

Public Access at James River National Wildlife Refuge

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service manages James River National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) as part of a four refuge complex, called the Eastern Virginia Rivers National Wildlife Refuge Complex. Nationwide, over 540 Refuges comprise the National Wildlife Refuges System- the world's largest network of lands preserved for conservation.

James River NWR is a 4,200 acre tract in Prince George County, Virginia. The upland forests and lowland marshes, located along the James River, make this area a haven for bald eagle roosting and nesting. White-tailed deer, wild turkey, musk turtles, amberwing dragonflies, and tree frogs are a few of the hundreds of species that call the James River NWR home.

To visit James River NWR, reservations are required seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the proposed visit. Requests can be made by contacting Cyrus Brame, ORP at 804-829-9020 or cyrus_brame@fws.gov. Only non-consumptive wildlife-dependent activities, involving wildlife observation, environmental education, nature interpretation, or nature photography, are allowed. The refuge tries to accommodate all requests, fitting these criteria. However, if the date of your request conflicts with a management activity (prescribed burn, biological survey, etc.); an alternate date will be proposed.

Once access is approved, the requesting group or individual is provided written permission for the date and time of the visit. A permit is provided for placement on the dashboard of the requesting party's vehicle. Additionally, a map, highlighting designated trails and parking details, will be sent.

For additional information about the refuge, please visit our website at www.fws.gov/northeast/jamesriver.

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