

PACIFIC REGION

California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon and Washington

CALIFORNIA

Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge, c/o San Francisco Bay NWR Complex, P.O. Box 524, Newark, CA 94560; (510) 792-0222; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=11648>. Office hours, 10:00 am–4:00 pm, except closed on all federal holidays. The refuge is open 7:00 am–6:00 pm, November to March, and 7:00 am–8:00 pm, April to October. Good access roads. Nearest main highways are I-880 and U.S. 101. Nearest communities are Fremont and Newark. Fishing is allowed year-round. Refuge waters include approximately 6 miles of shoreline plus one fishing pier. A fishing license is not required of anglers who use Dumbarton pier. Available species include striped bass, sculpin, shark, croaker, halibut, sturgeon and crabs.



Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes National Wildlife Refuge, managed as part of Hopper Mountain NWR Complex, 1055 Guadalupe St. (Scenic Hwy. 1), Guadalupe, CA 93434; (805) 343-9151. Office hours, 9:00 am–3:00 pm. Nearest communities include the City of Guadalupe and Pismo Beach. Nearest highway is Hwy. 1. Surf fishing and access to the refuge is south along the shoreline half-a-mile south of the end of the boardwalk. For more information, go to <http://www.dunescenter.org>. Available species include surf perch and striped bass. The refuge has no facilities. Fishing season is year-round.



Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 576, Loleta, CA 95551; (707) 733-5406; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=11590>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:00 pm, daily. Hookton Slough Unit is open during daylight hours. Good access roads. Nearest main highway is Hwy. 101. Nearest communities are Fortuna and Eureka. Refuge waters include South Humboldt Bay. Fishing is permitted over refuge tidelands. Non-motorized boat launch and dock are at the Hookton Slough Unit. Public boat launch is at Fields Landing. Fishing season is year-round. Available species include shellfish, jacksmelt and shark.



Klamath Marsh National Wildlife Refuge, 4009 Hill Rd., Tulelake, CA 96134; (503) 667-2231; <http://klamathbasinrefuges.fws.gov/klamathmarsh/klamathmarsh.html>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, daily. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Nearest main highway is U.S. 97. Good access roads. Nearest community

is Chemult, OR. Public fishing is permitted along the Silver Lake Highway in the borrow ditch adjacent to the marsh. No boating is allowed.



Modoc National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 1610, Alturas, CA 96101; (530) 233-3572; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=11690>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Good access roads. Nearest main highway is U.S. 395. Nearest community is Alturas. Refuge waters include Dorris Reservoir (approximately 1,000 acres, when at full capacity) which is open to fishing February–September 30. Walk-in access only is available February 1–March 31. Boat access is open April 1–September 30. Available species include largemouth bass, catfish, sunfish and rainbow trout.

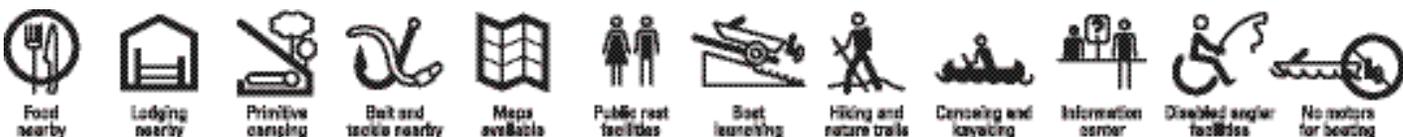


Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge, Packer Unit, managed as part of the Sacramento NWR Complex, 752 County Rd. 99W, Willows, CA 95988; (530) 934-2801; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=11627>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset. Nearest community is Ordbend. Nearest highway is Hwy. 45. The Packer Unit contains a 100-acre oxbow lake. Best time for angling is March–November for species such as bluegill and largemouth bass. A narrow dirt road provides access to an unimproved boat launch area. There is limited fishing from the shoreline. No facilities are available.

Salinas River National Wildlife Refuge, c/o San Francisco Bay NWR Complex, P.O. Box 524, Newark, CA 94560; (510) 792-0222; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=11642>. Office hours (at San Francisco Bay NWR), 10:00 am–5:00 pm, except closed on all federal holidays. Salinas River NWR is open during daylight hours. Primitive access roads. Nearest main highway is Hwy. 1. Nearest communities are Seaside and Monterey. Salinas River NWR provides access to surf fishing via a 1/3-mile trail. Waters include the mouth of the Salinas River and Monterey Bay, with approximately 1 mile of shoreline open to surf fishing. Fishing is primarily for sea perch and shark. There are no facilities on Salinas River NWR.



San Luis National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 2176, Los Banos, CA 93635; (209) 826-3508; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=11655>. Office hours, 7:45 am–5:00 pm, Monday–Friday.



Refuge is open a half-hour before sunrise to a half-hour after sunset. Good access roads. Nearest main highways are I-5, Hwys. 99, 165 and 152. Nearest community is Los Banos. Refuge waters include Salt Slough and the San Joaquin River on the east side of Hwy. 165. The fishing season is year-round. Available species include striped bass, crappie and catfish. No boats are allowed.



San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge, c/o San Francisco Bay NWR Complex, P.O. Box 524, Newark, CA 94560; (510) 792-0222; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=11644>. Office hours (at San Francisco Bay NWR Complex), 10:00 am–5:00 pm, except closed on all federal holidays. San Pablo Bay NWR is open year-round during daylight hours. Nearest main highway is Hwy. 37. Nearest community is Vallejo. Fishing season is year-round by boat only on all open waters and navigable sloughs of the refuge, including lower reach of Tolay Creek and all of the northern portion of San Pablo Bay. No shoreline fishing is currently permitted. Saltwater species include flounder, striped bass, sturgeon, rays and sharks. Boat ramps are located in Vallejo, on the Napa and Petaluma Rivers.



Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge, 906 W. Sinclair, Calipatria, CA 92233; (760) 348-5278 <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=11631>. Office hours, 7:00 am–3:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Good access roads. Nearest main highways are Hwys. 111 and 86. Nearest communities are Niland, Calipatria, Westmoreland and Brawley. Refuge waters include Salton Sea, a saltwater inland “lake,” saltier than the ocean. There are approximately 35,500 acres of refuge lake area open to fishing, with water ranging from shallow to about 20 feet deep. Fishing season is year-round. Available species include orangemouth corvina, sargo, gulf croaker and tilapia. Boat fishing only is permitted.



Tijuana Slough National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 334, Imperial Beach, CA 91933; (619) 575-1290; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=11681>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Good access roads. Nearest main highway is I-5. Nearest community is Imperial Beach. Surf fishing access is below mean High Tide Line, but angler walk-in access is permitted through refuge. Fishing season is year-round. Available species include surf perch, croaker, corvina and California halibut. No boats are permitted. No fishing is allowed at the Tijuana River mouth, in the lagoon, sloughs or marsh areas. Fishing is permitted only in the ocean.



Upper Klamath National Wildlife Refuge, Rt. 1, Box 74, Tulelake, CA 96134; (916) 667-2231; <http://klamathbasinrefuges.fws.gov/upperklamath/upperklamath.html>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, daily. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Good access roads. Nearest main highway is U.S. 97. Nearest community is Klamath Falls. Refuge waters include Upper Klamath Lake. Fishing season is year-round. Freshwater species include rainbow trout. The lake is covered in winter with thin ice.



HAWAII

Hanalei National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 87, Kilauea, HI 96754; (808) 828-1413; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=12522>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Good access roads. Nearest main highway is Hwy. 56. Nearest community is Hanalei. Refuge waters include Hanalei River. Fishing season is year-round; March–September for mullet. Other available species include milkfish, barracuda, mobi and shrimp.



Kakahāia National Wildlife Refuge, Island of Molokai, HI, Maui NWR Complex, P.O. Box 1042, Milepost 6 Mokulele Hwy., Kihei, HI 96753; (808) 875-1582; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=12525>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:00 pm, daily. Access is for coastal area only located along Kamehameha V Highway (Hwy. 450). The nearest community is Kaunakakai. Refuge property includes approximately 1 mile of shoreline. Most common species in the ocean are omilu, weke a'a weke pueo, goatfish, hawkfish, surgeonfish, lai, kaku and snapper. Invertebrates most commonly taken include tako and ghost crab. No boats are permitted.



Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge, managed as part of the Kauai NWR Complex, Kilauea Rd., Kauai, HI; (808) 828-1413; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=12530>. Office hours, 10:00 am–4:00 pm, daily. Nearest community is Kilauea. Surf fishing along the tidal shoreline from Rock Quarry to Mokolea Point is for various salt water species, including ulua, papio, barracuda and others. Fishing is allowed during daylight hours. There are no public facilities in this area of the refuge.



IDAHO

Bear Lake National Wildlife Refuge, 370 Webster, Box 9, Montpelier, ID 83254; (208) 847-1757; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=14613>. Office hours, 6:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open daily during daylight hours. Good access roads. Nearest main highways are Hwy. 30 and U.S. 89. Nearest communities are Montpelier and Paris. Refuge waters open to fishing include Outlet Canal-A, a channelized portion of the Bear River (2 miles long, approximately 12 surface acres). Available species include brown and cutthroat trout, yellow perch and carp. Boat fishing is not allowed.



Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge (Lake Lowell Sector, Idaho), 13751 Upper Embankment Rd., Nampa, ID 83686; (208) 467-9278; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=14560>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open daily. Good access roads. Nearest main highways are I-84, Hwys. 45 and 55. Nearest communities are Nampa-Caldwell and Boise. Refuge waters include Lake Lowell (8,800 acres). Fishing season is year-round with seasonal restrictions. Available species include rainbow trout, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, crappie, bluegill, yellow perch and catfish. Power craft are permitted April 15–October 1.



Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge (Snake River Islands Sector, Idaho and Oregon), 13751 Upper Embankment Rd., Nampa, ID 83686; (208) 888-5582; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=14560>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Good access road. Nearest main highway is I-84. Nearest communities are Ontario, OR, and Payette, Nyssa and Weiser, ID. Refuge waters include Snake River. Fishing season is year-round. Available species include largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, crappie, bluegill and catfish. Refuge islands are available by boat only. Islands are closed February 1–May 31.



Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge, HCR 60, Box 283, Bonners Ferry, ID 83805; (208) 267-3888; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=14580>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Good access roads. Nearest main highway is U.S. 95. Nearest communities are Bonners Ferry and Sandpoint. Refuge waters include 2.5 miles of stream, approximately 4 acres. Fishing season is generally late May–November. Available species include rainbow and brook trout.



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Minidoka National Wildlife Refuge, 961 E. Minidoka Dam Rd., Rupert, ID 83350; (208) 436-3589; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=14614>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Access roads vary from good to primitive. Nearest main highways are I-84, I-86 and Hwy. 24. Nearest community is Rupert. Refuge waters include Lake Walcott; the reservoir behind Minidoka Dam (11,000 acres, of which 4,000 acres are open to boat fishing at certain times); Snake River, in the spillway area below Minidoka Dam (60 acres); and in Smith Spring and Gifford Spring boat-fishing lanes (80 and 200 acres, respectively). Boat fishing on Lake Walcott is permitted April 1–September 30 within the area designated by buoys. Boat fishing within the Smith Spring and Gifford Spring boat-fishing lanes is permitted year-round. Bank fishing is also permitted year-round. Available species include rainbow trout and smallmouth bass. In parts of the refuge, stay on designated access roads to protect fragile sagebrush-grassland habitat.



*Nearby

NEVADA

Pahrnagat National Wildlife Refuge, Box 510, Alamo, NV 89001; (775) 725-3417; <http://desertcomplex.fws.gov/pahrnagat/>. Office hours, 7:00 am–4:00 pm. Refuge is open daily. Fair access roads. Nearest main highway is U.S. 93. Nearest community is Alamo. Refuge waters include Middle Pond (100 acres), upper Pahrnagat Lake and North Marsh (400 acres). Fishing season is year-round, except North Marsh is closed during waterfowl hunting season. Available species include largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, bullhead and carp. Electric motors only are allowed.



Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge, HC 60 Box 860, Ruby Valley, NV 89833; (775) 779-2237; http://pacific.fws.gov/refuges/field/NV_rubyhk.htm. Office hours, 7:00 am–4:00 pm. Refuge is open 1 hour before sunrise until 2 hours after sunset. Fair access roads; 30–35 miles are dirt/gravel. Nearest main highways are U.S. 50, 93 and I-80. Nearest community is Elko. Refuge waters

include South Marsh; Units 10, 13, 14, 20 and 21; Gravel Pit Pond; Willow Pond; North County Line Pond; and Hidden Springs Pond. (Note that there are no open-water lakes, only wetlands interspersed with cattails and bulrush, which form a maze of channels.) Fishing season is year-round. Species include rainbow, brook, cutthroat and brown trout as well as largemouth bass. No boats are permitted January 1–June 14; non-motorized boats and boats with battery-powered electric motors are permitted June 15–July 31; non-motorized boats and boats propelled by gas motors 10 hp or less are permitted August 1–December 31.



OREGON

Bandon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge, 83673 North Bank Lane, P.O. Box 99, Bandon, OR 97411; (541) 347-1470; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=13596>. Office is staffed intermittently. Fair access roads. Nearest community is Bandon. Fishing is permitted only on Bandon Marsh Unit, west of U.S. Hwy. 101. Fishing area of refuge is open during daylight hours. Nearest highway is U.S. Hwy. 101. Primary fishing is shellfishing on refuge mudflats. Fishing season is year-round.



Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge, P.O. Box 111, Lakeview, OR 97630; (541) 947-2731; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=14622>. Office hours, 7:00 am–4:30 pm Monday–Thursday, 7:00 am–3:30 pm Friday. Poor access roads. Nearest main highways are U.S. 395 and Hwy. 140. Fishing is available in Rock and Guano Creeks and Warner Pond. Nearest community is Lakeview.



Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, 36391 Sodhouse Lane, Princeton, OR 97721; (541) 493-2612; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=13588>. Office hours, 7:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Thursday; 7:00 am–3:30 pm, Friday. The refuge is open from dawn to dusk. Good access roads. Nearest main highway is Hwy. 78. Nearest community is Princeton. Anglers may fish year-round from Page Dam to the confluence of the Blitzen River and Bridge Creek on the following waterways: Blitzen River, East Canal, Mud Creek and Bridge Creek. Anglers may fish on Krumbo Reservoir from the fourth Saturday in April until the end of October. Available species are primarily crappie, largemouth bass, rainbow trout and redband trout. Non-motorized boats and boats with electric motors are authorized on Krumbo Reservoir.



McKay Creek National Wildlife Refuge, managed as part of the Mid-Columbia River NWR Complex, P.O. Box 2527, Pasco, WA 99302; (509) 545-8588; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=13582>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open 24 hours a day during fishing season. Fair access roads. Nearest main highway is Hwy. 395. Nearest community is Pendleton. Fishing on the refuge is at the McKay Creek Reservoir, which consists of 1,300 acres of water at full pool and decreases to an average of 250 acres of water by late September. Fishing is available March 1–September 30. Available species include rainbow trout, crappie, black bass, sunfish and yellow perch. The refuge's facilities include a seasonal boat launch.



Mid-Columbia River National Wildlife Refuge Complex,

Paterson Ferry Rd., Irrigon c/o P.O. Box 2527, Pasco, WA 99302; (509) 545-8588; <http://midcolumbiariver.fws.gov/>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Good access roads. The refuge is open daily from dawn to dusk. Nearest main highway is Hwy. 12. Nearest communities are Irrigon, Boardman, Umatilla and Hermiston. Refuge waters include small gravel ponds and a lake created by a hydroelectric dam on the Columbia River. Fishing is available March 1–September 30. The sloughs on the McCormack Unit are closed to fishing to protect fragile waterfowl habitat. Available species include steelhead, salmon, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, crappie, bluegill, perch, walleye, catfish and sturgeon.



**Bait and tackle are available in nearby communities. **Boat launch is on property between the refuge and the state fish hatchery.*

Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 111, U.S. Post Office Building, Lakeview, OR 97630; (503) 947-3315; <http://sheldonhartmtn.fws.gov/Sheldon/index.html>. Office hours, 8:00 am–5:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open daily. Nearest main highway is Hwy. 140. Nearest community is Lakeview. Primitive access roads. Refuge waters include Dufurrena Ponds (20 acres) and Big Springs Reservoir (335 acres). Fishing season is May 15–November 15. Freshwater species include rainbow trout, largemouth bass, crappie, sunfish and yellow perch. Only motorless boats are permitted on Big Springs Reservoir and only float tubes on Dufurrena Ponds. Catnip Reservoir (120 acres) is also open September 1–November 15. This is catch and release only, with only single barbless hooks for cutthroat trout.



Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge, managed as part of the Mid-Columbia River NWR Complex, is located near Irrigon, OR and Paterson, WA. The mailing address for the refuge is Mid-Columbia River NWR Complex, P.O. Box 2527 Pasco, WA 99302; (509) 545-8588; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=13583>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Nearest main highway is Hwy. 730. Fishing is available in the refuge's ponds and backwaters and on the Columbia River. Available species include bass, crappie and carp in the refuge ponds and sturgeon, salmon, steelhead, walleye, crappie, sunfish, trout and bass in the Columbia River. Access to fishing areas is by rough unpaved roads.



**Boat launch is primitive and only for smaller boats.*

WASHINGTON

Columbia National Wildlife Refuge, 735 E. Main, P.O. Drawer F, Othello, WA 99344; (509) 488-2668; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=13510>. Office hours, 7:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Thursday; 7:00 am–3:30 pm, Friday. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Good access roads. Nearest main highways are Hwy. 17 and I-90. Nearest community is Othello. Refuge waters include 145 acres of ponds, 841 acres of lakes and 17.8 miles of streams. Freshwater species include rainbow, cutthroat and brown trout, largemouth bass, black crappie, sunfish, yellow perch and whitefish. Fishing, boats or other flotation devices are not allowed on impoundments on and along Crab Creek in Marsh Units I and II. Both powered and non-powered boats are allowed on all other waters open for fishing, except use of gasoline motors is prohibited on Upper and Lower Hampton, Hutchinson and Shiner Lakes.



Conboy Lake National Wildlife Refuge, 100 Wildlife Refuge Rd., P.O. Box 5, Glenwood, WA 98619; (509) 364-3410; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=13522>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Good access roads. Nearest main highways are Hwy. 14 and 141. Nearest communities are Glenwood and White Salmon. Refuge waters include Outlet Creek. Season usually runs from June 1–October 31. Available species include brook and rainbow trout and bullhead. No boats are permitted.



Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge, managed as part of the Washington Maritime NWR Complex, 33 South Barr Rd., Port Angeles, WA 98362; (360) 457-8451; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=13539>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Nearest community is Dungeness. Nearest highway is Hwy. 101. Available species include Chinook and Coho salmon, flounder and shellfish. State seasonal fishing regulations apply, as do periodic health closures on the shellfish fisheries. The refuge is open during daylight hours. Refuge waters are closed to all uses October 1–May 14. Public boat launch is available off Marine Drive.



**Nearby*

Hanford Reach National Monument/Saddle Mountain National Wildlife Refuge, 3250 Port of Benton Blvd., Richland, WA 99354; (509) 371-1801. For more information, go to <http://hanfordreach.fws.gov/>. Office hours, 7:00 am–4:30 pm. The monument/refuge is open daily from 2 hours before sunrise to 2 hours after sunset. Nearest community is Richland. Nearest highway is Hwy. 240. Special angling highlights are the nation's largest remaining Columbia River fall Chinook salmon run and sturgeon population. Available species include largemouth and smallmouth bass, and steelhead. Methods generally involve motorboat trolling or drifting, and bait and fly fishing from the river shore. The refuge's facilities for anglers are a narrow, 2-lane concrete ramp at the White Bluffs launch. Primitive launches are located just downstream of the Monument at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's Ringold Fish Hatchery, and near the Vernita Bridge rest area. Developed launches are available downstream of the monument in Richland, Kennewick and Pasco city parks. Fishing season is year-round.



Julia Butler Hansen Refuge for the Columbian White-tail Deer, P.O. Box 566, Cathlamet, WA 98612; (360) 795-3915; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=13554>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Good access roads. Nearest main highway is Hwy. 4. Nearest community is Cathlamet. Refuge waters include Elochoman and Columbia Rivers. Fishing season is year-round. Available species include steelhead, Chinook and Coho salmon, largemouth bass and sturgeon.



Lewis & Clark National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 566, Cathlamet, WA 98612; (360) 795-3915; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=13555>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Refuge is accessible by boat only. Nearest main highway is Hwy. 30. Nearest community is Astoria. Refuge waters include the

Columbia River. Fishing season is generally open for at least one species year-round. Species include Chinook and Coho salmon and sturgeon.



Little Pend Oreille National Wildlife Refuge, 1310 Bear Creek Rd., Colville, WA 99114; (509) 684-8384; For more information, go to <http://littlependoreille.fws.gov/>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Nearest community is Colville. Nearest highway is Hwy 395. The refuge is open daily; road and area closures vary with season. Fishing opportunities include 3 lakes and the Little Pend Oreille River. Bayley Lake (50 acres) and McDowell Lake (47 acres) are fly-fishing only, primarily catch and release, and only non-motorized boats are allowed. Potter's Pond (15 acres) has a 5-fish limit, and electric motors are allowed. The Little Pend Oreille River (9.9 miles) is selective gear only and mostly catch and release.



McNary National Wildlife Refuge, Burbank, c/o Mid-Columbia River NWR Complex, P.O. Box 2527, Pasco, WA 99302; (509) 545-8588; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=13520>. Office hours 7:00 am–4:00 pm Monday–Thursday, 7:00 am–3:00 pm Friday. Nearest community is Burbank. Most of the units of McNary NWR can be reached from Hwy. 12/395. The Strawberry Island Unit and the Hanford Islands Units can be reached only by boat. Refuge waters include sloughs, ponds and parts of the Columbia, Snake and Walla Walla Rivers. Available species include largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, crappie, yellow perch, catfish, walleye and salmon. Boat launches are available on the Peninsula and Wallula units.



Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge, 100 Brown Farm Rd., Olympia, WA 98516; (360) 753-9467; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=13529>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Good access roads. Nearest main highway is I-5. Nearest communities are Olympia and Tacoma. Refuge waters include the Nisqually River, with 3.3 miles of boat access, and McAllister Creek, with 3/4 mile bank fishing and 2 miles of boat access. There are approximately 50 acres of extremely shallow estuary. Only boat access is allowed. Available species include sea-run cutthroat trout, steelhead, Chinook, Coho and chum salmon and flounder. Public boat launch is at Luhr Beach Public Ramp.



Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 457, Ridgefield, WA 98642; (360) 887-4106; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=13551>. Office hours, 7:30 am–5:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Good access roads. Nearest main highway is I-5. Nearest communities are Ridgefield and Vancouver. Fishing is limited to the waters of Lake River, ponds adjacent to the Oaks-to-Wetlands Trail and Gee Creek of the Carty Unit. Fishing season is March–October. Available species include cutthroat trout, steelhead, largemouth bass, catfish and sturgeon. Only bank fishing is allowed. No boats or floating devices may be used in the refuge.



Willapa National Wildlife Refuge, 3888 SR 101, Ilwaco, WA 98624; (360) 484-3482; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=13552>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open daily. Good access roads. Nearest highway is U.S. 101. Nearest communities are Ilwaco and Longbeach. Refuge waters include portions of Willapa Bay and the Bear River. Fishing season is year-round. Available saltwater species include chum salmon and sturgeon. Fishing, from boat or bank, is permitted on Willapa Bay only. No fishing is permitted in the freshwater streams, impoundments or sloughs. Boats are required for access to Long Island Unit.



SOUTHWEST REGION

Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas

ARIZONA

Bill Williams River National Wildlife Refuge, 60911 Hwy. 95, Parker, AZ 85344; (928) 667-4144; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=22551>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Nearest community is Parker. Nearest highway is Hwy. 95. Accessible fishing facilities are open 24 hours per day, 7 days a week, and the canoe/kayak (non-motorized) launch is open 7 days a week during daylight hours. Available species include striped bass, largemouth and smallmouth bass, flathead and channel catfish, bluegill and black crappie. The Bill Williams River delta is open to fishing by boat and from the shoreline.



Cibola National Wildlife Refuge, 66600 Cibola Lake Rd., Route 2, Box 1, Cibola, AZ 85328; (928) 857-3253; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=22540>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday, year-round. Refuge is open weekends November–March only: 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Saturday; 10:00 am–3:00 pm, Sunday. Good and fair access roads. Nearest main highway is Hwy. 78. Nearest communities are Palo Verde and Blythe. Available fishing waters are: Pretty Water (limited hours during waterfowl season, October–February), Cibola Lake (6,500 acres) and 1,080 acres of the Colorado River and the Old River channel. Fishing is permitted March 15–Labor Day unless otherwise stated. Powered personal watercraft are permitted only on the main channel of the Colorado River (no wake zones at all other sites). Available freshwater species include largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, striped bass, crappie, tilapia, channel catfish, flathead catfish and bluegill.



Havasu National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 3009, Needles, CA 92363; (760) 326-3853; <http://www.fws.gov/southwest/refuges/arizona/havasu/>. Office hours, 7:30 am–3:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open 24 hours per day. Good and fair access roads. Nearest highways are 1-40 and Hwy. 95. Nearest communities are Needles, CA, and Lake Havasu City, AZ. Refuge waters include Topock Marsh (4,000 acres) and approximately 20 miles of the Colorado River. Fishing season is year-round. Predominant species are striped bass, black bass, catfish and bluegill.



Imperial National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 72217, Yuma, AZ 85365; (928) 783-3371; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=22560>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge open 24 hours per day. Good and primitive access roads. Nearest highway is U.S. 95. Nearest community is the town of Martinez Lake. Refuge waters include Martinez Lake (1,040 acres), Clear Lake (200 acres), Island Lake (2,010 acres) and Adobe Lake (2,080 acres), as well as the Lower Colorado River (2,010 acres). Fishing season is year-round, except for the western half of Martinez Lake and the northern portion of

Ferguson Lake, which are open March 1–September 30. Bank fishing only is allowed on Martinez and Clear Lakes; all other fishing is boat accessed. Available species include largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, striped bass, catfish, crappie, tilapia and several species of sunfish.



NEW MEXICO

Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 1246, Socorro, NM 87801; (505) 835-1828; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=22520>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday; 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Saturday–Sunday. Refuge is open daily 1 hour before sunrise to 1 hour after sunset. Good access roads. Nearest main highway is 1-25. Nearest communities are San Antonio and Socorro. Refuge waters include a shallow 30-acre impoundment, the Interior Drain, Riverside Canal and the Low Flow Channel. Fishing season is April 1–September 30. Available species include catfish, smallmouth bass, white bass and carp. Frogging is allowed by special use permit (bullfrogs only).



Maxwell National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 276, Maxwell, NM 87728; (505) 375-2331; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=22581>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Fair access roads. Nearest highway is Hwy. 505. Nearest community is Maxwell. Refuge waters include Lake 13 (300 acres), which offers rainbow trout, and Lake 14 (80 acres), with warm-water species only, including largemouth bass, sunfish, walleye and catfish. Fishing season is March 1–October 31. Small boats (trolling speed only) are allowed on Lake 13.



*Trolling speed only on Lake 13.

OKLAHOMA

Deep Fork National Wildlife Refuge, 111 W. 4th St., Room 318, Okmulgee, OK 74447; (918) 756-0815; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=21592>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Nearest community is Henryetta. Nearest highway is Hwy. 75. Year-round fishing is permitted on the Deep Fork River, and fishing is allowed March 1–October 30 on the sloughs, farm ponds and impoundments not connected to the Deep Fork River. Primary fishing is bank- and small-boat fishing in the Deep Fork River for channel catfish, blue catfish, flathead catfish, crappie, white bass and largemouth bass. Trot lines, jug lines, limb lines and yo-yos are allowed on the Deep Fork River only. Bowfishing is allowed May 15–September 30.



Little River National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 340, Broken Bow, OK 74728; (580) 584-6211; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=21680>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. Refuge is open dawn to dusk. Fair access roads. Nearest highway is Hwy. 259/70. Nearest community is Broken Bow. Refuge waters include Forked Lake, Little River, Crooked Creek and Yanubbee Lake. Fishing season is year-round. Available species include largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill and catfish.



Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge, Rt. 1, Box 76, Jet, OK 73749; (580) 626-4794; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=21630>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Nearest main highways are Hwys. 11 and 38. Nearest communities are Cherokee and Jet. Refuge waters include Great Salt Plains Reservoir (8,000 acres), Salt Fork River (2 miles) and Sand Creek (2 miles). Fishing season is April 1–October 15. Available species include largemouth bass, catfish, carp, crappie, sunfish and sauger. The lake is very shallow, allowing for special trotline regulations. Only small boats are allowed in the reservoir. Non-ambulatory and youth (14 years and younger) fishing is available at Bonham Pond.



Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge, Route 1, Box 18A, Vian, OK 74962; (918) 773-5251; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=21640>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Nearest community is Vian. Nearest highway is I-40. Bank and boat fishing is for largemouth bass, striped bass, white bass, walleye, sauger, white and black crappie, channel catfish, blue catfish, flathead catfish and bluegill. The refuge's boat launch areas are at Vian Ramp, Tuff Ramp, Moody Ramp, Stoney Point Ramp and Dirty Creek Ramp.



Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge, 12000 South Refuge Rd., Tishomingo, OK 73460; (580) 371-2402; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=21650>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Nearest main highways are Hwys. 78, 199 and 377. Good access roads. Nearest community is Tishomingo. Refuge waters include several ponds: Dicks (7 acres), Cottonwood (5 acres), Teller (5 acres), Whiskey Creek (4 acres), Muel (5 acres), McAdams (7 acres), Reeves Ravine (15 acres), Lost (10 acres), Bobcat (5 acres), Bell (20 acres) and Rock Creek (30 acres). Lake Texoma's Cumberland Pool is 4,500 acres. The Washita River, and Pennington, Big Sandy and Nida Creeks also are available. Fishing season is March 1–September 30. Limited bank fishing is allowed October–February. Available species include smallmouth bass, striped bass, white bass, crappie, sunfish, and channel, flathead and blue catfish.



Washita National Wildlife Refuge, Rt. 1, Box 68, Butler, OK 73625; (580) 664-2205; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=21660>. Office hours, 7:00 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Nearest main highway is Hwy. 33. Good access roads. Nearest community is Butler. Available species are largemouth bass, striped bass, white bass, sunfish, walleye, crappie and channel catfish. Refuge waters include 1,900 acres of Foss Lake (8,000 acres) and the Washita

River. Fishing season is year-round from the bank; from boats, it is restricted to March 15–October 14 only.



Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge,

32 Refuge Headquarters, Indianola, OK 73552; (580) 429-3221; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=21670>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Good access roads. Nearest major highways are I-44 and U.S. 62. Nearest community is Cache. Fishing is permitted in all of the refuge lakes located in the public use section of the refuge. Refuge waters include 12 man-made lakes totaling approximately 500 acres. Fishing season is year-round. Available species include largemouth bass, sunfish, crappie and channel catfish. Hand-powered boats, as well as electric trolling motors on boats 14 feet or less, are permitted on Jed Johnson, Rush, Quannah Parker and French Lakes.



**Electric trolling motors only except Elmer Thomas Lake.*

TEXAS

Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge, managed by the Texas Chenier Plain NWR Complex, 509 Washington Ave. (P.O. Box 278), Anahuac, TX 77514; (409) 267-3337; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=21521>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open 24 hours per day. Nearest community is Anahuac. Nearest highway is Hwy. 124. The refuge offers excellent saltwater and freshwater angling and crabbing opportunities. Six miles of shoreline along East Galveston Bay are accessible by boat or wade fishing. Predominant saltwater fish species include red drum, flounder and spotted seatrout. The East Bay Bayou Tract offers freshwater fishing opportunities from 3 bank piers and an accessible bridge. Freshwater species include catfish, white bass and gar. Two boat ramps provide access to East Bay and Oyster Bayou. Boating is not permitted in inland waters.



