



Dear Tribal Partners,

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) and the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society (NAFWS) are co-hosting an Eagle Summit III, followed by a government-to-government consultation regarding eagles to be held in **Denver, Colorado, on Thursday, March 20, 2014, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.** This is a free event. The date and city were chosen to coincide with the Denver March Powwow. If you plan to attend the **Eagle Summit III, Working Lunch, Government-to-Government Eagle Consultation or the Eagle Repository Tours**, please register [online](#).

- WHAT:** Eagle Summit III and consultation regarding eagles
WHEN: Thursday, March 20, 2014, from 8:00 to 5:00
WHERE: Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge
6550 Gateway Road, Commerce City, Colorado 80022



TOUR OPPORTUNITY:

Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge & Eagle Repository, Plus Seized Property

The refuge tour will last approximately 1 hour. More than 330 species of animals, including bison, deer, coyotes, bald eagles and burrowing owls inhabit the refuge. National Eagle Repository will offer a tour of the facility, which is next to the meeting location. The repository tour will last approximately one hour. **An additional tour will be offered on Friday, March 21 starting at 9:00 a.m. to allow an opportunity for consultation participants to participate.** Tour groups are limited to 25 people and additional tours can be arranged if needed.

REGISTRATION:

This event is free but if you plan to attend the Eagle Summit III, Eagle Government-to-Government Consultation or the Eagle Repository Tour, [please register online](#). For the latest updates visit the [Eagle Summit webpage!](#)

MEETING SUMMARY

PART 1, EAGLE SUMMIT III: In the morning, there will be a joint panel discussion led by Steve Oberholtzer, Special Agent in-Charge of Law Enforcement and the National Eagle Repository. He will be joined by Alvin Windy Boy, Sr. from the Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation and Clint Riley to discuss new processes for the National Eagle Repository regarding the distribution of Eagle feathers to permit holders. The presentations will also cover the laws, permits and regulations governing eagle feather possession. After brief presentations, the panel will accept questions and concerns from the Native American community in attendance.

LUNCH: Provided & Sponsored by Native American Fish and Wildlife Society
Rick Williams, Traditional Speaker, Eagle in Tribal Culture and Story Telling

PART 2, OPTION 1 - EAGLE CONSULTATION (or see option 2)

The afternoon will be dedicated to government-to-government consultation and it is open to *Official Tribal Representatives*. The consultation will address specific issues related to eagles, led by Clint Riley, Assistant Regional Director for Migratory Birds. These will include potential policy and regulatory changes concerning eagle rehabilitation, propagation, carcass disposition, and depredation; potential revisions to eagle take permit regulations; and consideration of an eagle take permit for the proposed Chokecherry-Sierra Madre wind energy project in Wyoming. Those wishing to consult on any of these topics outside of this opportunity may contact us to arrange a meeting.

Part 2, OPTION 2:

ROCKY MOUNTAIN ARSENAL WILDLIFE REFUGE & EAGLE REPOSITORY PLUS PROPERTY TOUR

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Location: [Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge](#), Assembly Room, 6550 Gateway Road, Commerce City, CO 80022.

You can view the refuge's [Trail and Wildlife Drive Map](#) (1.2 MB PDF) or see a [virtual tour](#) of the refuge.

Directions: From I-70 exit at Quebec Street and go north. Travel approximately 2.8 miles to Prairie Parkway/64th Avenue. Turn right at Prairie Parkway and travel 0.6 miles to Gateway Road. Turn left at Gateway Road. Continue on Gateway Road until you pass through the Refuge entrance.

Hotel Information:

[Holiday Inn Express](#), 12140 E 45th Street, Denver, Colorado 80239

To reserve you must call the hotel directly at 1-303-371-9498 and mention the Denver March Powwow. They are willing to offer us the Denver March Powwow **Rate of \$85 a night for both singles and double rooms**. The hotels regular rates are \$99-144 for a single bed and \$119-174 a night for double beds.

[La Quinta Denver Gateway Park](#), 4460 Peoria Street, Denver, Colorado 80239

To reserve you must call the hotel directly at 1-303-373-2525. This hotel is right next to Holiday Inn Express. Their government rate is \$89 a night for single bed and \$109 a night for the double beds.

[Embassy Suites](#), 4444 North Havana Street, Denver, Colorado, 80239

You can use [this link](#) to directly reserve rooms or you can call the hotel at 1-303-375-0400 and ask for room block: US Fish Wildlife Service. *We are unable to cover travel expenses*. Nightly room rate is \$139.00 and the room block is held through March 1. The hotel offers complimentary breakfast and free drinks during the evening happy hour.

