water level. Please be patient and respect the closure until the dike can be rebuilt and deemed safe again. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Deputy Project Leader Tom Eagle at 978-443-4661, x12.

