

Chautauqua NWR Nature Trails



1 Chautauqua Nature Trail

Trail Head Chautauqua Refuge Headquarters.
Description This rocky trail takes you on a leisurely walk through the woods with three beautiful decks overlooking the South Pool. This is the oldest and most frequented trail at the refuge with great wildlife viewing and an ADA accessible path.
Length An ADA accessible .5 mile loop.

2 Roundtree Trail

Trail Head North and South Roundtree parking lots: Buzzville Rd, .8 miles north of Eagle Bluffs
Description This trail takes you through Roundtree Natural Area, an example of a typical Black Oak/Mockernut Hickory forest type. Good opportunities for mushroom and berry picking.
Length An easy .6 mile loop with two parking lots.

3 Beer-can Trail

Trail Head North Roundtree parking lot
Description Named for the ring of beer cans marking a secret birding hotspot, the trail takes you along the bluff of the North Pool to rarely seen areas of the refuge. A reduced understory makes this hike perfect for viewing migratory song-birds.
Length An easy .5 mile one way walk. Connects with Beach Trail on North end for possible loop.

4 Beach Trail

Trail Head North Roundtree parking lot
Description A sandy trail running along the shoreline of the North Pool. It has scenic views of the lake and provides excellent shorebird and waterfowl viewing during migration. Also look for turtles and snakes sunning themselves on the beach.
Length An easy .5 mile one way walk. Connects with Beer-can Trail. Impassable during high water.

5 North Pool Trail

Trail Head Eagle Bluffs boat launch area and North Roundtree parking lot.
Description This trail winds up the eastern bluff of the North Pool. A cool breeze from the lake makes this hike enjoyable in hot summer months. Look for remnants of the fishing cabins that once dotted the bluff.
Length A moderate 1.3 mile hike one way.