This is a free event with no registration fees. If you plan to attend Eagle Summit III, please register [online](#). For the latest updates visit the [Eagle Summit webpage!](#)



Draft Agenda
Denver Eagle Summit III and Eagle Consultation
Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge
6550 Gateway Road, Commerce City, Colorado 80022
March 20, 2014 - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

GOAL:

To continue to improve communication and understanding about eagles between the Tribes served by Region 6 of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service by discussing topics of mutual interest and identifying issues needing resolution.

8:00 PART 1: EAGLE SUMMIT III – Opening Prayer -

Joint participant panel discussion, led by Steve Oberholtzer, Special Agent in-Charge of Law Enforcement and the National Eagle Repository joined by Alvin Windy Boy, Sr. and Clint Riley

- Improvements to the National Eagle Repository's processes
- Eagle take permitting, where the Service is heading
- Indian religious take permits in the country
- Service's communication and coordination strategies with Tribes in R6

12:00 LUNCH: Provided & Sponsored by Native American Fish and Wildlife Society
Rick Williams, Traditional Speaker, Eagle in Tribal Culture and Story Telling

1:00 PART 2, OPTION 1: GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON EAGLES
([G2G Consultation](#) is open to Official Tribal Representatives speaking on behalf of their Tribe)

Led by Clint Riley, Assistant Regional Director for Migratory Birds

- Management of depredating eagles
- Changing regulations governing rehabilitation of golden eagles
- Captive propagation of golden eagles
- Eagle carcass disposition
- Revision of bald and golden eagle take permit regulations
- Eagle take permit application for proposed Chokeycherry-Sierra Madre wind energy project

1:00 PART 2, OPTION 2: ROCKY MOUNTAIN ARSENAL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE AND EAGLE REPOSITORY, PLUS SEIZED PROPERTY TOUR: (from 1:00 to 3:30)

The refuge tour will last approximately 1 hour. More than 330 species of animals, including bison, deer, coyotes, bald eagles and burrowing owls inhabit the refuge. National Eagle Repository will offer a tour of the facility, which is next to the meeting location. The tour will last approximately one hour. **An additional tour will be offered on Friday, March 21 starting at 9:00 a.m. to allow an opportunity for consultation participants to participate.**

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Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge

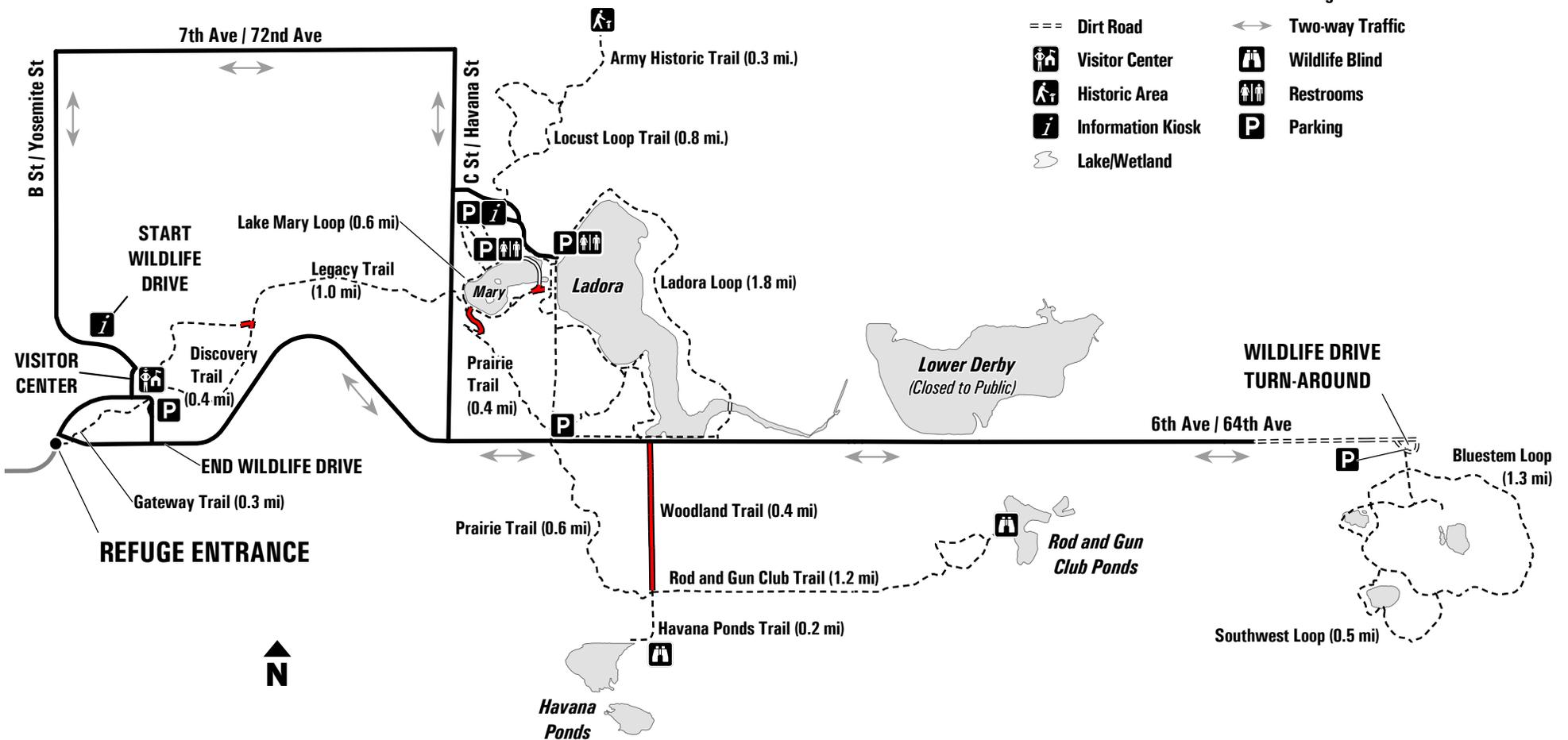
Hiking Trails and Wildlife Drive Auto Tour