**Motor size restrictions.*

Aransas and Matagorda Island National Wildlife Refuges, managed as units of the Aransas NWR Complex, P.O. Box 100, Austwell, TX, 77950; (361) 286-3559; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=21532>. Visitor center hours, 8:30 am–4:30 pm, daily. The refuges are open daily from sunrise to sunset. Nearest highway is FM 2040. Nearest community is Austwell. Wade fishing access from the Aransas Unit to San Antonio Bay is permitted April 15–October 15, daylight hours only. Four wade fishing access points are available: picnic area, Bay Overlook, Dagger Point, and the observation tower areas. Fishing is available in surrounding bays by boat only. The refuges have no public boat ramp facilities. Launch sites are available in Rockport, Austwell and Port O'Connor. Matagorda Island NWR offers year-round fishing. Access is by boat or Texas Parks & Wildlife passenger ferry to the overlay Matagorda Island State Park on the north end. Boat docks are available for private boats at the north end. Visitors can wade fish in the surf or in the bayside marshes. Local bays offer excellent opportunities for bait casting, lure fishing and fly-fishing. Common game species include red drum, black drum, speckled trout and flounder.



**In winter.*

Big Boggy National Wildlife Refuge, 6801 CR 306, Brazoria, TX 77422; (979) 964-3639; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=21542>. All inquiries should be directed to Texas Mid-Coast NWR Complex office at 1212 N. Velasco, Angleton, TX 77515; (979) 849-6062. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Primitive access roads. Nearest community is Matagorda. Boat-accessed fishing is permitted in bays/estuaries and Intracoastal Waterway. Fishing on the refuge is open year-round, sunrise to sunset. Saltwater species include spotted sea trout, flounder and red drum.



Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge, 4430 Trammel Rd., Freeport, TX 77541; (979) 233-5338; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=21543>. All inquiries should be directed to the Texas Mid-Coast NWR Complex office at 1212 N. Velasco, Angleton, TX 77515; (979) 849-6062. Office hours (Angleton), 8:00 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset. Good access roads. Nearest community is Angleton. Nearest highway is Hwy. 2004. Saltwater fishing on the refuge is permitted year-round from sunrise to sunset. Boat-accessed fishing is permitted on Nicks Lake, Salt Lake, Lost Lake, bays and bayous. Access for bank fishing is permitted at Bastrop Bayou, Clay Banks and Salt Lake public fishing areas. The Clay Banks Area offers bank fishing along a 1-mile segment of Bastrop Bayou. A non-motorized boat launch is available at Salt Lake. Available saltwater species include spotted trout, red drum, croaker, sheepshead, flounder and blue crab.



Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge, 6465 Refuge Rd., Sherman, TX 75092-5817; (903) 786-2826; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=21580>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. Refuge is open during daylight. Good access roads. Nearest main highways include U.S. Hwys. 75 and 82 and FM 1417. The nearest communities include Sherman, Denison and Pottsboro. Refuge waters include 466 acres of various ponds and 2,640 acres on the Big Mineral Arm of Lake Texoma. Available species include large-mouth bass, smallmouth bass, striped bass, white bass, crappie, sunfish and catfish. Fishing is permitted year-round. Fishing is not permitted from bridges. Boating is permitted April 1–September 30.



Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge, managed as part of the South Texas NWR Complex, 22817 Ocelot Rd., Los Fresnos, TX 78566; (956) 748-3607; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=21553>. Office hours, 7:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Visitor Center hours, 9:00 am–5:00 pm, March–May and September–November; 10:00 am–6:00 pm, June–August; 8:30 am–4:30 pm, December–February. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset. Nearest main highways are U.S. 77 and 83. Nearest communities are Rio Hondo, Los Fresnos, Port Isabel and South Padre

Island. Fishing opportunities at 3 separate units:

Laguna Atascosa Unit—Although the refuge does not have ownership of surface waters, the Arroyo Colorado and Laguna Madre are accessible at Adolph Thomae Jr. County Park, (956) 748-2044. Bank and pier fishing, public boat ramps and camping are available within the park. Fishing season is year-round. Saltwater species include spotted sea trout, flounder and red drum.



*Applies to Adolph Thomae Jr. County Park only. **18 miles.

South Padre Island Unit—Vehicle access for surf fishing, swimming and camping is available on the gulf-side beachfront from the City of South Padre Island north to the Mansfield Cut, including sections of refuge property. Fishing season is year-round. Saltwater species include spotted sea trout, flounder and red drum.



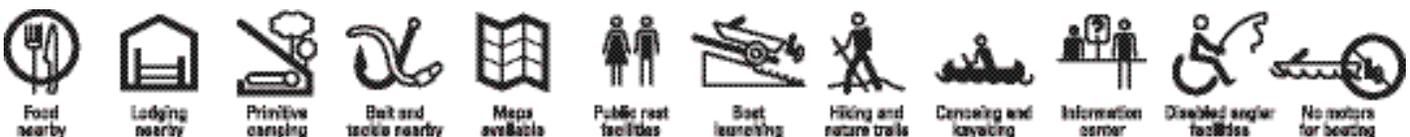
Bahia Grande Unit—Open to public use only at San Martin Lake. Public boat ramp is available; wade and bank fishing are allowed only along the perimeter of the lake. Fishing season is year-round. Saltwater species include spotted sea trout and red drum.



McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge, PO, Box 609, Sabine Pass, TX 77655; (409) 971-2909; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=21525>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Primitive access roads. Nearest main highway is Hwy. 87. Nearest community is Sabine Pass. Refuge waters include Star Lake (400 acres), Clam Lake (2,000 acres), 5-Mile Cut and 10-Mile Cut and access to the Gulf of Mexico. Fishing season is year-round. Available species include black drum, flounder, red drum and blue crab.



San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge, All inquiries should be directed to the Texas Mid-Coast NWR Complex office, 1212 North Velasco, Angleton, TX 77515; (979) 849-6062; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=21541>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Nearest community is Lake Jackson. Nearest highway is FM 2004. Fishing on the refuge is permitted year-round, sunrise to sunset. Boat-accessed fishing is permitted in bays/estuaries, the Intracoastal Waterway, Cedar Lake, Cow Trap Lake and Cedar Lake Creek, which are designated by refuge signs. Refuge waters include bay estuary and access to ocean. A boat ramp and bank fishing are available at the Cedar Lake Creek Public Fishing Area. Saltwater species include spotted seatrout, flounder, red drum and blue crab.



Texas Point National Wildlife Refuge, PO. Box 609, Sabine Pass, TX 77655; (409) 971-2909; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=21526>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday– Friday. Refuge is open 24 hours per day. Good access roads. The nearest main highway is Hwy. 87. Sabine Pass is the nearest community. Refuge waters include 2,500 acres of an estuary system and access to the Gulf of Mexico. Fishing season is year-round. Saltwater species include spotted sea trout, flounder and red drum. Boat launching facilities are nearby.



Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge, 1351 N. Main, Liberty, TX 77575; (936) 336-9786; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=21593>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday– Friday. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset. Nearest community is Liberty. Nearest highway is Hwy. 90. Champion Lake is the refuge’s largest and most popular year-round fishing spot. The most common species are largemouth bass, catfish, crappie and blue crab. Fishing by boat (10 hp motor or less) is allowed from a 150-foot pier or along a 3/4-mile-long levee. No fish, crawfish or crab traps or nets allowed (except a dip net) in recreational fishing areas. There are no facilities.



GREAT LAKES-BIG RIVERS REGION

Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin

ILLINOIS

Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge, 19031 E County Rd. 21 10N, Havana, IL 62644; (309) 535-2290; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=33650>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Nearest community is Havana. Good access roads. The refuge is open sunrise to sunset. Nearest main highway is U.S. 136. Predominant species include bluegill, largemouth bass, crappie and catfish. Lake Chautauqua is very shallow and large (at 4,300 acres).



Crab Orchard Wildlife Refuge, 8588 Rt. 148, Carterville, IL 62959; (618) 997-3344; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=33610>. Visitor Center hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, daily. Refuge is open at all times. Nearest highways are I-57 and Hwy. 13. Nearest communities are Marion and Carbondale. Refuge is open to fishing as regulations permit. Good access roads. Major available species include largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, white bass, striped bass, rainbow trout and catfish.



Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge, 0137 Rustic Campus Dr., Ullin, IL 62992; (618) 634-2231; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=32630>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open dawn to dusk. Nearest main highways are U.S. 51 and U.S. 37. Nearest community is Ullin. Good access roads. The refuge has two boat ramps that provide access to an old channel of the Cache River. Predominant species include bluegill, largemouth bass, crappie and catfish. Refuge includes state, federal and private lands. Angler access is provided on refuge and state lands.



Emiquon National Wildlife Refuge, 19031 E County Rd. 21 10N, Havana, IL 62644; (309) 535-2290; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=33654>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open dawn to dusk. Nearest community is Havana. Nearest main highway is U.S. 136. Emiquon NWR has one boat launch where visitors can launch into the Spoon River to fish and canoe. Species include bluegill, largemouth bass, crappie and catfish.



Great River National Wildlife Refuge, Long Island Division,

P.O. Box 88, Annada, MO 63330; (573) 847-2333; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=33640>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. Access is primarily by boat along Mississippi River. Nearest main highway is IL Rt. 96. Nearest community is Quincy. Available species include crappie and channel catfish. Boat access to Long Island Lake and Indian Graves Lake is limited to times of high river levels. Anglers may walk to lakes at any time. Available species include largemouth bass, channel catfish, bullhead, bluegill, crappie and white bass.



Meredosia National Wildlife Refuge, 19031 E County Rd. 21 10N, Havana, IL 62644; (309) 535-2290; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=33652>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open dawn to dusk. Nearest community is Meredosia. Nearest main highway is IL 104. Fishing is allowed on the state-managed Meredosia Lake. Boat access is provided at the north end of Beach Road. Species include bluegill, largemouth bass, crappie and catfish.



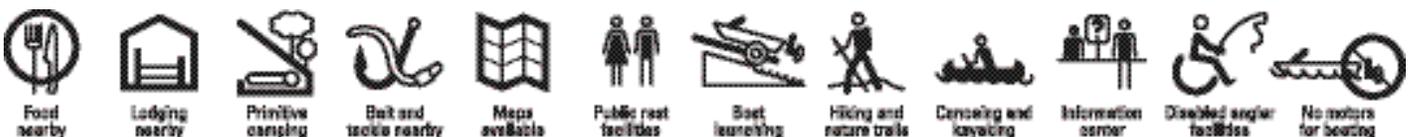
Middle Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge, 8588 Rt. 148, Marion, IL. 62959; (618) 997-3344; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=33660>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open 1 hour before sunrise to 1 hour after sunset. Good, fair and primitive access roads. Nearest main highway is U.S. 61. Nearest community is Quincy. Available species include largemouth bass, channel catfish, bullhead, bluegill, crappie, walleye, carp and white bass.



Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge, HCR 82, Box 107, Brussels, IL 62013; (618) 883-2524; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=33621>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset. Some areas are closed October 15–December 31. Good access roads. Nearest community is Brussels. Nearest highway is Hwy. 100. Major species include crappie, largemouth bass, channel catfish, blue catfish and carp.



Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, Savanna District, 7071 Riverview Rd., Thomson, IL 61285; (812) 273-2732; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=32579>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open at



all times. Good, fair and primitive access roads. Nearest community is Savannah. Nearest highway is Hwy. 84. Fishing season is year-round for walleye, sauger, largemouth and smallmouth bass, yellow perch, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie and sunfish below the dams, in sloughs and channels between islands. Most of the refuge's 20,000 acres are accessible only by boat. The refuge is located in 4 states and extends along 220 miles of the Mississippi River.



INDIANA

Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge, 1661 West JPG Niblo Rd., Madison, IN 47250; (812) 273-0783; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=31531>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. Nearest highway is Hwy. 421. Nearest community is Madison. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Fishing is permitted on Old Timbers Lake. A random drawing is held at 7:00 am on days the refuge is open to fill the 25-boat limit for the lake. Only trolling motors or rowing/paddling are allowed. Available species include largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie and channel catfish.



Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge, 12985 East U.S. Hwy. 50, Seymour, IN 47274; (812) 522-4352; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=31530>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset. Good access roads. Nearest main highway is U.S. 50. Nearest community is Seymour. Stanfield Lake is open to fishing from hand-powered boats and canoes year-round. Other areas may be open from time to time. Boats may be launched only from the designated boat ramp. No motors are allowed. Bank fishing is not permitted from the dam, concrete water-control structure or riprap area. Available species include largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie and channel catfish.



Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge and Wildlife Management Area, 510 1/2 West Morton St., Oakland City, IN 47660; (812) 749-3199; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=31560>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. Refuge is open dawn to dusk. Nearest communities are Oakland City and Winslow. Nearest main highway is State Road 64. Refuge waters, including the Patoka River, South Fork and adjacent oxbow and overflow wetlands such as Snakey Point and Buck marshes, offer excellent fishing for largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill and redear sunfish. Fishing is allowed during daylight hours.



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DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge, 1434 316th Lane, Missouri Valley, IA 51555; (712) 642-4121; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=33510>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm. Refuge is open daily 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. Good access roads. Nearest main highways include Hwy. 30 and I-29. Nearest communities include Blair, NE, and Missouri Valley. Fishing season is April 15–October 14. Trotlines, float lines and seining for bait are prohibited. No more than 2 rigs and 2 hooks per line may be used. Special regulations include bass, 15-inch minimum size limit, 3-fish daily limit; northern pike, 24-inch minimum size limit, 3-fish daily limit. Bowfishing and spearfishing

are permitted for non-game fish only. Available species include northern pike, largemouth bass, walleye, bullhead, carp, bluegill and crappie.



Iowa Wetland Management District, 1710 360th St., Titonka, IA 50480; (515) 928-2523; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=33581>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. The Iowa WMD is managed by staff at the Union Slough NWR. Nearest communities are Titonka and Lakota. Nearest main highway is Hwy. 169. As they are in much of the prairie pothole region, fishing opportunities are limited and scattered through the 35-county district.



Port Louisa National Wildlife Refuge, 10728 County Rd. X61, Wapello, IA 52653; (319) 523-6982; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=33630>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Nearest main highway is U.S. 61. Fair access roads. Nearest community is Wapello. Available species include largemouth bass, channel catfish, bullhead, bluegill, crappie and white bass.



Union Slough National Wildlife Refuge, 1710 360th St., Titonka, IA 50480; (515) 928-2523; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=33580>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Good access roads. Nearest main highway is U.S. 169. Nearest communities are Titonka and Lakota. The fishing opportunities are marginal but are offered in accordance with refuge regulations. Major available species include bass, bluegill, bullhead, carp, catfish, crappie, northern pike, perch, sunfish and walleye. Only bank fishing is allowed.



Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, McGregor District, P.O. Box 460, McGregor, IA 52157; (563) 873-3423; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=32579>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open at all times. Nearest community is McGregor. Nearest main highway is Hwy. 65. Good, fair and primitive access roads. Year-round fishing is allowed for walleye, sauger, largemouth and smallmouth bass, yellow perch, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie and sunfish below the dams, in sloughs and channels between islands. Most of the 20,000 acres of refuge are accessible only by boat. The refuge is located in 4 states and extends along 220 miles of the Mississippi River.



MICHIGAN

Michigan Wetland Management District, 2651 Coolidge Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823; (517) 351-4230; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=31731>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. All three sites are managed as a mixture of wetlands and grasslands to provide high-quality nesting and brood-rearing habitat for waterfowl and a variety of migratory songbirds. Thus there are very limited fishing opportunities. The Schlee Waterfowl Production Area is located on the north

side of Page Road, approximately 6 miles east of U.S. 127 on the east side of Jackson. The Kinney Waterfowl Production Area is in southeast Van Buren County, approximately 3.5 miles south of Lawton, near the intersection of County Road 352 and 29th Street. The Schoonover Waterfowl Production Area, in western Lenawee County, is located on Medina Road, approximately 3 miles south of Hudson and 8 miles east of U.S. 127.



Seney National Wildlife Refuge, 1674 Refuge Entrance Rd., Seney, MI 49883; (906) 586-9851; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=31510>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Nearest community is Germfask. Nearest main highway is M-77. Fair access roads. Available species are northern pike, yellow perch, brown bullhead, sunfish, largemouth and smallmouth bass and brook and brown trout. Fishing is permitted during daylight hours only. Ice fishing is permitted January 1-February 28 and summer fishing, May 15-September 30.



Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge, 6975 Mower Rd., Saginaw, MI 48601; (989) 777-5930; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=31520>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Nearest highway is I-75. Nearest community is Saginaw. Major species of fish include white bass, walleye, channel catfish and carp. Fishing is allowed on navigable waters accessed from off-refuge launch sites. No fishing is permitted within enclosed (diked) waters. Open areas include Shiawassee, Cass and Tittabawassee Rivers. Walleye catch occurs primarily on the Tittabawassee River.



