



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

## Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge – Mohawk River Division Coos County, New Hampshire

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Welcome to the Mohawk River Division (Division) of the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge (Refuge). The Refuge, administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, is part of the National Wildlife Refuge System, a national network of 553 refuges, protecting more than 150 million acres of key habitat for wildlife, fish, plants, and people.

The Refuge was established in 1997, in part to conserve, protect, and enhance the natural diversity and abundance of wildlife, fish, plants, and federal threatened and endangered species in the Connecticut River watershed. There are additional divisions in New Hampshire (Pondicherry), Vermont (Nulhegan Basin), Massachusetts (Fort River and Mill River), and Connecticut (Salmon River).

The Mohawk River Division was established in 2007 and is now 1,023 acres in size. Located in the town of Columbia, New Hampshire approximately five miles southeast of the town of Colebrook, the Division is bounded by Bungy Road to the east and south, Marshall Hill Road to the west, and Keach Road to the north. The map on the reverse side displays the current extent of the Division. Land that is not colored blue is privately owned.

This Division is a mix of wetlands, mature and early succession forest, and meadows that provides excellent habitat for numerous migratory birds and resident wildlife including: American woodcock, Northern harriers, white-tailed deer, moose, and ruffed grouse (partridge). The most obvious feature at the Division is Blueberry Swamp.

This high quality wetland is fed by the East Branch of Simms Stream which flows from east to west on its way to the Connecticut River.

### Public Uses

The Division is open to the public throughout the year. Visitors may hike, snowshoe, and ski here. Hunting and fishing are allowed under state regulations, except that baiting, driving metal into a tree for a tree stand, cutting trees or vegetation, and possessing alcohol while hunting is prohibited. Motorized access, collecting or removing items, camping, and fires are not allowed on the Division. A full listing of regulations on national wildlife refuges is available at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/index.html> under Title 50.

There are no developed parking areas or hiking trails at this time, although there are several old, native surface two-track roads that serve as good trails into the Division. The best access is along Bungy Road approximately 0.6 miles south of Bunnel Road. Visitors may park on the old road before the gate and informational kiosk.

Additional information about the Silvio O. Conte Refuge and the Mohawk River Division is available from the Refuge Headquarters at:

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