Wildlife Drive Auto Tour - Stay in your vehicle in the bison enclosure, speed limit is 30 mph, and pull off to the shoulder to view wildlife. (See reverse side for Wildlife Drive/Trail information.)

PLEASE OBEY ALL SIGNS
 Trail Closed - Flood Damage

Legend

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|  Wildlife Drive |  Hiking Trail |
|  Dirt Road |  Two-way Traffic |
|  Visitor Center |  Wildlife Blind |
|  Historic Area |  Restrooms |
|  Information Kiosk |  Parking |
|  Lake/Wetland | |



Wildlife Drive

- Wildlife Drive is for motorized vehicles only (motorcycles and scooters are not recommended). Route is 9 miles long, takes about 30 minutes to 1 hour, and ends at the Visitor Center.
- **Please take a Wildlife Drive/Trail Map with you** and follow all wildlife drive symbols and directional arrows. Do not drive on other paved or two-track roads.
- Foot traffic allowed only on designated trails.
- **Maximum speed limit is 30 miles per hour along the route.**
- Road surfaces are paved and/or gravel.
- Your vehicle is a great “blind”. Staying in your vehicle will greatly increase your observation opportunities. If exiting your vehicle, please stay within 10—20 feet.
- Please pull off onto the shoulder when stopping to observe wildlife and turn on your flashers.
- **Stay in your vehicle while driving through the bison pasture (please note the signs marking the bison pasture).** Bison are wild, unpredictable animals – do not honk your horn or try to attract their attention. If bison are blocking the road, keep your vehicle at a safe distance and be patient until they move. We recommend you keep at least a 50 to 100 yard distance between your vehicle and the bison.
- There is no access to Lower Derby Lake – it is a protected area for waterfowl.
- Avoid stopping under bird nests – this is stressful to young or nesting birds, hawks and owls.
- **Parking is allowed only in designated areas noted on the map to access trails.**
- Be alert! Watch for wildlife darting out onto the road, other vehicles or heavy equipment, and pedestrians crossing the road.
- Please practice good wildlife viewing ethics – if your behavior is affecting wildlife behavior then you are too close. Do not honk your horn, shout, or feed wildlife. Let’s keep the “wild” in wildlife. We hope you enjoy your tour - *Thank you!*

What to Watch for Along the Way

- **B Street, 7th Avenue, C Street** – Mule deer, bison, prairie dogs, rabbits, hawks.
- **6th Avenue** – White-tailed deer, mule deer, hawks, waterfowl, shorebirds, song birds, and wintering bald eagles.
- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is not responsible for damage to vehicles caused by wildlife.

Hiking Trails

The Refuge has an extensive system of trails available year-round for hiking and snowshoeing. Trail surfaces are gravel, dirt or a combination and are ADA accessible, except for the Prairie Switchback and Woodland Trails.

Grassland Habitat

Explore the trails that meander through the native shortgrass prairie habitat. Throughout the seasons you may observe mule and white-tailed deer, prairie dogs, migrating songbirds, and coyotes.

- Gateway Trail
- Locust Loop Trail and Army Historic Trail
- Bluestem Loop/Southwest Loop
- Legacy Trail
- Discovery Trail
- Prairie Trail

Wetlands Habitat

Stroll along lakes, marshes and ponds and walk on a floating boardwalk to catch a closer glimpse of wildlife throughout the year. These trails provide excellent opportunities to see migrating waterfowl, shorebirds, white pelicans, double-crested cormorants, and amphibians.