MINNESOTA

Big Stone National Wildlife Refuge, 44843 County Rd. 19, Odessa, MN 56276; (320) 273-2191; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=32640>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Nearest communities are Ortonville and Odessa. Good access roads. Nearest major highway is U.S. 75. Fishing along banks of the reservoir and the refuge's rivers—the Minnesota and the Yellowbank. Available species include northern pike, bullhead, smallmouth and largemouth bass, walleye and yellow perch. Boats must stay in the Minnesota River channel; only non-motorized boats or boats equipped with electric motors may be used.



Big Stone Wetland Management District, RR 1 Box 25, Odessa, MN 56276; (320) 273-2191; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=32641>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. Big Stone WMD headquarters office is co-located with the Big Stone NWR office. Nearest communities are Ortonville and Odessa. Nearest major highway is U.S. 75. The fishing opportunities on most wetland management districts are marginal but are offered in accordance with state seasons and regulations. Available species include northern pike, walleye, crappie, largemouth and smallmouth bass and sunfish.



Detroit Lakes Wetland Management District, 26624 N. Tower Rd., Detroit Lakes, MN 56501; (218) 847-4431; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=32586>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. Nearest community is Detroit Lakes. Nearest main highways are U.S. Hwys. 10 and 59. The fishing opportunities on most wetland management districts are marginal but are offered in accordance with state seasons and regulations. Available species include northern pike, walleye, crappie, largemouth and smallmouth bass and sunfish.



Fergus Falls Wetland Management District, 21932 State Hwy. 210 E., Fergus Falls, MN 56537; (218) 739-2291; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=32585>. Office hours, 7:00 am–3:30 pm. Nearest community is Fergus Falls. Nearest main highway is State Hwy. 210. The fishing opportunities on most wetland management districts are marginal but are offered in accordance with state seasons and regulations. Available species include northern pike, walleye, crappie, largemouth and smallmouth bass and sunfish.



Litchfield Wetland Management District, 22274 615th Ave., Litchfield, MN 55355; (320) 693-2849; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=32588>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. Nearest community is Litchfield. Nearest main highway is Hwy. 12. Due to the prairie pothole nature of the habitat and shallow seasonal wetlands and pools, fishing is extremely limited on lands managed by Litchfield WMD.



Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, 3815 E. 80th St., Bloomington, MN 55425; (952) 854-5900; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=32590>. Visitor Center hours, 9:00 am–5:00 pm. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Good access roads. Nearest main highway is I-494. Nearest community is the Twin Cities (Minneapolis-St. Paul) metropolitan area. The refuge is located along a 39-mile stretch of the Minnesota River from Fort Snelling to Jordan. Major species include northern pike and carp. Boating is not permitted. Only bank fishing is allowed.



Minnesota Wetland Management District, 3815 E. 80th St., Bloomington, MN 55425; (952) 854-5900; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=32591>. District is open during daylight hours. Good access roads. State seasons apply. No motors are allowed on refuge waters. Major species include crappie, bullhead and northern pike.



Morris Wetland Management District, 43875 230th St., Morris, MN 56267; (320) 589-1001; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=32581>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. Nearest community is Morris. Nearest main highway is Hwy. 59. The fishing opportunities on most wetland management districts are marginal but are offered in accordance with state seasons. Available species include northern pike, walleye, crappie, largemouth and smallmouth bass and sunfish.



Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge, 36289 State Hwy. 65, McGregor, MN 55760; (218) 768-2402; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=32540>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Nearest community is McGregor. Good access roads. Nearest main highway is Hwy. 65. Fishing season is in accordance with state seasons on Mandy Lake, Twin Lake and Rice River. Available species include northern pike and yellow perch. Only non-motorized or boats with electric motors are permitted. Ice fishing is allowed on Mandy Lake only.



Rydell National Wildlife Refuge, 17788 349th St. SE, Erskine, MN 56535; (218) 687-2229; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=32583>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. Refuge is open 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset. Nearest communities are Erskine and Mentor. Nearest main highway is U.S. Hwy. 2. A fishing pier located on Tamarac Lake is open for fishing May 1–November 1. Available species include panfish, walleye, bass, northern pike, bullhead and carp. The pier can be accessed on foot or by bicycle (2 miles from the visitor center).



Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge, 17076 293 Ave., Zimmerman, MN 55398; (763) 389-3323; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=32550>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Good access roads. Nearest main highway is U.S. 169. Nearest community is Zimmerman. Fishing is permitted in the St. Francis River; non-motorized canoes only. Available species include northern pike, largemouth and smallmouth bass, sunfish, crappie, yellow perch, catfish and carp.



Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge, 35704 County Rd. 26, Rochert, MN 56578; (218) 847-2641; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=32560>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge open, 5:00 am–7:00 pm daily. Good and fair access roads. Nearest main highways are U.S. 10 and 59. Nearest community is Detroit Lakes. Fishing is permitted according to state, federal and White Earth Reservation regulations. Major species include walleye, northern pike, largemouth bass, crappie and bluegill. Access to Two Island Lake is limited with no ramp. Large boats and trailers are allowed in North Tamarac and Wauboose Lake: gravel ramps at Lost and Blackbird lakes are not recommended for larger boats. No vehicles are permitted on the ice during ice-fishing season.



Tamarac Wetland Management District, 35704 County Rd. 26, Rochert, MN 56578; (218) 847-2641. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open 5:00 am–7:00 pm daily. Good and fair access roads. Nearest main highways are U.S. 10 and 59. Nearest community is Detroit Lakes. Fishing is permitted according to state, federal and White Earth Reservation regulations. Available species include walleye, northern pike, largemouth bass, crappie and bluegill.



Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, Winona District, 51 E. 4th St., Room 101, Winona, MN 55987; (507) 452-4232; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=32579>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open at all times. Nearest community is Winona. Nearest main highway is Hwy. 61. Good, fair and primitive access roads. Fishing season is year-round for walleye, sauger, largemouth and smallmouth bass, yellow perch, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie and sunfish below the dams, in sloughs and channels between islands. Most of the 20,000 acres of refuge are accessible only by boat. The refuge is located in 4 states and extends along 220 miles of the Mississippi River.



Windom Wetland Management District, 49663 County Rd. 17, Windom, MN 56101; (507) 831-2220; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=32587>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm Monday–Friday. Fishing opportunities on Windom WMD are very limited due to the seasonal water levels in this prairie region.



MISSOURI

Big Muddy National Fish and Wildlife Refuge, 4200 New Haven Rd., Columbia, MO 65201; (573) 876-1826; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=33590>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. Refuge is open 24 hours. Nearest main highway is Hwy. 63. Nearest community is Columbia. The river is currently accessible by vehicle at the Overton Bottoms North unit only; a boat ramp there also allows river access. At the Overton Bottoms unit, scour holes left behind by major floods provide good fishing for warm-water species. A 1-mile trail in the Jameson Island unit leads to the Missouri River, with good fishing. Fishing access is a considerable hike through thick vegetation in other units of the refuge. Fishing from a boat on the Missouri River is always allowed. Available species include largemouth bass, channel catfish, bullhead, bluegill, crappie and white bass.



Clarence Cannon National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 88, Annada, MO 63330; (573) 847-2333; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=33643>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Nearest communities are Elsberry and Clarksville. Nearest highway is State Hwy. 79, part of the Great River Road. Fishing is permitted by boat in Bryants Creek. Fishing from the bank is prohibited. Access is by boat from Mississippi River. Available species include largemouth bass, crappie, channel catfish, bullhead, bluegill and carp.



Mingo National Wildlife Refuge, 24279 State Hwy. 51, Puxico, MO 63960; (573) 222-3589; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=33540>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Good access roads. Nearest main highway is Hwy. 51. Nearest community is Puxico. Available species include largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill and catfish. No motors are allowed.



Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 158, Mound City, MO 64470; (608) 442-3187; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=33560>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset. Good access roads. Nearest main highway is I-29. Nearest community is Mound City. Major species include carp and bullhead. Fishing is allowed from only the banks.



Swan Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Rt. 1, Box 29A, Sumner, MO 64611; (660) 856-3323; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=33570>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset. Good access roads. Nearest main highway is Hwy. 36. Nearest community is Sumner. Major species include carp, buffalo and bluegill. Fishing season is March 1–October 15. Boat motors on Silver Lake are restricted to 10 hp or less.



OHIO

Cedar Point National Wildlife Refuge, 14000 W. State Rt. 2, Oak Harbor, OH 43449; (419) 894-0014; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=31541>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset. Good access roads. Nearest highway is Hwy. 2. Nearest community is Oregon. Major species of fish include channel catfish, largemouth bass and sunfish. Only bank fishing is allowed June 1–August 31. No motors are permitted.



WISCONSIN

Horicon National Wildlife Refuge, W4279 Headquarters Rd., Mayville, WI 53050; (920) 387-2658; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=32520>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset. Nearest highway is Hwy. 49. Nearest community is Waupun. Marginal fishing is available for yellow perch, carp, bullhead and northern pike. Boating allowed only at the Horicon Marsh State Wildlife Area at the southern end of the Horicon Marsh.



Leopold Wetland Management District, W10040 Cascade Mountain Rd., Portage, WI 53901; (608) 742-7100; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=32525>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. Nearest community is Portage. Nearest main highways are I-39 and I-90/94. The fishing opportunities on most wetland management districts are marginal but are offered in accordance with state seasons. Available species include northern pike, walleye, crappie, largemouth and smallmouth bass and sunfish.



Necedah National Wildlife Refuge, W7996 20th St. W., Necedah, WI 54646; (608) 565-2551; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=32530>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open during daylight hours only. Access roads range from primitive to good. Nearest highways are Hwys. 21 and 80. Nearest community is Necedah. Major available species include northern pike and bullhead. Fishing is permitted in

Sprague-Mather and Goose pools, June 1–September 15 and December 15–March 15. Fishing is permitted in Suk-Cerney Flowage year-round, except during the waterfowl hunting season. Boats without motors may be used in these pools. There are no boat ramps and hand-carry access only. Hand-propelled craft only are allowed in some areas. Non-motorized boats are permitted in Sprague and Goose Pools. Motorized boats are permitted only in Suk-Cerney Flowage.



St. Croix Wetland Management District, 1764 95th St., New Richmond, WI 54017; (715) 246-7784; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=32577>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. Nearest communities are New Richmond and Somerset. Nearest highway is Hwy. 64. The fishing opportunities on most wetland management districts are marginal, but are offered in accordance with state seasons. Available species include northern pike, walleye, crappie, largemouth and smallmouth bass, and sunfish.



Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge, W28488 Refuge Rd., Trempealeau, WI 54661; (608) 539-2311; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=32578>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset. Nearest highway is Hwy. 35. Nearest community is Trempealeau. Available species include bullhead, bluegill, largemouth bass, northern pike and yellow perch. Ice fishing is permitted in season. Boat fishing is permitted the first Saturday in May until freeze-up, electric motors only.



Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, LaCrosse District, 555 Lester Ave., Onalaska, WI 54650; (608) 783-8405; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=32579>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open at all times. Good, fair and primitive access roads. Nearest community is Lacrosse. Nearest highway is Hwy. 35. Fishing season is year-round for walleye, sauger, largemouth and smallmouth bass, yellow perch, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie and sunfish below the dams, in sloughs and channels between islands. Most of the 20,000 acres of refuge are accessible only by boat. The refuge is located in 4 states and extends along 220 miles of the Mississippi River.



Whittlesey Creek National Wildlife Refuge, Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, 29270 County Highway G, Ashland, WI 54806; (715) 685-2678; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=32620>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Nearest highways are State Hwy. 13 and U.S. Hwy. 2. Fishing is allowed within Whittlesey Creek. Trout and salmon are the preferred game fish.



SOUTHEAST REGION

Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee

ALABAMA

Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge, 12295 State Hwy. 180, Gulf Shores, AL 36542; (251) 540-7720; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=43630>. Office hours, 7:30 am–5:30 pm. Refuge is open 7 days per week during daylight hours only. Access roads are in fair condition. Nearest community is Gulf Shores. Nearest highways are I-10, State Hwy. 59 and State Hwy. 180. Available species include largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill and catfish in Gator Lake (40 acres). Spotted seatrout, flounder, redfish, pompano, Spanish mackerel and bluefish are available nearby in the Gulf of Mexico, Mobile Bay and Bon Secour Bay. Little Lagoon (approximately 2,000 acres of saltwater) is surrounded by the refuge. In approximately 4 miles of Gulf of Mexico, fishing is open year-round. Canoes or small jon boats are allowed in Gator Lake, but this requires a portage of 8/10 of a mile. Only electric motors are allowed.



Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge, 291 Jimmy Parks Blvd., Anniston, AL 36205, (256) 848-7085; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=43665>. Managed as a part of Central Alabama NWR Complex. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset. Access roads are primitive. Nearest highway is Hwy. 5. Nearest community is West Blocton. River access is provided on the west side of the Cahaba River near Piper Bridge. Available species include largemouth bass, sunfish and catfish. The unique system of pools and shoals within the refuge provide many opportunities to wade and fish or bank fish. A ramp is available for canoe or jon boat launching (no launching from boat trailer).



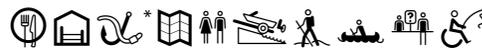
Choctaw National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 808, Jackson, AL 36545; (251) 246-3583; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=43535>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. Refuge is open during daylight hours only. Fair access roads. Nearest highway is Hwy. 84. Nearest community is Gilbertown. Refuge waters include Duck Lake (20 acres). Fishing is allowed all year except for 1,500 acres closed as waterfowl sanctuary, December 1-March 1. Available species include largemouth bass, crappie, sunfish and catfish.



Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge, 367 Hwy. 165, Eufaula, AL 36027; (334) 687-4065; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=43535>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Public-use areas are open 7 days a week during daylight hours only. Nearest community is Eufaula. Nearest highways are U.S. 82, 431 and Hwy. 165. Good access roads. Impoundments on the refuge can be fished March 1–October 31. 4,500 acres of Lake Eufaula/ Lake Walter F. George lie within refuge boundaries. Year-round fishing is allowed on Lake Eufaula and Lake Walter F. George. Refuge impoundments are open to fishing March 1–October 31. Available species include largemouth bass, white bass, hybrid striped bass, bluegill, crappie and catfish.



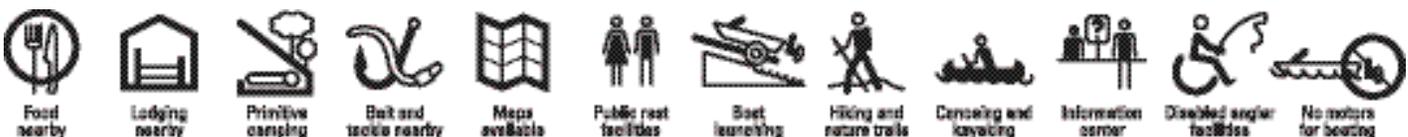
Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge, 2700 Refuge Headquarters Rd., Decatur AL 35603; (256) 353-7243. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset. Open all year to fishing, with the exception of Garth Slough, which is closed November 15–January 15 to all public entry Crabtree Slough, Dinsmore Slough and the White Springs Dewatering Unit are closed to all watercraft November 15–February 15. The visitor center is open daily 9:00 am–5:00 pm, October–February and Tuesday–Saturday 9:00 am–4:00 pm, March–September. Nearest highways are Alabama 67, U.S. 31 and I-65. Nearest communities are Decatur, Priceville and Huntsville. Waters within the refuge include Wheeler Reservoir, Tennessee River, Flint Creek, Limestone Creek, Beaverdam Creek, Piney Creek and Cotaco Creek. Available species include crappie, bluegill, redear sunfish, several species of catfish, largemouth and smallmouth bass, hybrid striped bass and striped bass. There are 6 improved boat ramps within the refuge boundary and a number of unimproved areas for launching of non-motorized vessels. Airboats and personal watercraft are not permitted. There are good access roads throughout the refuge. Additional information about the refuge may be found at <http://wheeler.fws.gov/>.



*Nearby.

ARKANSAS

Bald Knob National Wildlife Refuge, part of the Central Arkansas NWR Complex, is located at 1439 Coal Chute Rd., Bald Knob, AR 72010; (501) 724-2458; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/>



[index.cfm?id=43522](#). Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset. Nearest community is Bald Knob. Nearest highway is Hwy. 367. Primary fishing sites include Pole Brake, Overflow Creek and the numerous irrigation ditches and canals. Available species include largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill and catfish. The refuge has a graveled boat ramp on Pole Brake and another to the old creek bed of Overflow Creek. An improved concrete boat ramp off Liberty Valley Road provides access to the Little Red River. No commercial fishing is allowed.



