

**Welcome to
Lake Ilo
National
Wildlife Refuge**

Lake Ilo National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) is managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Refuge is one of more than 540 refuges in the National Wildlife Refuge System – a network of lands set aside to conserve wildlife and habitat for people today and for generations to come.

**Refuge
Information**

Lake Ilo NWR is located 1 mile west of Dunn Center, North Dakota; along Highway 200. The Refuge is open to visitors from sunrise to sunset daily. Please consult the Refuge map for areas open to public use.

**Visitor
Opportunities
*Lake Ilo Park***

Located on the north shore of Lake Ilo, the Lake Ilo Park provides visitors with daytime facilities including tables, charcoal grills, litter receptacles, and a rest room. A 1-mile interpreted nature trail begins in the park and winds along the north shoreline of Lake Ilo. Opportunities exist to view many species of wildlife including birds, bats, deer, raccoons, turtles, and many more. The trail has several interpretive signs and rest benches for the visitor's enjoyment.

An information kiosk contains Refuge brochures, wildlife lists, archeological information, and visitor's guides.

Interpretation

An archeological display containing a reconstructed stone tipi ring and interpretive panels are located near the nature trailhead.

The Lake Ilo dam is a prominent and important feature of the Refuge. An overlook parking area is located on a hill at the north end of the structure. An informative display on the dam's history, along with a dedication stone, are located near the spillway.

***Wildlife
Observation***

Spring and fall migration are peak times to observe and photograph many species and concentrations of birds. Early mornings and evenings are best for viewing wildlife. The wildlife list provides information on species found on the Refuge.

Fishing

Portions of Lake Ilo are open to fishing and boating in accordance with State and Refuge regulations. Consult this visitor's guide and the North Dakota State Fishing Guide for regulations. Northern pike, perch, and bluegill are popular game fish in Lake Ilo.

Fishing and wildlife-oriented boating is allowed May 1 through September 30. Areas open to fishing and boating are designated by signs, marker buoys, and the Refuge map. Boat motors are restricted to idle speed only.

An accessible fishing pier is located in Lake Ilo Park. A boat ramp and courtesy dock are available on the north shore.

Fishing from the shoreline is open year-round in areas open to public fishing on Lake Ilo.

Ice fishing is open October 1 through March 31.

The Lake Ilo dam spillway, emergency spillway, and islands are closed to all public use.

***Environmental
Education***

Spring and summer offer wonderful wildlife education opportunities for school students and other interested groups visiting the Refuge. Please contact the Refuge Manager at Audubon NWR, Coleharbor, North Dakota, at 701 / 442 5474, in advance to schedule a program.

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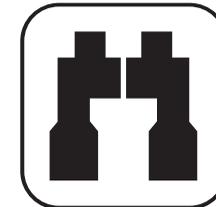