- Lake Mary Loop Trail
- Rod and Gun Club Wildlife Blind
- Lake Ladora Loop Trail
- Havana Ponds Trail

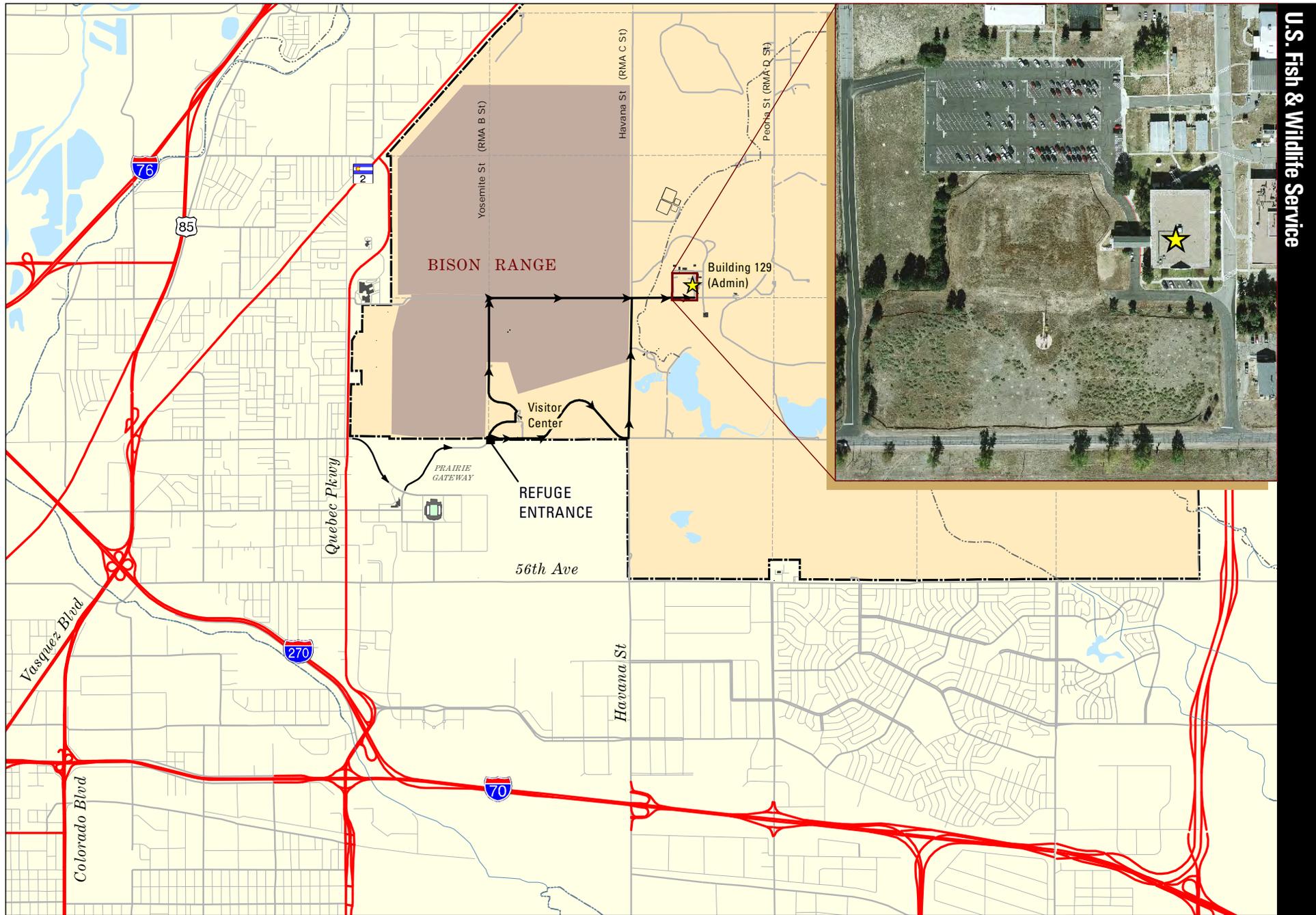
Woodlands Habitat

These scenic trails are lined with cottonwoods, willows, and locust thickets and provide shade and habitat for wildlife. Keep your eyes open for hawks, eagles, and owls perched in the branches, while deer can be found browsing below.

- Rod and Gun Club Trail
- Woodland Trail

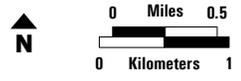
Visitor Regulations

- Stay on marked trails and abide by posted signs and regulations.
- Use caution when walking on roads. Yield to approaching vehicles.
- Observe wildlife from a distance.
- Searching for or removal of any object is prohibited.
- No bicycles allowed and assistance dogs are welcome.



Rocky Mountain Arsenal
National Wildlife Refuge
Getting Here

Turn east off Quebec Pkwy onto 64th Ave. Follow to intersection on north side of Commerce City offices, then turn left and follow to the RMANWR entrance.



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