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### WINTER WORLD OF WATERFOWL AWAITS HOLIDAY TRAVELERS NEW REFUGE GUIDE SHOWS YOU WHERE

Wondering where the longest-running holiday extravaganza will be playing this season? On the National Wildlife Refuge System, where the admission is free and all features are rated "G"!

This annual wildlife pageant, starring migratory waterfowl of every species and description, is but a short day-trip away from millions of holiday travelers looking for entertaining family fare.

Flocks of showy snow geese, honking Canadas, and flashy wood ducks are now making their stage debut throughout the central and southern United States after their long fall migrations from Alaska, Canada, and even the far reaches of Siberia. From California's Central Valley to the Texas Gulf Coast to the wetlands of Florida, the curtain is now rising on a show that never fails to draw rave reviews.

Your ticket to this winter wonderland is the new "Visitor's Guide to the National Wildlife Refuges," just published by the Interior Department's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Most of the Nation's 413 National Wildlife Refuges are now depicted on this new handy, pocket-size map of the United States. As a convenience to vacationers and day-trippers, these refuges are spotted against an outline of the Interstate Highway System on this colorful and attractive map. On the reverse, a complete run-down of major public use activities on each refuge is provided, ranging from auto tours and foot trails to hunting and fishing. Addresses for each refuge are also listed.

So, if the holiday wrapping paper is knee-deep and cabin fever is beginning to set in, take a day off and go wildlife watching for a seasonal treat that, like Christmas, comes but once a year!

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The "Visitor's Guide to the National Wildlife Refuges" is available for \$2.25 (or \$31 per 100 copies) from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402 (specify stock # 024-010-00529-7).

Editors only: Single review copies of this guide are available from the Publications Unit, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, D.C. 20240 (202/254-6306).

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