Big Lake National Wildlife Refuge, part of the Central Arkansas NWR Complex, P.O. Box 67, 2274 Hwy. 18, Manila, AR 72542; (870) 564-2429; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=43515>. Office hours, 7:00 am–3:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset. Nearest community is Manila. Nearest highway is Hwy. 18. Available species include largemouth bass, crappie, sunfish and catfish. Refuge waters include 3,500 acres, of which 2,600 acres are open water where depth averages 2 1/2-3 feet. Portions may be closed during bald eagle nesting activities. The refuge's facilities for anglers include 3 maintained boat launching areas.



Cache River National Wildlife Refuge, part of the Central Arkansas NWR Complex, 26320 Hwy. 33 South, Augusta, AR 72006; (501) 724-2458; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=43514>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset. Nearest community is Augusta. Nearest main highway is Hwy. 33. Available species include largemouth bass, crappie, sunfish and catfish. Refuge waters include over 200 acres in scattered small lakes and 220 acres in the Cache and Bayou DeVier Rivers. Facilities for anglers include 3 concrete launching areas and approximately 10 gravel/dirt ramps scattered throughout the refuge.



Felsenthal National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 1157, Crossett, AR 71635; (870) 364-3167; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=43579>. Office and Visitor Center hours, 7:00 am–3:30 pm. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset. Good access roads and some primitive roads. Nearest main highway is U.S. 82. Nearest community is Crossett. Refuge waters include one 3-acre pond, one 1-acre pond used for special fishing events, a 15,000-acre impoundment that can be enlarged to 36,000 acres seasonally, several oxbow lakes, the Ouachita River, (approximately 30 river miles), the Saline River (10 river miles) and Lapile Creek (about 3 miles). There are numerous smaller creeks and sloughs. Fishing season is year-round. Available species include white bass, crappies, sunfish, catfish, rock bass, largemouth bass and chain pickerel.



Holla Bend National Wildlife Refuge, 10448 Holla Bend Rd., Dardanelle, AR, 72834-9704; (479) 229-4300; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=43590>. Office hours, 7:00 am–3:30 pm. Public use areas are open 7 days a week during daylight hours only. Nearest community is Dardanelle. Nearest main highways are State Hwy. 7 and Hwy. 155. Available species include largemouth bass, striped bass, white bass, crappie and catfish. Available refuge waters include Lodge Lake (30 acres), Long

Lake (20 acres) the Old River Channel (200 acres) and 3 miles of the Arkansas River for bank fishing. Fishing season is March 1-October 31.



*Nearby.

Pond Creek National Wildlife Refuge, 1958 Central Rd., Locksburg, AR, 71846; (870) 289-2126; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=43575>. Office hours, 7:00 am–3:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset. Nearest community is Falls Chapel. Nearest highway is U.S. Hwy. 71. Refuge is open year-round to fishing in multiple natural oxbow lakes and in the Little and Cossatot Rivers, which border the refuge to the south and east. Fishing for largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill and catfish are popular activities, and good catches occur throughout the year. The 30,000-acre U.S. Corps of Engineer's Millwood Reservoir, located just downstream on the Little River, is a destination for many anglers. The refuge's facilities include gravel roads but no boat ramps. Many of the oxbow lakes are accessible only by using ATVs on designated trails to reach the water.



Wapanocca National Wildlife Refuge, 178 Hammond Ave., Turrell, AR 72384; (870) 343-2595; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=43650>. Office hours, 7:00 am–3:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset. Good access roads. Nearest highways are Hwys. 42 and 77. Nearest community is Turrell. Refuge waters include Wapanocca Lake (600 acres), with an average depth of 4 feet. Fishing season is March 15-October 31, during daylight hours only. Available species include largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie and catfish.



White River National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 205, St. Charles, AR 72140; (870) 282-8200. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday; 8:00 am–3:00 pm, Saturday–Sunday. Refuge is open 24 hours a day. Gravel access roads within the refuge. Nearest highway is Hwy. 1. Nearest community is St. Charles. Available species include crappie, bluegill, largemouth bass and catfish. White River NWR contains approximately 300 recognizable bodies of water that total in excess of 10,000 surface acres. Included in this total are over 200 oxbow lakes and permanent beaver ponds. The remaining bodies of water include numerous bayous, creeks, intermittent streams and the White River. Information can also be obtained by visiting <http://whiteriver.fws.gov/>.



*Nearby.

FLORIDA

Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge, 10216 Lee Rd., Boynton Beach, FL 33437; (561) 732-3684; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=41560>. Visitor Center hours 9:00 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday; 9:00 am–4:30 pm, Saturday–Sunday. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset. Good access roads. Nearest main highways are U.S. 441 and Hwy. 7. Nearest communities are West Palm Beach, Boynton Beach, Delray Beach and Boca Raton. Refuge waters include the interior canal around the refuge, which is about 57 miles long. Numerous

shallow, open marsh areas of approximately 40,000-50,000 acres are open to fishing. Fishing season is year-round. Available species include largemouth bass, crappie, sunfish and catfish.



Cedar Keys National Wildlife Refuge, administered by Lower Suwanee NWR, 16450 NW 31 Place, Chiefland, FL 32626; (352) 493-0238; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=41511>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset. Nearest highway is Hwy. 24. Nearest community is Cedar Key. The refuge is comprised of 12 offshore islands that are accessible only by boat. The islands are surrounded by shallow water, mud flats and oyster bars. Saltwater species available include spotted seatrout, flounder, red drum, Spanish mackerel and tarpon. Fishing season is year-round, except on Seahorse Key. A 300-foot buffer zone around Seahorse Key has been established, and the island is closed to public entry March 1-June 30.



*Nearby.

Chassahowitzka National Wildlife Refuge, 1502 S.E. Kings Bay Dr., Crystal River, FL 34429; (352) 563-2088; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=41510>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:00 pm. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Good access roads. Nearest highway is Hwy. 19. Nearest community is Homosassa Springs. Refuge waters include Chassahowitzka River; approximately 5 miles, and Homosassa River; approximately 7 miles. Refuge is composed of approximately 30,500 acres of coastal wetlands, salt marsh and open Gulf of Mexico. Fishing season is year-round, with closed harvest seasons for certain species. Freshwater species include largemouth bass and sunfish. Saltwater species include red drum, cobia, tarpon, spotted seatrout, Spanish mackerel and snapper. Slow boat-speed restrictions apply during manatee seasons and vary according to river depth and season. Airboats are prohibited in Citrus County. Refuge is accessible only by boat.



Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge, 13640 U.S. Hwy. 1, Hobe Sound, FL 33455-6318; (772) 546-6141; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=41561>. Office hours, 9:00 am–3:00 pm. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset. Good access roads. Nearest highways are U.S. 1 and A1A. Nearest communities are Hobe Sound, Jupiter and Tequesta. Refuge waters include Intracoastal Waterway and surf fishing at North Beach. Saltwater fishing is permitted on the beach and along the Intracoastal Waterway. Fishing season is year-round. Available species include bluefish, spotted seatrout, flounder, red drum, spot, Spanish mackerel and snook.



J.N. Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge, 1 Wildlife Dr., Sanibel, FL 33957; (239) 472-1100; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=41540>. Visitor Center is open daily. Wildlife Drive is open 7:30 am-sunset, closed Fridays. Tarpon Bay Recreation Area is open daily 8:00 am–5:00 pm. Bailey Tract is open sunrise to sunset. Seasonal times may vary in all areas. Nearest main highways are I-75 and U.S. 41. Nearest communities are Sanibel, Captiva and Fort Myers. Refuge waters include Tarpon Bay and mangrove estuary on the north side of Sanibel and the Sanibel River at the Bailey Tract. The estuary provides excellent boat fishing year-round. Wildlife Drive provides good shore fishing and crabbing

opportunities year-round. The Bailey Tract provides freshwater fishing opportunities year-round. Small boats, kayaks and canoes can be launched from Tarpon Bay Recreation Area. Cartop-size boats, kayaks and canoes can be launched from the right-hand side of Wildlife Drive into the estuary, but vessels must pole, paddle or float in the area of Wildlife Drive. There is Gulf of Mexico access via the Pine Island Sound. Available freshwater species include largemouth bass, bluegill and gar. Saltwater species are bluefish, spotted seatrout, flounder, red drum, spot, pompano, Spanish mackerel, snook, tarpon, bonefish, mangrove snapper and mullet.



Lake Woodruff National Wildlife Refuge, 2045 Mud Lake Rd., DeLeon Springs, FL 32130; (386) 985-4673; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=41550>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset. Nearest highway is Hwy. 17. Nearest community is DeLeon Springs. Refuge waters include Pool 1 (50 acres), Pool 2 (150 acres), Pool 3 (245 acres), Lake Woodruff (2,200 acres) and Lake Dexter (1,400 acres). Rivers include Spring Garden Creek (approximately 100 acres), Norris Dead River (100 acres) and various boat-accessible tributaries. Fishing season is year-round. Available species include largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, catfish and chain pickerel. Road access to the public use area at the end of Mud Lake Road is fair. The majority of the refuge is only accessible by boat. Local boat launching facilities are north of DeLeon Springs State Park, Tedder's Fish Camp, south at Highland Park Fish Camp and Ed Stone State Park.



*Nearby.

Lower Suwannee National Wildlife Refuge, 16450 NW 31 Place, Chiefland, FL 32626; (352) 493-0238; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=41515>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset. Fair access roads. Nearest highway is U.S. 19. Nearest community is Chiefland. Refuge waters include approximately a dozen ponds ranging in size from less than 1 acre to several acres. Bank fishing and boat ramps are available to access the Suwannee River and its tributaries or the Gulf of Mexico and its tidal creeks. Available freshwater species include largemouth bass, Suwannee bass, white bass, crappie, sunfish, perch and catfish. Saltwater species include spotted seatrout, flounder, red drum, Spanish mackerel and tarpon.



*In adjacent state-managed waters.

Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 6504, Titusville, FL 32782; (321) 861-0667; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=41570>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday; 9:00 am–5:00 pm, Saturday–Sunday. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset. Nearest community is Titusville. Nearest highways are I-95, U.S. 1, SR 406 and SR3. Good access roads. Freshwater fishing is limited to about 100 acres of borrow pits. Banks fishing for saltwater species is available from many dike roads, Patillo Creek, Eddy Creek and Haulover Canal. Approximately 40,000 acres of brackish lagoon waters, including Mosquito Lagoon, Indian River and Banana River; are open to fishing. Portions of Banana River are a manatee sanctuary where waters are open to non-motorized boats only. Other waters posted “Slow Speed” for manatee protection. Some waters contained within the Kennedy Space Center Security Area are closed. Fishing season is year-

round (except around Space Shuttle launches). Available freshwater species include largemouth bass, bluegill and catfish. Saltwater species include spotted seatrout, flounder and red drum.



Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge, 1339 20th St., Vero Beach, FL 32960; (772) 562-3909; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=41572>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset. Nearest community is Sebastian. Nearest highway is A1A. Fishing is permitted in the open water areas of the refuge, with good fishing opportunities for redfish, snook, sea trout, flounder, mangrove snapper, Jack Crevalle and other popular sportfish. Bank and wade fishing is permitted on the lagoon side of Bird's and Pete's Impoundment Trails. Refuge waters are open year-round, except the posted buffer around Pelican Island (proper), which is closed year-round. Manatee slow speed zones are posted along Spratt Creek and in other areas near shorelines and islands. Recreational clamming is open north of Spratt Point, except in the posted aquaculture use zone. Boat launching facilities are available in the city of Sebastia, Wabasso Causeway and Sebastian Inlet State Park. Fishing is prohibited in the interior of impoundments, lakes and ponds.



St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge, 1255 Lighthouse Rd., St. Marks, FL 32355; (850) 925-6121; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=41640>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday; 10:00 am–5:00 pm, Saturday–Sunday. The refuge is open every day during daylight hours. Nearest highways are U.S. 98, Hwys. 363, 267 and County Road 59. Good access roads. Nearest communities are St. Marks, Shell Point, Spring Creek, Panacea and Sopchoppy. Refuge waters include 2,000 acres of man-made pools open to bank fishing year-round and to boats (outboard motors not larger than 10 hp), March 15–October 15, in the St. Marks Unit. Otter Lake (120 acres), Alligator Lake (100 acres), Lake Renfro (20 acres) and other small lakes and ponds less than 5 acres are open year-round to boats (outboard motors not larger than 10 hp) and bank fishing. Aucilla, St. Marks and Wakulla Rivers lead into Apalachee Bay (approximately 5 miles of each river within or near refuge boundaries) Approximately 32,000 acres of bay/estuary are within refuge executive closing boundary; saltwater boat launch provides access to the bay. Saltwater fishing is allowed year-round. Available species include largemouth bass, sunfish and catfish. Saltwater species include bluefish, spotted seatrout, flounder, red drum, Spanish mackerel, mullet, shark and black sea bass.



St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 447, Apalachicola, FL 32329; (850) 653-8808; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=41650>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:00 pm. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset. Nearest highway is Hwy. 98. Refuge is accessible only by boat. Primitive road conditions on island; no vehicles are allowed. Nearest community is Apalachicola. Surf fishing is permitted year-round. Refuge waters include Oyster Pond (100 acres) and lakes 1-5 (total 156 acres). Fishing season is May 15–September 30. Available species include largemouth bass, redear sunfish and catfish. Boating restrictions include no outboard motors, and electric motors only on refuge lakes and ponds. Saltwater fishing in surrounding bay and gulf waters is for spotted seatrout, red drum, sheepshead, black drum, flounder,

mullet, bluefish, Spanish mackerel, whiting, pompano and sharks.



Ten Thousand Islands National Wildlife Refuge, 3860 Tollgate Blvd., Suite 300, Naples, FL; (239) 353-8442; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=41555>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday, excluding federal holidays. Nearest highway is U.S. 41. Nearest community is Goodland. The fresh and brackish marshes are open during daylight hours. Available species include redfish, snook, gray snapper, spotted seatrout and sheepshead. Freshwater fishing is accessible from U.S. 41, 2.5 miles east of intersection of Hwy. 92 and U.S. 41. Access in this area is available along canoe trails and along a 1-mile hiking trail. Frequently caught freshwater species include bream, gar and largemouth bass. There are no refuge facilities for anglers. The Ten Thousand Islands area is a pristine environment with very few structures. Trotlines, gigs, spears, bush hooks, snatch hooks, crossbows or bows and arrows of any type may not be used in non-marine areas. Marine areas are open 24 hours a day.



GEORGIA

Banks Lake National Wildlife Refuge, administered by Okefenokee NWR, Rt. 2, Box 3330, Folkston, GA 31537; (912) 496-7836; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=41591>. Office hours, 9:00 am–5:00 pm. Refuge is open daylight to dark. Good access roads. Nearest highway is Hwy. 122. Nearest community is Lakeland. Refuge waters include 1,000 acres of flooded cypress swamp. Fishing season is year-round. Available species include largemouth bass, crappie, sunfish and catfish.



Blackbeard Island National Wildlife Refuge, 1000 Business Center Dr., Suite 10, Savannah, GA 31405; (912) 832-4608; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=41626>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset. Nearest community is Darien. Blackbeard Island is composed of 2,000 acres of brackish creeks, tidal waters and salt marsh, and waters are open to fishing year-round. Blackbeard Island is bordered on the east by the Atlantic Ocean. Saltwater fishing is permitted throughout the year. Freshwater species include largemouth bass, crappie and sunfish. Saltwater species include bluefish, spotted seatrout, flounder, red drum, striped bass, bonefish, croaker and shark. Access to refuge is by boat only. Only non-motorized boats and boats with electric motors are allowed on freshwater ponds.



*Sea kayak. **Information shelter. †Electric motors only in the impoundment.

Bond Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, administered by Piedmont NWR, 718 Juliette Rd., Round Oak, GA 31308; (478) 986-5441; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=41685>. Office hours, 9:00 am–5:00 pm. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Nearest community is Macon. Nearest highway is Hwy. 23 and 87. Available species include largemouth bass, sunfish, crappie and catfish. Currently there are no facilities on site. Fishing is available in limited portions of Stone Creek and the Ocmulgee River, March 15–October 15. Vehicle access is limited. Only bank fishing is allowed.



