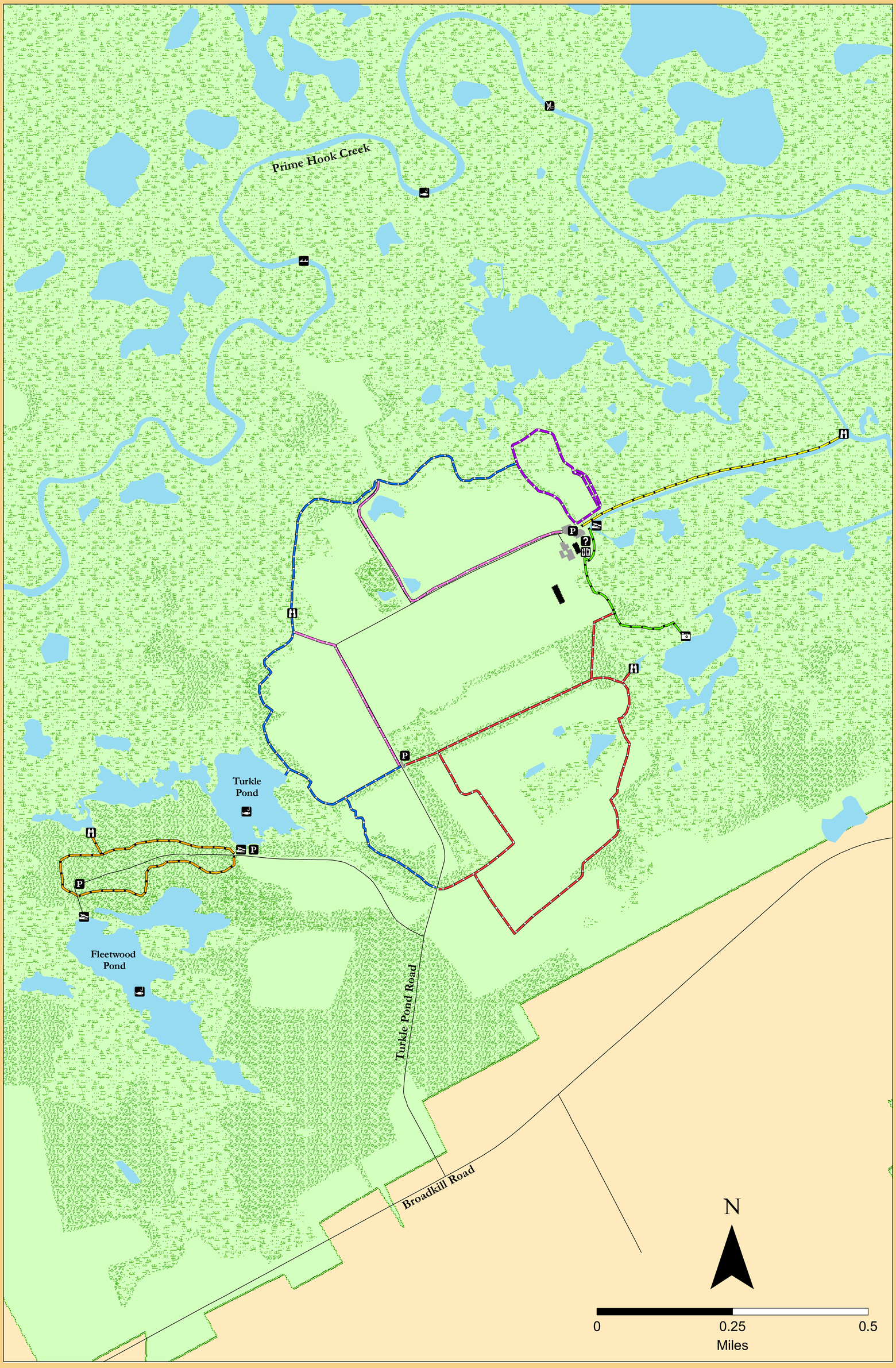
Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge



Legend

Base Information
- Refuge Lands
- Wooded Lands
- Wetlands
- Water
- Roads

Refuge Features
- Buildings
- Parking

Trails
- Black Farm Trail
- Boardwalk Trail
- Dike Trail
- Photo Blind Trail
- Pine Grove Trail
- Blue Goose Trail
- Return Route

- Office/Visitor Contact Station
- Parking
- Restrooms
- Observation Area
- Photo Blind
- Boat Launch
- Canoe
- Kayak
- Fishing

About the Refuge...

Prime Hook is one of 545 units in the National Wildlife Refuge System, which encompasses nearly 100 million acres. Consisting of 10,000 acres in Milton, Delaware, this refuge is a mosaic of fresh and saltwater wetlands, forests, fields, and Delaware Bay shoreline that provide habitat for tens of thousands of waterfowl and shorebirds, the endangered Delmarva Peninsula fox squirrel, bald eagles, and countless mammals, reptiles, amphibians, fish, insects, and other birds. Visitors come to enjoy this wildlife and their habitat through fishing, hunting, environmental education programs, wildlife observation & photography, walking and canoe/kayak trails, and special events.

About the Trails...

Blue Goose Trail: Designated for foot traffic. Includes arduous hiking over stumps & exposed roots.
This 1.4 mile trail features upland fields, forest, freshwater marsh and several wildlife observation areas.

Dike Trail: Designated for foot traffic (wheelchair accessible).
This 0.5 mile one-way trail features a wheelchair accessible observation platform overlooking the marsh and opportunities for wildlife observation and photography.

Pine Grove Trail: Designated for foot traffic.
This 0.8 mile loop winds through a pine and hardwood forest adjacent to Turkle and Fleetwood Ponds and features a viewing platform overlooking the marsh.

Photography Blind Trail: Designated for foot traffic.
This 0.3 mile trail offers visitors opportunities to photograph wildlife from a fully enclosed photography blind that is open on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Boardwalk Trail: Designated for foot traffic (wheelchair accessible).
This 0.5 mile loop meanders through uplands, forested wetlands, and across 600 feet of freshwater marsh, offering visitors opportunities for wildlife observation, photography, and environmental interpretation.

Black Farm Trail: Designated for foot traffic.
This 1.6 mile trail meanders through wooded uplands adjacent to agricultural lands and freshwater marshes.

Canoe Trail: Designated for canoes, kayaks, and motorboats (<25HP).
This 7.0 mile trail (one-way) leads canoeing and fishing enthusiasts into a red maple swamp and cattail marsh along Prime Hook Creek.

Warning...

Mosquitoes, ticks, and biting fly populations can be very high from June through September. Proper preventive care, including tucking your pant legs into your socks and applying insect repellent, can assist visitors in warding off ticks and mosquitoes.
Please use caution to avoid poison ivy shrubs and vines because it can cause a serious skin rash in humans.

Contact Information

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