

# Baskett Slough NWR

## Trail Descriptions



### **Highway 22 Wildlife Viewing Kiosk**

**Open: Year Round**

The Highway 22 Wildlife Viewing Kiosk is on the north side of Highway 22 about 2.5 miles west of the Highway 22/99W intersection. This kiosk is a great place to stop to view the hundreds of migrating waterfowl that use the wetlands of Baskett Slough National Wildlife Refuge. Canada geese, cinnamon teal, mallards, bufflehead and hooded mergansers are just a few of the species that you will see during the winter months. Look for great blue herons and shorebirds along the waters edge. Bald eagles and red-tailed hawks can be seen flying over the refuge. There are also great interpretative signs that describe the various features of the refuge. Public restrooms are available at this location.

### **Rich Guadagno Observation Platform**

**Length: .75 miles**

**Open: Year Round**

The trail head parking area is located just off of Coville Rd. in the middle of the refuge. The trail starts with a moderate climb up to the top of Baskett Butte. Along the way up look for yellow and white crowned sparrows perched on tree branches. As you pass a junction, keep left and continue up the butte to the observation platform. At the platform you will get a great view of the many wetlands that encompass the southern part of the refuge. In the winter, you can see thousands of migratory waterfowl using the wetlands.

### **Rich Guadagno Memorial Loop Trail**

**Length: 1.0 mile**

**Open: Year Round**

The trail head parking area is located just off of Coville Rd. in the middle of the refuge. The trail starts with a moderate climb up to the top of Baskett Butte. As you pass a junction keep left and continue up the butte until you hit another junction on the right side of the trail. Turn right at the second and head toward the oak woodland. The trail winds through a mix coniferous forest that includes Oregon white oak. In the spring this trail great to view migratory songbirds singing in the trees. Listen for spotted towhee's, ruby-crowned kinglets and bewick's wrens as you work your way through the woodlands.

### **Morgan Lake Trail**

**Length: 3.2 miles**

**Open: April 1<sup>st</sup> - Sept 30<sup>th</sup>**

This out and back trail starts at a parking area located at the junction of Smithfield and Livermore Rd. on the north side of the refuge. Park at the turnout and walk up the road a short distance to the banks of Morgan Lake. Look for Canada geese on the lake as well as mallards and cinnamon teal. As you continue, listen for red-winged blackbirds and marsh wrens singing in the cattails along the banks. The trail will border the edge up a farm field as you start your way up the backside of Baskett Butte. As you hike along the trail you will get a good view of the north part of the refuge. You will be able to see all of Morgan Lake and Moffitti Marsh. The trail will drop down and you will come upon a junction which will provide you with options as to where to go next. You can turn-around and head back the way you came or turn left and take the inter-tie trail that will connect you with the Baskett Butte trail. Another option is to connect with Moffitti Marsh Trail which will take you to Smithfield Rd.

### **Inter-Tie trail**

**Length: .40 miles (one way)**

**Open: April 1<sup>st</sup> - Sept 30<sup>th</sup>**

This trail connects Moffitti Marsh and Morgan Lake trail with Baskett Butte Loop trail. Inter-tie trail takes you through an oak savanna habitat on Baskett Butte. This is a great trail to see spring wildflowers that we have on the refuge. Look and listen for acorn woodpeckers pecking away in the trees.



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**Baskett Slough National Wildlife Refuge: Public Use Facilities**

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|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Wildlife Viewing Sites           | State Highways               |
| Restrooms                        | County Roads                 |
| Trailhead                        | Baskett Slough               |
| Refuge Office                    | Wetlands                     |
| Trails (open year round)         | Upland Prairie/Oak Woodlands |
| Trails (open April 1 - Sept. 30) | Refuge Boundary              |