Harris Neck National Wildlife Refuge, administered by Savannah Coastal Refuges, 1000 Business Center Dr., Suite 10, Savannah, GA 31405; (912) 652-4415; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=41627>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Access to fishing piers on Harris Neck Creek is permitted from sunrise to sunset daily. The Barbour River boat landing is open daily 4:00 am–midnight. Nearest highways are U.S. 17 and I-95. Nearest community is Darien. Good access roads. Saltwater fishing only is allowed at South Newport River, Barbour River and bordering creeks. Tidal waters within 1,291 acres of salt marsh are open to fishing. Boaters departing from the refuge’s Barbour River Landing have access to Sapelo Sound and the Atlantic Ocean, approximately 18 miles from the refuge landing. Saltwater fishing is permitted throughout the year. Available species include bluefish, spotted seatrout, flounder, red drum, spot, striped bass, weakfish, tarpon, croaker and saltwater catfish.



*Sea kayaking. **Information shelter.

Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge, Rt. 2, Box 338, Folkston, GA 31537; (912) 496-7366; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=41590>. Office hours, 9:00 am–5:00 pm. Refuge hours vary by season and entrance. Good access roads. Nearest highways are Hwy. 121 and 23, Spur 177 and U.S. 1. Nearest communities are Okefenokee and Fargo. Refuge lake is 39,600 acres. Fishing season is year-round. The use of live minnows or trotlines is prohibited. Available species include bluegill, redear sunfish, warmouth, flier, catfish and chain pickerel. Horsepower limitation for watercraft is 10 hp.



*Sea kayaking. **Information shelter. †At Visitor Center. ††10 HP or less.

Piedmont National Wildlife Refuge, 718 Juliette Rd., Round Oak, GA 31308; (478) 986-5441; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=41680>. Office hours, 7:30 am–5:00 pm, Monday–Friday; 9:00 am–5:00 pm, Saturday. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Good access roads. Nearest community is Hillsboro. Nearest highways are Hwys. 11, 87, and I-75. Fishing is allowed from sunrise to sunset. Freshwater species are largemouth bass, sunfish and catfish. No live bait fish are allowed.



Pinckney Island National Wildlife Refuge, administered by Savannah Coastal Refuges, 1000 Business Center Drive, Suite 10, Savannah, GA 31405; (912) 832-4608; <http://www.fws.gov/pinckneyisland/>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is located in SC and is open sunrise to sunset. Nearest highway is U.S. 78. Good access roads. Nearest community is Hilton Head Island, SC. Public boat ramp is located on south end of island. Saltwater fishing and shell-fishing are allowed from boats only. No freshwater fishing is allowed. Mackay Creek, Skull Creek (Intracoastal Waterway) and 2,729 acres of tidal waters and salt marsh adjacent to the refuge are open to saltwater fishing throughout the year. Port Royal and Calibogue sounds border the refuge. Available species include bluefish, spotted seatrout,

flounder, red drum, striped bass, tarpon, saltwater catfish, croaker and shark.



*Sea kayaking. **Information shelter.

Savannah National Wildlife Refuge, 1000 Business Center Drive, Suite 10, Savannah, GA 31405; (912) 652-4415; <http://www.fws.gov/savannah/>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset and is located in SC and GA. Nearest highway is U.S. 17. Nearest community is Savannah. Good access roads. Recreational fishing is permitted, March 1–November 30 in 2,702 acres of impounded waters and associated man-made canals. Bank fishing from Laurel Hill Wildlife Drive and fishing from boats in tidal creeks is offered year-round, non-motorized boats or boats with electric motors only. Water depths and fishing conditions vary according to the refuge’s management of impoundments for waterfowl and wading birds. The Savannah River, its channels and associated tidal freshwater creeks are open to fishing. Available species include largemouth bass, crappie, sunfish and catfish. Public ramps are located on the Savannah River adjacent to refuge boundaries.



Wassaw National Wildlife Refuge, administered by Savannah Coastal Refuges, 1000 Business Center Dr., Suite 10, Savannah, GA 31405; (912) 652-4415; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=41628>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset and is accessible by boat only. Nearest community is Savannah. Saltwater fishing only is allowed at Odingsell River, Wassaw Creek, Romerly Marsh Creek, Rhodes Creek and Habersham Creek. Tidal water within 7,691 acres of salt marsh is open to fishing. Wassaw Island is bordered on the east by the Atlantic Ocean where fishing is permitted year-round. Available species are bluefish, spotted seatrout, flounder, red drum, striped bass, tarpon, croaker, saltwater catfish and shark.

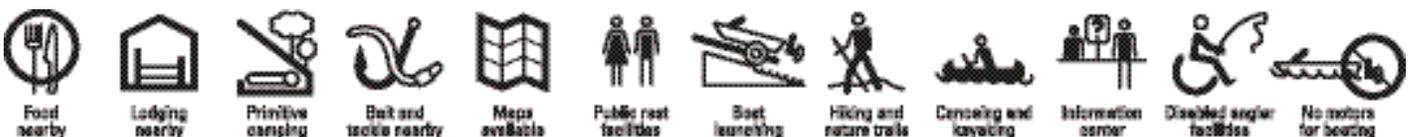


*Sea kayaking only. **Information kiosk.

Wolf Island National Wildlife Refuge, administered by Savannah Coastal Refuges, 1000 Business Center Dr., Suite 10, Savannah, GA 31405; (912) 652-4415; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=41623>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset. Access is by boat only. Nearest community is Darien. Navigable saltwater within refuge boundaries is open daily. Entry on foot to Wolf, Egg and Little Egg Islands is prohibited. Saltwater rivers and creeks border refuge marshland. Tidal waters within 4,219 acres of salt marsh are open to fishing. Wolf Island is bordered on the east by the Atlantic Ocean where saltwater fishing is permitted year-round. Available saltwater species are bluefish, spotted seatrout, flounder, red drum, striped bass, tarpon, croaker, saltwater catfish and shark.



*Sea kayaking only.



KENTUCKY

Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge, 91 U.S. Hwy. 641 North, Benton, KY 42025; (270) 527-5770; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=42622>; Office hours, 7:00 am–3:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Nearest community is Benton. Nearest highway is Hwy. 641. The refuge lies along the east fork of the Clarks River. Anglers can expect to find crappie, sunfish, bluegill, largemouth bass and catfish in the Clarks River; however, bank fishing is somewhat limited due to access. Fishing on refuge is a day-use-only activity.



LOUISIANA

Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge, managed by the Southeast Louisiana NWR Complex, 61389 Hwy. 434, Lacombe, LA 70445; (985) 882-2000; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=43614>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. Refuge is open 30 minutes before sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset. Nearest community is Ramah. Nearest highway is Hwy. 975. Fishing season is year-round. Available species include largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, sunfish and catfish. Atchafalaya NWR is part of the nation's largest complex of forested wetlands of bottomland hardwoods and swamps.



Bayou Cocodrie National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 1772, 3391 Poole Rd., Ferriday, LA 71334; (318) 336-7119; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=43530>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Fishing and use of the boat launch is open during daylight hours seven days a week. Nearest community is Ferriday. Nearest highway is Hwy. 15. Fishing season is year-round. Available species include largemouth bass, catfish, bluegill and crappie. Fishing access is limited to a put-in at Cocodrie Bayou near the refuge headquarters and near the south end of the refuge via a private launch.



Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Refuge, managed as part of the Southeast Louisiana NWR Complex, 61389 Hwy. 434, Lacombe, LA 70445; (985) 882-2000; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=43595>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Nearest community is New Orleans. Nearest highway is I-10. Fishing season is year-round. Available species include largemouth bass, crappie and bluegill, and saltwater species are blue crab, spotted seatrout, flounder and red drum. Anglers can fish 5,000 acres of freshwater marsh and about 3,000 acres of bay/estuary. The refuge's facilities for anglers include numerous parking areas, boat launches and miles of roads accessible to bank fishing. Portions of the refuge are closed during state waterfowl season. Boat motors are limited to 25 hp in freshwater impoundments. Airboats, air-cooled engines and motorized pirogues are prohibited.



Bogue Chitto National Wildlife Refuge, managed as part of Southeast Louisiana NWR Complex, 61389 Hwy. 434, Lacombe, LA 70445; (985) 882-2000; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=43616>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. Refuge is open 24 hours per day. Fishing season is July through March.

Nearest highway is I-59. Nearest community is Talisheek. Available species include largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill and catfish. There is fishing available in several oxbow and overflow lakes, East and West Pearl Rivers and Bogue Chitto River. There are several streams and sloughs on Bogue Chitto that provide excellent fishing for catfish and gar. Refuge facilities are limited, and access is generally by boat or foot. The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers has several boat launches available to the public for access to the refuge.



Big Branch Marsh National Wildlife Refuge, managed as part of Southeast Louisiana NWR Complex, 61389 Hwy. 434, Lacombe, LA 70445; (985) 882-2000; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=43558>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Nearest highway is I-12. Nearest community is Lacombe. Fishing season is year-round. Available saltwater species include spotted seatrout, red drum, flounder and blue crab. Freshwater species include largemouth bass and crappie. Shorelines of Lake Pontchartrain and adjoining bayous/canals contain a diverse ecosystem. The refuge's facilities for anglers include boat launches. Airboats, mudboats and motorized pirogues are prohibited.



Black Bayou Lake National Wildlife Refuge, managed as part of North Louisiana NWR Complex, Richland Rd., Monroe, LA; (318) 387-1114; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=42652>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. Refuge is open dawn to dusk, 7 days a week. Nearest community is Monroe. Nearest highway is U.S. Hwy. 165. Fishing season is year-round. Fishing opportunities include bait casting for largemouth bass, jig or shiners for crappie and cane pole fishing for bream in the pristine 1,800 acre cypress-studded lake. The refuge has boat launch sites (motor restricted to 50 hp or less).



Breton National Wildlife Refuge, managed as part of Southeast Louisiana NWR Complex, P.O. Box 924, Venice, LA 70091; (504) 534-2235; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=43556>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. Refuge is open 24 hours per day. Access to refuge is by boat from Venice or Gulfport, MS, and airplane from New Orleans. Fishing season is year-round. Available species include spotted seatrout, flounder, red drum and Spanish mackerel. Breton NWR is considered one of the best nearshore fishing sites in the Gulf of Mexico, with 20 miles of pristine barrier island fishing offshore of LA and MS coast. No facilities are available on the refuge.



Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge, managed as part of Southwest Louisiana NWR Complex, 1428 Hwy. 27, Bell City, LA 70630; (337) 598-2216; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=43612>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset. Nearest highway is LA Hwy. 27. Nearest community is Sweetlake. Fishing season is March 15 through October 15. Available species include largemouth bass, crappie, redear sunfish, catfish, gar and bowfin. The most popular method of fishing is with live bait. The refuge's facilities are approximately 2 miles of canal accessible for bank-fishing and 1 mile of canal accessible by motorboat. Bank-fishing areas are restricted to paddle and/or

electric trolling motor access only. There are no improved launch areas available, so boats must be hand-launched. There are no restrictions for boat access in the canal accessible by motorboat; canal may be accessed by Gibbstown public boat launch on the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway.



Cat Island National Wildlife Refuge, part of Central Louisiana NWR Complex, P.O. Box 1936, St. Francisville, LA; (225) 635-4753; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=43697>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Nearest highway is U.S. Hwy. 61. Nearest community is St. Francisville. Available species include largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, catfish and crawfish. The refuge's facilities for anglers include Blackfork Bayou, Lateral Canal and 3 small shallow ponds. Recreational fishing is permitted year-round, sunrise to sunset. Recreational crawfishing is permitted April 1–July 31, limited to 100 pounds per vehicle or boat per day.



Catahoula National Wildlife Refuge, 210 Catahoula NWR Rd., Jonesville, LA 71343; (318) 992-5261. The mailing address is P.O. Drawer Z, Rhinehart, LA 71363-0201. Office hours, 7:00 am–3:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open 1 hour before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset. Nearest highways are LA Hwy. 28 and U.S. Hwy. 84. Available species include largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, catfish and freshwater drum, by either boat or bank fishing. A 9-mile wildlife drive allows anglers easy access to various locations of the 700-acre Duck Lake and 154-acre Cowpen Bayou. Access to the 46-acre Muddy Bayou is restricted to ATV use only. The fishing season for Duck Lake and Muddy Bayou is March 1–October 31. Cowpen Bayou and Hwy. 28 borrow pits are open year-round. Facilities for anglers include 2 low-water boat ramps and one high-water boat ramp. Fishing on the Bushley Bayou Unit is open year-round, except during deer-gun and muzzle-loader hunts. There are 2 off-refuge public boat ramps to access the 8-mile Bushley Creek and no motor restriction. ATV use only is allowed to access the 60-acre Dempsey Lake and the 15-acre Round Lake. Motors larger than 10 hp prohibited. For more information, visit <http://catahoula.fws.gov/>



*Nearby.

D'Arbonne National Wildlife Refuge, managed as part of North Louisiana NWR Complex, 11372 Hwy. 143, Farmerville, LA 71241; (318) 726-4222; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=43545>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. Refuge is open 24 hours, 7 days/week. Nearest highway is Hwy. 143. Nearest community is Monroe. Fishing season is year-round except for the Mollicy Unit where fishing is permitted March 1 through August 31. Available fishing opportunities include bait casting for largemouth bass, jig or shiners for crappie and cane pole fishing for bream. Angling is allowed in 13 miles of Bayou D'Arbonne and numerous back water lakes. The refuge has three boat launches.



Delta National Wildlife Refuge, managed as part of Southeast Louisiana NWR Complex, P.O. Box 924, Venice, LA 70091; (504) 534-2235; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=43555>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Access to refuge is by boat from Venice. Anglers must

cross and travel down the Mississippi River to get to the refuge. Fishing season is year-round. The primary freshwater species include largemouth bass, striped bass, sunfish, catfish and crappie; saltwater species are striped bass, red drum, spotted seatrout and flounder. 15,000 acres of open water and marsh ponds are accessible by shallow-draft boats. Waters flowing through Delta NWR provide access to the Gulf of Mexico. No refuge facilities are available.



Grand Cote National Wildlife Refuge, part of Central Louisiana NWR Complex, 401 Island Rd., Marksville, LA; (318) 253-4238; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=43696>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. The refuge is open 4:00 am–1 hour after sunset. Fair access roads. Nearest highway is LA Hwy. 1. Nearest community is Marksville. Fishing season is year-round. Available species include catfish, bowfin, alligator gar, freshwater drum and crawfish. Recreational crawfishing is permitted in designated areas, April 1–May 31, with harvest limited to 100 pounds per permit per day.



Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge, part of the Southwest Louisiana NWR Complex, 209 Nature Road, Lake Arthur, LA 70549; (337) 774-5923; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=43610>. Office hours, 7:00 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open 1 hour before sunrise to 1 hour after sunset. Nearest highway is Hwy. 14. Nearest community is Hayes. Popular species include largemouth bass, crappie, sunfish, catfish, bowfin and gar. The refuge consists of impounded freshwater marshes, with the 16,000-acre Lacassine Pool as the predominant feature. The Lacassine Bayou (approximately 2,000 acres) and about 8 miles of canals are also available for fishing. Fishing is permitted at Lacassine Pool and in refuge marshes, March 15–October 15. A 25 hp maximum motor size is in effect for boaters on the Lacassine Pool.



Lake Ophelia National Wildlife Refuge, part of Central Louisiana NWR Complex, 401 Island Rd., Marksville, LA; (318) 253-4238; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=43695>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. Nearest highway is Hwy. 452. Nearest community is Marksville. Available species include largemouth bass (minimum of 14"), black and white crappie (minimum of 10") and white bass. Recreational fishing is permitted in Lake Ophelia, Duck Lake, Westcut Lake, Possum Bayou, Lake Long and in the immediate vicinity of the Lake St. Agnes drainage culverts on the Red River, March 1–October 15, 4:00 am–1 hour after sunset. Boats are allowed, 25 hp maximum. There are 4 boat launches, with 3 accessible by ATV and 1 by vehicle.



Red River National Wildlife Refuge, managed as part of North Louisiana NWR Complex, 11372 Hwy. 143, Farmerville, LA 71241; (318) 726-4222; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=42653>. Office hours, 6:30 am–4:00 pm. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Nearest highway is Hwy. 71. Nearest community is Bossier City. Fishing season is year-round. Available species include largemouth bass, bluegill and catfish. The refuge's facilities for anglers include bank fishing and small boat access.



