

Enjoy your visit

Auto tour

The auto tour offers 6.5 miles of scenic views through desert landscapes where you may encounter species like Mule deer, coyotes, owls, and migratory birds.



Hunting

The refuge is open to hunting north of Division Road. For more information on hunting please visit the visitor center or refer to the webpage located in this brochure.



Photography

Capture your Stillwater NWR experience. Two photo blinds await you at Foxtail Lake and Tule Trail where you may photograph birds, mammals, and reptiles that rely on the many wetlands around us.



Hiking

Discover breathtaking vistas. With 2 miles of hiking trails, you can count on a unique experience at every corner.



Before your visit

The climate in the Great Basin can be extreme and drought or flash floods are not uncommon.

If you know when you are traveling through the area call or email us to obtain the latest information on refuge roads and climate conditions. Prepare for your visit by packing plenty of water, snacks, and always notify someone of your whereabouts.

Credits:
Auto Tour and Landscape/ USFWS
Red-Tailed Hawk @Casey Thorpe
Visitor Walking @Lorraine Ador



STILLWATER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

- Parking
- Restroom
- Hiking Trail
- Auto-tour
- Camping
- Boat Ramp
- Viewing Area
- Amphitheater
- Information
- Photo Blind

Trails

Tule Trail:

Season: Year Round
Distance/Duration: 1.5 miles/40 minutes
Terrain: Compacted gravel
Difficulty: Easy

Stillwater Point Reservoir Trail (overlook):

Season: Year Round
Distance/Duration: .13 miles/5 minutes
Terrain: Compacted gravel
Difficulty: Easy (ADA Accessible)

Duff's Pond Boardwalk:

Season: Year Round
Distance/Duration: .10 miles/4 minutes
Terrain: Compacted gravel and boardwalk
Difficulty: Easy

Paiute Path:

Season: Year Round
Distance/Duration: .08 miles/4 minutes
Terrain: Compacted gravel with slight incline
Difficulty: Easy

For more information about trails, please visit our website.

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National Wildlife Refuge System
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Nevada Relay Center
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Common Mergansers/ Keith Davis
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Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge

Welcome

An ecologically significant site

Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge (Stillwater NWR) was designated in 1949 as a migratory bird site. It is classified as an internationally important area of the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network and is also worthy of being recognized by the American Bird Conservancy as a globally important bird area. Its rankings and recognitions highlight Stillwater NWR's legacy as a must for nature in North America.

Stillwater NWR encompasses a whopping 80,000+ acres of dynamic landscapes including fresh and brackish water marshes, river corridors, alkaline beaches, desert scrub, and sand dunes. Overall Stillwater NWR is indisputably a thriving oasis in the desert landscape of the Great Basin.

Stillwater NWR is part of the Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge Complex which includes Fallon and Anaho Island National Wildlife Refuges and this is one of more than 560 wildlife refuges nationwide. This network of refuge lands was established for the conservation and management of fish, wildlife, and plant resources for the benefit of present and future generations. The Blue Goose is the symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Life at Stillwater

Wildlife and Habitat

As one of the driest areas in the country, the Lahontan Valley serves as a vital stopover site for thousands of migratory birds within the greater Saline Lake ecosystem in the Great Basin that also provides important habitat for other native wildlife. Although many species are present throughout the year, the refuge is home to impressive numbers of teal, pintail, and other waterfowl during the spring and fall migration season.

In the desert water is life. Enjoy the views as Avocets and other shorebirds forage in the wetlands. Many native mammals such as coyotes, pronghorn, and bats can also be seen here. Stillwater NWR provides the vital and essential element to help native species thrive.

Know the Signs



Wildlife Observation

Binoculars and spotting scopes are great for getting a closer look at nature and minimizing disturbance. Prepare for your trip by bringing a wildlife pocket guide, insect repellent, water, and snacks to maximize your refuge experience.



Photography

With breathtaking panoramas, biodiversity, and wildlife around every corner, we recommend that you bring a camera during your visit.



Camping

Camping is allowed year-round only in designated areas.



Pets

Please keep your pets on a leash and clean up after your pet.



Hunting

Hunting is permitted only in designated areas and in accordance with State and Federal regulations. Please consult the annual hunting guide published by the Nevada Department of Wildlife for current regulations in Nevada and on the refuge.



Boats

During the year, only boats without motors are allowed on Swan Check Lake. Other boating is not permitted outside of duck hunting season.



Stay on the road

Driving outside designated streets is not allowed.



Fires

Campfires are prohibited.

The Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge Complex provides an amazing setting for education, wildlife watching, and hunting in an area that is considered to be of global importance to nature.



Stillwater NWR Backdrop and
American Avocet/ USFWS
Bald Eagle/ Casey Thorpe