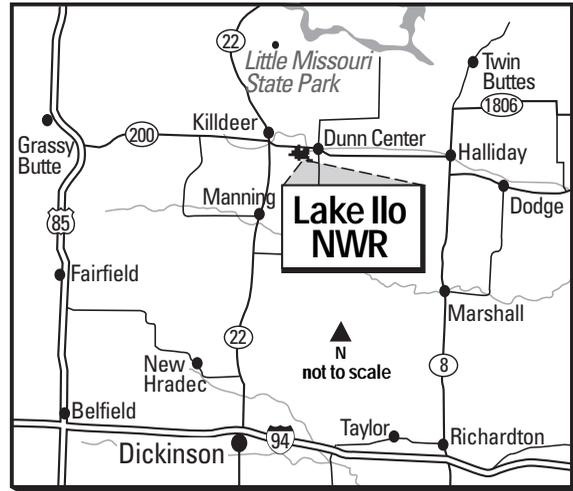
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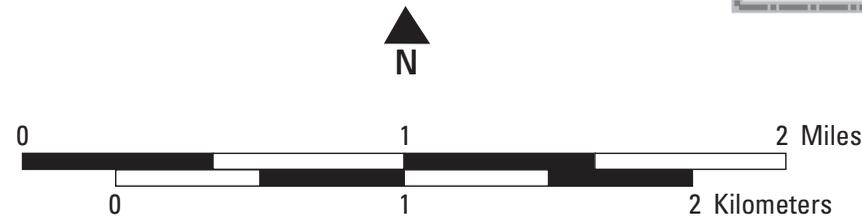
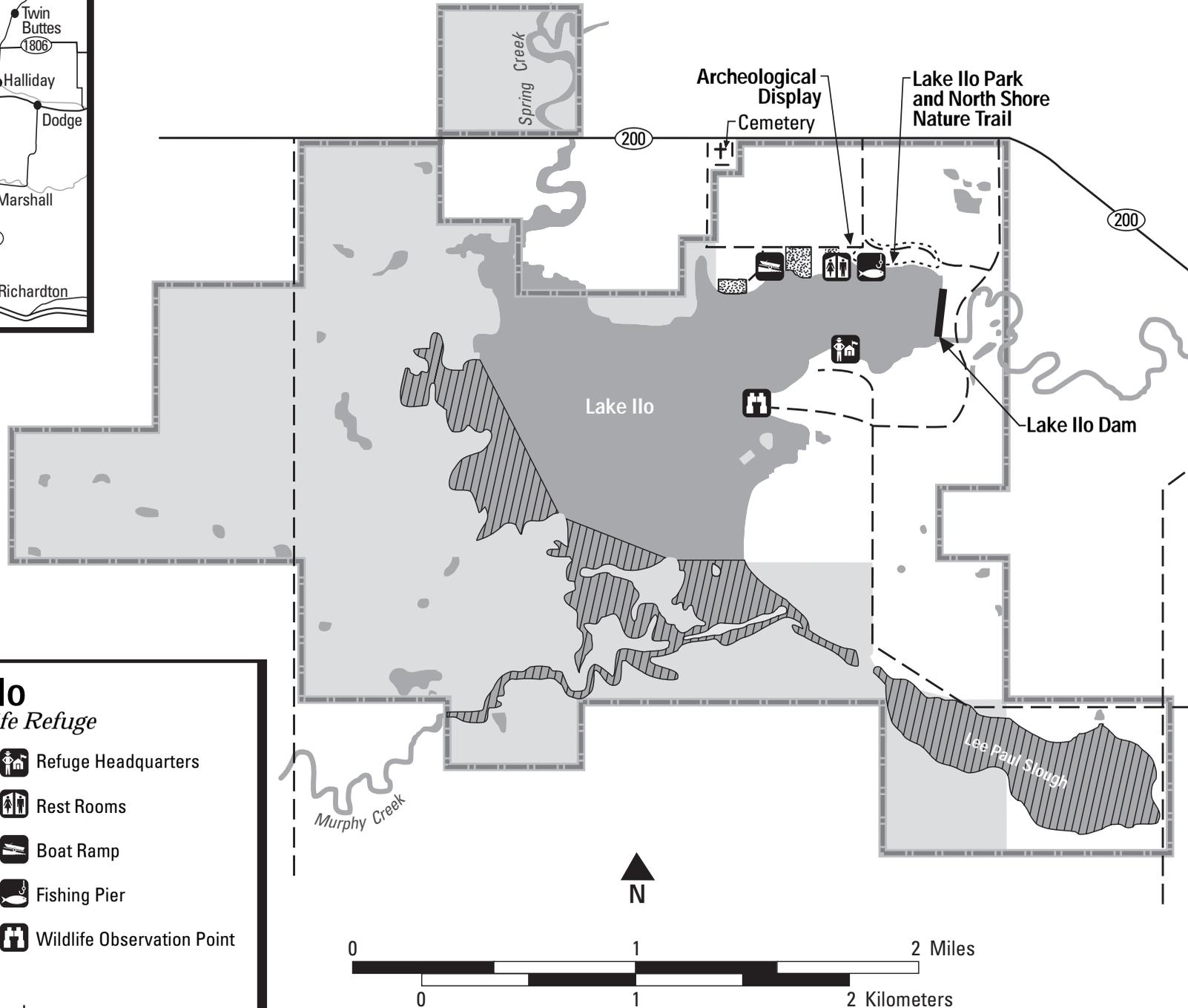




This goose, designed by J.N. "Ding" Darling, has become the symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Lake Ilo National Wildlife Refuge

Refuge Boundary	Refuge Headquarters
State Highway	Rest Rooms
Gravel Road	Boat Ramp
North Shore Nature Trail	Fishing Pier
Closed to Boats, Fishing, and Public Use	Wildlife Observation Point
Closed to All Public Use	
Open to Public Use	
Private Land Inside Refuge Boundary	



Protecting the Refuge

For the protection of wildlife, habitat, and other visitors, please make Lake Ilo NWR a better place by observing the following regulations:

- Vehicles must stay on roads. Visitors may park on road sides if not blocking gates or road travel.
- All plants, animals, and artifacts are protected and may not be disturbed.
- Camping and fires are not allowed except for fires in grills in the Lake Ilo Park.
- Pets must be leashed at all times.
- Water sports such as waterskiing, jet skiing, racing, sail boating, scuba diving, and swimming are not allowed.
- No hunting is allowed.
- Fireworks, firearms, and other weapons are not allowed on the Refuge.
- All litter must be packed out or disposed of in receptacles in the Lake Ilo Park.

Accessibility Information

Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs and activities of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is available to all individuals regardless of physical or mental ability. Dial 7-1-1 for a free connection to the State transfer relay service for TTY and voice calls to and from the speech and hearing impaired. For more information or to address accessibility needs, please contact the Refuge staff at 701 / 442 5474, or the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Equal Opportunity, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20240.