Sabine National Wildlife Refuge, managed as part of the Southwest Louisiana NWR Complex, 3000 Holly Beach Hwy., Hackberry, LA 70645; (337) 762-3816; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=43640>. Office hours, 7:00 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday; noon–4:00 pm, Saturday–Sunday. Refuge hours are from sunrise to sunset. Nearest highway is LA State Hwy. 27. Nearest community is Hackberry. Refuge waters consist of a freshwater impoundment totaling approximately 26,000 acres, plus marshes and canals totaling approximately 99,000 acres. Fishing season, via boats, is March 15–October 15. Fishing is open year-round along Hwy. 27 for bank fishing. Available species include largemouth bass, crappie, sunfish, catfish and gar. Saltwater species include spotted seatrout, flounder, black drum and red drum. There are fishing facilities constructed at 3 recreation areas (Northline, Hog Island Gully and West Cove) along Hwy. 27. Boats are limited to 40 hp or less in the freshwater impoundment. Aside from the impoundment, boats that are not traveling in designated canals or natural bayous must push-pole or use only trolling motors in the marsh.



Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge, Rt. 2, Box 295, Tallulah, LA 71282; (318) 574-2664 or (318) 574-3739; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=43690>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Fair access roads. Nearest highways are Hwy. 80, Hwy. 65 and I-20. Nearest community is Tullulah. Fishing season is year-round on Africa Lake (27 acres), Judd Lake (40 acres) Buck Lake (60 acres), Rainey Lake (16 acres) and Tensas River (30 river miles). Fishing season is March 1–October 31 on all other lakes. Available species include largemouth bass, white and black crappie, catfish, gar, bowfin and buffalo. No gas motors are allowed, except on Judd Lake, Buck Lake and Tensas River.



Upper Ouachita National Wildlife Refuge, managed as part of North Louisiana NWR Complex, Hooker Hole Rd., Haile, LA; (318) 726-4222; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=43546>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. The refuge is located along either side of the Ouachita River, beginning at the AR line on the west bank going south for approximately 18 miles. Refuge is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Nearest highways are Hwy. 143 and U.S. Hwy. 2. Nearest community is Haile. Fishing opportunities include bait casting for bass, jig or shiners for crappie and cane pole fishing for bream. Fishing is allowed on the Ouachita River, Fish Lake, Harrell Lake and many other backwater lakes. The refuge has 3 boat launches and a universal access pier at Harrell Lake.



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Coldwater River National Wildlife Refuge, managed as part of the North Mississippi NWR Complex, 2776 Sunset Drive, Grenada, MS 38901; (662) 226-8286; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=43676>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. Fishing is allowed during daylight hours. Fishing season is March 1 through September 30. Nearest community is Charleston. Nearest highway is Hwy. 35. Fishing is permitted in the borrow pits only, with opportunities to catch crappie, bass, bluegill and catfish.



*Nearby.

Hillside National Wildlife Refuge, one of 7 refuges in the Theodore Roosevelt NWR Complex, is located in Holmes and Yazoo Counties. Hillside NWR is managed by refuge staff at Morgan Brake NWR, (662) 839-2617. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Nearest highway is Hwy. 49E. Nearest community is Tchula. Approximately 20 borrow ponds and Tipton Bayou are offered for fishing year-round, 7 days a week during daylight hours only. Species include largemouth bass, crappie, redear sunfish, catfish, gar, bowfin, carp and buffalo. The refuge is closed to fishing during the deer-gun season. For more information, go to <http://hillside.fws.gov/>.



*Nearby.

Mathews Brake National Wildlife Refuge, one of 7 refuges in the Theodore Roosevelt NWR Complex, is located in Leflore and Holmes Counties. Mathews Brake NWR is managed by refuge staff at Morgan Brake NWR, (662) 839-2617. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open from dawn to dusk. Good access roads. Nearest community is Sidon. Nearest highways are Hwy. 49 and Hwy. 7. Fishing season is March 1 through November 15. Fishing is permitted year-round in the borrow ponds. The lake is a 1,720-acre natural oxbow lake with cypress and tupelo gum trees around the edges, and fishing is available for catfish, largemouth bass, sunfish, buffalo, crappie, carp, gar and bowfin. For more information, go to <http://hillside.fws.gov/>.



*Nearby.

Morgan Brake National Wildlife Refuge, one of 7 refuges in the Theodore Roosevelt NWR Complex, 1562 Providence Rd., Cruger, MS 38924; (662) 839-2617. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open from dawn to dusk. Nearest community is Tchula. Nearest highway is Hwy. 49E. The refuge offers good access roads to 5 lakes and 1 stream. Fishing is offered year-round, except during gun-deer season. Available species include largemouth bass, crappies, bluegill and catfish. For more information, visit <http://morganbrake.fws.gov/>.



*Nearby.

Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge, 2970 Bluff Lake Rd., Brooksville, MS 39739; (662) 323-5548; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=43620>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday; 10:00 am–4:00 pm, Saturday–Sunday. Refuge is open from dawn to dusk. Access roads are in good condition. Nearest highways are Hwys. 45 and 25. Nearest communities are Brooksville, Starkville and Louisville. Refuge waters include Bluff Lake (800 acres), Loakfoma Lake (450 acres), Ross Branch Reservoir (40 acres) and Noxubee River. Fishing season is March 1–October 31 in all refuge lakes; Noxubee River is open year-round. Available species include largemouth bass, redear, sunfish, crappie and catfish.



Panther Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, one of 7 refuges in the Theodore Roosevelt NWR Complex, 13695 River Rd., Yazoo City, MS 39194; (662) 839-2617. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open from dawn to dusk. Nearest community is Yazoo City. Nearest highway is Hwy. 149. Available species include catfish, largemouth bass, sunfish, crappie, buffalo, carp, gar and bowfin. Waters between the East and West levees,

the Landside Ditch and the portion of Panther Creek adjacent to the West Levee are open year-round except during limited deer hunts. All other refuge waters are open March 1–November 15. Trotlines, limb lines, jugs, seines and traps are prohibited. Some of the preferred fishing areas are Wade Bayou, Panther Creek, Deep Bayou, Lake George and the waters lying between the East and West levees. The refuge's facilities include 2 all-weather access concrete boat ramps at Deep Bayou and Lake George. For more information, visit <http://pantherswamp.fws.gov/>.



St. Catherine Creek National Wildlife Refuge is located at P.O. Box 117, Sibley, MS 39165; (601) 442-6696; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=42640>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open from dawn to dusk. Nearest highway is Hwy. 61. Nearest community is Natchez. Fishing is permitted from March 1 through the day before muzzleloader deer season begins in late November. Available species include catfish, largemouth bass and crappie. Both boat fishing and bank fishing are available. The refuge's facilities include boat ramps at 4 lakes with access to all lakes via gravel roads.



Tallahatchie National Wildlife Refuge, managed as part of the North Mississippi NWR Complex. The complex office is located at 2776 Sunset Dr., Grenada, MS 38901; (662) 226-8286; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=43645>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. Refuge is open from dawn to dusk. Nearest community is Grenada. Nearest highway is Hwy. 8. Fishing season is March 1 through September 30. Available species include crappie, largemouth bass, bluegill and catfish in Tippo Bayou and associated oxbows. The refuge's facilities are boat ramps for Tippo Bayou and Long Branch oxbow.



*Nearby.

NORTH CAROLINA

Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 1969, Manteo, NC 27954; (252) 473-1131; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=41630>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. Refuge is open dawn to dusk. Primitive access roads. Nearest main highway is U.S. 64/264. Nearest community is Manteo. License required for saltwater fishing beginning in 2006. Waters available for fishing include East Lake, South Lake, Whipping Creek Lake, Sawyer Lake and Swan Lake. Streams include Milltail Creek, Whipping Creek and Swan Creek, approximately 20 miles total, plus approximately 150–200 miles of man-made canals along roads. Refuge boat-launching facilities for small boats exist at South Lake, Buffalo City and Milltail Creek. Additional boat launching facilities are provided on adjacent areas by the NC Wildlife Resources Commission. Fishing access is available year-round. Available species include largemouth bass, striped bass, crappie, redear sunfish, catfish and chain pickerel in freshwater. Brackish bays/estuaries include Pamlico Sound and Alligator River. Predominant brackish/saltwater species are bluefish, striped bass, spotted sea trout, flounder, red drum, striped bass, spot and croaker.



*Nearby.

Cedar Island National Wildlife Refuge, administered by Mattamuskeet NWR, 879 Lola Rd., Cedar Island, NC 28520; (919) 225-2511; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=42531>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. Refuge is open during daylight hours, year-round. Good access roads. Nearest main highways are Hwy. 12 and U.S. 70. Nearest communities are Cedar Island and Atlantic. Most visitors fish from John Day Bridge on Hwy. 12 and in parts of Thorofare and West Bays (state-owned). Fishing season is year-round. Species include spotted seatrout and flounder.



Mackay Island National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 39, 316 Marsh Causeway, Knotts Island, NC 27950; (252) 429-3100; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=41660>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Nearest highway is Rt. 615. Nearest community is Knotts Island. Available species include sunfish, crappie, catfish, largemouth bass and seasonal striped bass and flounder. The refuge's facilities are small-boat access, a fishing pier and 3 large impoundments (open March 15–October 15).



Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge, 38 Mattamuskeet Rd., Swanquarter, NC 27885; (252) 926-4021; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=42530>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Good access roads. Nearest highways are 264 and 94. Nearest communities are Swanquarter and Fairfield. Refuge waters include Lake Mattamuskeet (40,000 acres) with an average depth of 2 feet. Shallow-draft boats with small motors, canoes or waders are recommended. Five culverts can be fished from Hwy. 94. Four outlet canals connect Lake Mattamuskeet with Pamlico Sound. There is good fishing and crabbing from canal bridges and water-control structures and freshwater fishing for largemouth bass, crappie, catfish, sunfish and striped bass. Best fishing seasons are spring and fall. Refuge is open year-round for bank fishing and March 1–November 1 for boats. Saltwater species include spot, striped bass and blue crab.



Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge, c/o Alligator River NWR, P.O. Box 1969 Manteo, NC 27954; (252) 987-1118; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=42540>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. Nearest main highway is NC Hwy. 12. Nearest community is Fairfield. Refuge is open dawn to dusk and has excellent fishing year-round. Access for nighttime surf fishing is allowed with a permit September 15–May 31 annually. Access for surf fishing is allowed along approximately 12 miles of beach on NC's Outer Banks, from Oregon Inlet southward to the village of Rodanthe. Access for inlet fishing from Bonner Bridge catwalks and surrounding area is also allowed. Launching area for small boats and canoes/kayaks is at New Inlet. Saltwater species include sharks, bluefish, spotted sea trout, flounder, red drum, spot, striped bass, weakfish, sea mullet, pompano, Spanish mackerel and croaker. Available freshwater species in brackish feeder streams and ponds include largemouth bass, striped bass, crappie, sunfish, catfish and chain pickerel.



*Nearby. **Beach.

Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge, Rt. 1, Box 92, Wadesboro, NC 28170; (704) 694-4424; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=42550>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open dawn to dusk. Good access roads. Nearest highways are Hwys. 52 and 74. Nearest community is Ansonville. Refuge ponds are Sullivan (3 acres), Ross (5 acres), Andrews (10 acres), Beaver (15 acres) and Little (1 acre). Arrowhead Lake is 25 acres. About 200 acres of the Pee Dee River are open to fishing. Brown Creek is about 15 acres. Fishing season is April 15–October 15. Available species include largemouth bass, crappie, sunfish and catfish. Only boats with electric motors are allowed on Arrowhead Lake, Beaver Pond and Andrews Pond.



Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge, 205 S. Ludington Dr., PO Box 329, Columbia, NC 27925; (252) 796-3004; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=42535>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open from sunrise to sunset. Fair access roads. Nearest highways are U.S. 64, 94 and 45. Nearest communities are Plymouth, Roper, Creswell and Columbia. Refuge lands include 4.5 miles of shoreline along Lake Phelps, a 16,500-acre lake that is part of Pettigrew State Park, and half of the shoreline at Frying Pan Lake, a 2,000-acre bay on the Alligator River. Fishing season is year-round in most waters. Available species include largemouth bass, crappie, sunfish and catfish.



Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge, 114 W. Water St., P.O. Box 430 (mailing) Windsor, NC 27983; (252) 794-3808; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=42630>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open dawn to dusk. Nearest community is Williamston. Nearest highway is U.S. 17/13. The refuge borders the Roanoke River for approximately 30 miles. Fishing is allowed on the Roanoke River and its tributaries year-round. Available species include largemouth bass, striped bass, crappie, sunfish and catfish. The Roanoke River is accessible by public boat ramps located in Hamilton, Williamston, Jamesville and Plymouth.



Swanquarter National Wildlife Refuge, 38 Mattamuskeet Rd., Swanquarter, NC 27885; (919) 225-2511; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=42532>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. Refuge is open dawn to dusk. Access roads are in good condition. Refuge waters include Pamlico Sound tributaries (Rose Bay Creek, Juniper Creek, Oyster Creek). Approximately 27,000 acres of Pamlico Sound estuarine waters adjacent to refuge are open to fishing. Fishing season is year-round, although May–November are the most popular months. Available species include spotted seatrout, red drum, croaker, spot, gray trout, flounder, bluefish and blue crab. Access to Juniper Bay and J.B. Cree is via Hydeland Canal Boat Ramp; access to Swanquarter Bay is via Fisherman's Wharf Marina in Swanquarter; access to Rose Bay is via Rose Bay Marina.



*No ramps on refuge-private and public ramps available.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Ernest F. Hollings ACE Basin National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 848, Hollywood, SC 29449; (843) 889-3084; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=42511>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open during daylight to dark. Nearest highway is Hwy. 17. Nearest community is Hollywood. Fishing is allowed in the Beaufort County portion of the refuge only. Impounded waters contained within dikes and levees are opened seasonally, from April 1–August 31 from sunrise to sunset. All unimpounded tidal creeks, tidal canals and freshwater streams on and immediately adjacent to the refuge are open year-round. Predominant species include largemouth bass, catfish, sunfish and mullet. All areas require foot travel.



Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge, 5801 Hwy. 17 North, Awendaw, SC 29429; (843) 928-3264; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=42510>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Nearest community is Mt. Pleasant. Nearest highway is Hwy. 17. Fishing opportunities include surf fishing and fishing within saltwater estuaries with excellent fall surf fishing for red drum and black drum. The refuge's facilities for anglers are limited. There is boat access only, except at Garris Landing, where some fishing is available from the dock. All total, the refuge has more than 30,000 acres of bay/estuary waters and 12-14 miles of beachfront. Surf fishing is allowed year-round. Salt water species available are bluefish, spotted seatrout, flounder, spot and the above-mentioned drum species.



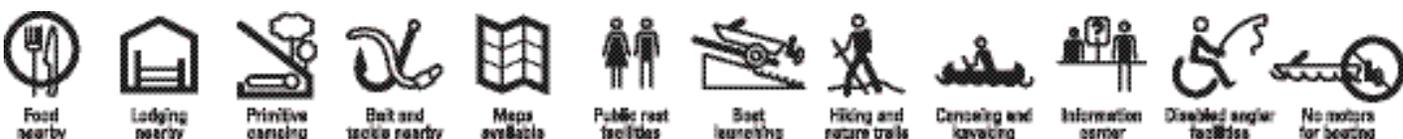
*Limited.

Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge, 23734 Hwy. 1 McBee, SC 29101; (843) 335-8401; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=42520>. Office hours, 7:00 am–3:30 pm. Refuge is open 1 hour before legal sunrise to 1 hour after legal sunset. Nearest main highway is U.S. Hwy. 1. Nearest communities are McBee and Hartsville. Sport fishing is permitted year-round unless otherwise posted on 310 acres of various impoundments. Boat ramps are provided on larger lakes. Available species include largemouth bass, sunfish and catfish. Electric trolling motors only are allowed.



*Electric trolling motors only.

