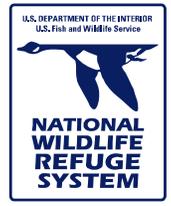


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Designated Area of North Fowler Beach Closed for Beachnesting Bird Season

Designated areas of North Fowler Beach at Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge are closed now through September 1, 2009, for the benefit of piping plovers, oystercatchers, least terns, and other threatened and endangered beachnesters and migratory birds of greatest conservation concern.

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service appreciates the public's cooperation in this effort. Visitors can help to protect these important nesting birds by respecting all areas posted for the protection of wildlife, not approaching or lingering near these birds or their nests, and keeping your pets leashed and controlled at all times. For more information, please contact the Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge office at 302-684-8419.

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