Santee National Wildlife Refuge, 2125 Fort Watson Rd., Summerton, SC 29148; (803) 478-2217; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=42570>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:00 pm, Tuesday–Saturday for the refuge visitor center/office. Refuge is open 8:00 am–5:00 pm. Poor to fair access roads. Nearest highway is U.S. 15/301. Nearest community is Summerton. Available species include largemouth bass, striped bass, white bass, crappie, sunfish and catfish. There are 9,000 acres of open water area within the refuge, which are superimposed on the 110,000-acre Lake Marion. Lake Marion is world famous for excellent striped



bass fishing and trophy-sized catfish. Other open fishing waters include ponds, shallow impoundments and canals that total 30 acres. Fishing is allowed year-round in some areas, in other areas only March 1–November 1.



TENNESSEE

Chickasaw National Wildlife Refuge, managed as part of the West Tennessee NWR Complex, 1505 Sand Bluff Rd., Ripley, TN 38063; (731) 287-0650; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=42526>. Office hours, 7:30 am–8:00 pm. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Nearest community is Ripley. Nearest highway is Hwy. 19. Available species include bluegill, crappie, largemouth bass, channel catfish, carp, buffalo and gar. The portion of the refuge that borders the Mississippi River consists of a series of sandbars and islands that provide habitat for big river fish such as flathead catfish, blue catfish and pallid sturgeon, which is currently on the endangered species list. Sport fishing is permitted year-round on most areas of the refuge. Spring is the best time for fishing, with the receding backwater floods. The refuge has 2 boat ramps.



Cross Creeks National Wildlife Refuge, 643 Wildlife Rd., Dover, TN 37058; (931) 232-7477; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=42515>. Office and visitor center hours, 7:00 am–3:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open during daylight hours only. The River Bottoms Road is open March 16–November 14. Good access roads. Refuge is located along 11 miles of the Cumberland River at the tailwaters to Lake Barkley. Nearest communities are Dover, Clarksville and Nashville. Nearest main highways are Hwy. 49 and 79. Fishing is permitted in refuge impoundments and reservoirs, March 15–November 15. Fishing is permitted year-round in waters of Lake Barkley. Predominant species are sunfish, crappie, catfish and largemouth bass. Best fishing occurs during the spring after winter flooding has occurred.



Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge, managed as part of the West Tennessee NWR Complex, 6772 Hwy. 76 South, Brownsville, TN; (731) 772-0501; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=42525>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Nearest highways are I-40 and Hwy. 76. Nearest communities are Brownsville and Hillville. Fishing season is year-round. Available species include largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie and catfish. Fishing is allowed in 10 oxbow lakes, 4 borrow pit lakes, 3 managed lakes, numerous sloughs and creeks, and the fishable waters along the Hatchie Scenic River. Fishing is allowed during daylight hours only. There is a minimum 14-inch size limit for bass in Goose and Quail Hollow Lakes. Only electric trolling motors are allowed on refuge waters. Some areas are closed November 15–March 15.



Lake Isom National Wildlife Refuge, a unit of the West Tennessee NWR Complex, is managed from the Reelfoot NWR office/visitor center at 4343 Hwy. 157, Union City, TN 38261; (731) 287-0650; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=42576>. Office hours, 7:45 am–4:15 pm. Nearest highway is Hwy. 22. Nearest communi-

ty is Tiptonville. Available species include largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie and catfish. The refuge has a boat ramp at the south end of the refuge that provides access to Lake Isom. The refuge is open for fishing March 16–November 14 during daylight hours only. There is a 10 hp limit. The lake consists of 750 acres of open water interspersed with buttonbush and cypress.



Lower Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge, part of the West Tennessee NWR Complex, 234 Fort Prudhomme Dr., Henning, TN 38041; (731) 287-0650; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=42527>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Nearest highways are Hwy. 51 and Hwy. 87. Nearest community is Fort Pillow. Available species include largemouth bass, crappie, sunfish and catfish. Fishing is allowed on Champion Lake (5 acres), Teal Pond (2 acres), Shoaf Pond (1-1/2 acres), the Hatchie River and the Mississippi River. Fishing is open year-round, except for Teal Pond and Shoaf Pond, which are open March 16–November 14. No motors are allowed on Teal Pond or Shoaf Pond.



Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge, managed as part of the West Tennessee NWR Complex, 4343 Highway 157, Union City, TN 38261; (731) 287-0650; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=42575>. Office hours, 7:45 am–4:15 pm, Monday–Friday. Reelfoot NWR is located on a portion of Reelfoot Lake. Nearest highways are TN Hwy. 22 and Hwy. 157. A boat ramp is located at the end of the auto tour route. Available species include crappie, largemouth bass, bluegill and catfish. Fishing season on the Grassy Island unit (southern unit) is February 1–November 14. Fishing season on the Long Point unit (northern unit) is March 16–November 14. Fishing is allowed during daylight hours only.



Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge, 3006 Dinkins Lane, Paris, TN 38242; (731) 642-2091; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=42620>. Office hours, 7:00 am–3:30 pm. Tennessee NWR is made up of 3 separate units. The Duck River Unit, the largest of the 3, is located in Humphreys and Benton counties at the junction of the Duck and Tennessee Rivers. The sub-head-quarters of this unit is located 1 1/2 miles southeast of Hustburg. The Big Sandy Unit is located 12 miles north of the town of Big Sandy, at the junction of the Big Sandy and Tennessee Rivers. The Busseltown Unit is located in Decatur County, along the western bank of the Tennessee River; the entrance to the unit is 5 miles northeast of Parsons. Nearest highways are Hwy. 79, Hwy. 70, I-40 and Hwy. 412. In early spring, Kentucky Lake is known for some of the best crappie fishing in the nation. Later in the season, largemouth and smallmouth bass, striped bass, sunfish, sauger and catfish provide sport for many. The refuge is noted for having greater fish species diversity in these waters than any other inland refuge in the nation. The refuge's facilities include 19 launch ramps open to the public. Most are day-use facilities only. Several areas of the refuge are closed seasonally, November 15–March 15. Grassy Lake heron rookery is closed November 15–August 31. Fishing is permitted during daylight hours only. No taking of turtles or bullfrogs is allowed on refuge. Boating restrictions on interior impoundment limit motors to “no wake” speed.



NORTHEAST REGION

Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia

CONNECTICUT

Stewart B. McKinney National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 1030, Westbrook, CT 06498; (860) 399-2513; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=53546>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Stewart B. McKinney NWR consists of 9 units within the Long Island Sound Ecosystem. It is located along 70 miles of the CT coast between Westbrook and Greenwich. Nearest main highway is I-95.



DELAWARE

Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge, 11978 Turkle Pond Rd., Milton, DE 19968; (302) 684-8419; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=51560>. Office hours, 7:30 am–7:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open year-round 1/2 hour before and after sunrise. Nearest highway is U.S. Route 1. Nearest community is Milton. Fishing is allowed in non-tidal waters of Prime Hook Creek and Turkle and Fleetwood ponds and brackish tidal waters of Petersfield Ditch and Slaughter Canal. Fishing season is year-round, except for the Headquarters dike which is closed October 1–March 15. Boats up to 25 horsepower are permitted in Prime Hook Canal. Only electric or hand-propelled boats are permitted in Turkle and Fleetwood ponds. Available species include largemouth bass, chain pickerel, white perch and crappie.



MAINE

Carlton Pond Waterfowl Production Area, managed by Sunkhaze Meadows NWR, 1168 Main St. Old Town, ME 04468; (207) 827-6138; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=53561>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Nearest highways are ME Rts. 11, 100 and 220. Nearest community is Troy. All of Carlton Pond is open to fishing in accordance with state seasons. Available species include American shad, brown bullhead, brown trout, chain pickerel, largemouth and smallmouth bass and yellow perch. There are no fishing facilities.



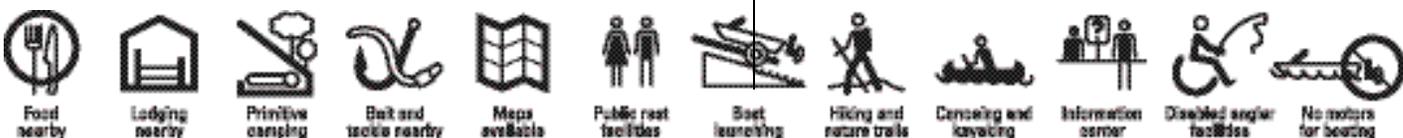
Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge, 103 Headquarters Rd., Suite 1, Baring, ME 04694; (207) 454-7161; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=53530>. Nearest community is Baring. Nearest highway is Hwy. 9. Located in easternmost Maine, designated waters of the refuge are open to fishing sunrise to sunset during seasons prescribed by the state. Brook trout inhabit streams and beaver flowages, while smallmouth bass, yellow perch and chain pickerel may be found in lakes and ponds. Outboard motors (including electric) are not permitted on waters of the wilderness areas.



Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge, 321 Port Rd., Wells, ME 04090; (207) 646-9226; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=53553>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset. Nearest highway is Route 1. Nearest community is Kennebunk. Fishing season is in accordance with state regulations. Available species include striped bass and sea-run brown trout with either fly rod or other tackle. Refuge regulations require the use of non-lead jigs and sinkers.



Sunkhaze Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, 1168 Main St., Old Town, ME 04468; (207) 827-6138, extension 17; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=53560>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset. Nearest highways are Route 2 and I-95. Nearest communities are Orono to Old Town. Refuge waters open to fishing include Baker Brook, Birch Stream, Buzzy Brook, Dudley Brook, Johnson Brook, Little Birch Stream, Sandy Stream and Sunkhaze Stream. Fishing season is in accordance with state regulations. Available species include brook trout, smallmouth bass, yellow perch and chain pickerel. Fishing access is via the county and Stud Mill roads in Milford. There are no fishing facilities.



MARYLAND

Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, 2145 Key Wallace Dr., Cambridge, MD 21613; (410) 228-2677; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=51531>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday; 9:00 am–5:00 pm, Saturday. Refuge is closed Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. Fair access roads. Nearest main highway is Hwy. 50. Nearest communities are Church Creek and Cambridge. Refuge waters include Blackwater and Little Blackwater Rivers (9,000 acres). Expansive marsh area has many shallow water areas and winding guts. Available species include largemouth bass, striped bass, black crappie, bluegill, white and yellow perch and catfish. Refuge is closed to boating and canoeing October 1–March 31 to prevent impact on migrating waterfowl and eagles and is sometimes closed in areas to prevent impact on eagle nesting after April 1. Access is restricted to fishing from roadway or boat.



*Canoe and kayak only.

Patuxent Research Refuge, 12100 Beech Forest Rd., Laurel, MD 20708-4039; (301) 497-5580; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=51640>. Office hours, 10:00 am–5:30 pm at the National Wildlife Visitor Center; 8:00 am–4:30 pm (or later seasonally) at the Patuxent North Tract entrance. Refuge is generally open 8:00 am–6:30 pm. Good access roads. Nearest highways are Baltimore/Washington Parkway and MD Route 197. Nearest community is Laurel. Fishing opportunities include freshwater, non-tidal pond and river fishing. Available species include bluegill, black crappie, bass, pickerel and catfish. Fishing is seasonal at Cash Lake (mid-June to mid-October); hours are sunrise to sunset. Small boats are allowed for fishing in Cash Lake only.



*No gas motors.

MASSACHUSETTS

Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge, administered as part of the Eastern Massachusetts NWR Complex, 73 Weir Hill Rd., Sudbury, MA 01776; (978) 443-4661; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=53513>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:00 pm. Refuge is open 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. Nearby major roads include Route 62 in Hudson, Route 117 in Stow and Route 27 in Sudbury. Year-round fishing opportunities from bank or non-motorized boat at Puffer Pond are likely by fall 2005. Available species include largemouth bass, chain pickerel, brown bullhead and a variety of sunfish species.



*Kiosk.

Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, Weir Hill Rd., Sudbury, MA 01776-1427; (508) 443-4661; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=53511>. Office hours, 7:00 am–4:00 pm. Refuge is open 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. Good access roads. Nearest main highways are Hwys. 128, 495 and 2. Nearest communities are Billerica, Bedford, Carlisle, Concord, Lincoln, Sudbury and Wayland. Fishing season is year-round.



*Kiosk, visitor contact station.

Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge, is administered by Eastern Massachusetts NWR Complex, 73 Weir Hill Road, Sudbury, MA 01776-1427; (508) 443-4661; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=53514>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:00 pm. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset except Morris Island which is open 24 hours. Good access roads. Nearest main highway is Hwy. 28. Nearest community is Chatham. No saltwater fishing license is required. Fishing is permitted year-round in designated areas. Available species include striped bass, bluefish and flounder.



Nantucket National Wildlife Refuge, an unstaffed refuge on Great Point, Nantucket Island, administered as part of the Eastern Massachusetts NWR Complex, 73 Weir Hill Rd., Sudbury, MA 01776-1427; (508) 228-5646; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=53515>. Office hours, 7:00 am–4:00 pm. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset. Primitive access roads. There are no nearby highways. Nearest community is Nantucket. No license is required for saltwater fishing. Fishing season is year-round. Available species include striped bass and bluefish. Boat or RV is required for access.



Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge, an unstaffed refuge administered as part of the Eastern Massachusetts NWR Complex, 73 Weir Hill Rd., Sudbury, MA 01776; (978) 443-4661; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=53512>. Office hours, 7:00 am–4:00 pm. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset. Nearest highways are Route 2, I-190 and I-495. Nearest community is Shirley. Public access is off Route 110 at Still River Depot Road, Harvard. Fishing opportunities are available by boat/canoe on the main stem of the Nashua River and from riverbank trails on portions of the refuge. Canoe launch is at refuge parking area. Fishing season is in accordance with state regulations. Available species include largemouth bass, brown bullhead, yellow perch and a variety of sunfish species.



*Kiosk.

Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, 6 Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport, MA 01950-4315; (978) 465-5753; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=53550>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm. Refuge is open daily, sunrise to sunset. One access road (3.5 miles unpaved). Nearest main highways are 1-95, I-495 and Route 1. Nearest community is Newburyport. Refuge waters include 6.5 miles of beachfront and a large estuary. Available species include bluefish, flounder, striped bass, mackerel, tautog and cod, as well as various shellfish. Fishing seasons are daylight hours, year-round and nights mid-August–October 31.



*Non-motor only.

Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge is a collection of habitats in MA, CT, NH and VT. The headquarters is located at 52 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA, 01376; (413) 863-0209; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=53590>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm. The Great Falls Discovery Center is located at the headquarters, but the refuge's land holdings are not, so it is best to call ahead to plan fishing opportunities. The primary fishing opportunities include brook trout at the Nulhegan Basin Division in northeastern VT. There are also a variety of bass and

American shad fishing opportunities in the mainstem of the Connecticut River at various locations in CT and MA.

NEW JERSEY

Cape May National Wildlife Refuge, 24 Kimbles Beach Rd., Cape May Court House, NJ 08210; (609) 463-0994; Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open dawn to dusk. Nearest highway is State Hwy. 47. Nearest community is Cape May Court House. The refuge offers fishing year-round along the Delaware Bay off Kimbles Beach. The most common species caught include Atlantic croaker, bluefish, striped bass and flounder. For more information, visit <http://capemay.fws.gov/>.



Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 72, Oceanville, NJ 08231-0072; (609) 652-1665; Office hours, 8:00 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset. Nearest main highways are Garden State Parkway and U.S. 9. Nearest community is Oceanville. Refuge boat ramp is at Scott's Landing. Atlantic Ocean is accessible from channel adjacent to refuge. Fishing from Little Beach requires a special use permit. Visitors are asked to make first visit at low tide to learn channels. The refuge has saltwater fishing opportunities at the following shore access points: Cedar Creek (Ocean County, Stafford Township) off Stafford Avenue, Cedar Run Creek (Ocean County, Eagleswood Township) off Cedar Run Dock Road, Parker Run (Ocean County, Little Egg Harbor Township) off Dock Road, Graveling Point (Ocean County, Little Egg Harbor Township) near the end of Radio Road and at Holgate Beach at the southern tip of Long Beach Island (open September 1–March 31). There is freshwater fishing access at Lily Lake (Atlantic County, Galloway Township), including bank fishing from the south shore and boat fishing (no internal combustion engines allowed). Available species include smallmouth bass and sunfish in the lake. Saltwater species include striped bass, bluefish, flounder, spot and weakfish. For more information, visit <http://forsythe.fws.gov/>.



*Lily Lake only.

Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, 197 Lighthouse Rd., Pennsville, NJ 08070; (856) 935-1487; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=52571>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset. Nearest highway is Route 49. Nearest community is Harrisonville. The refuge offers fishing in ponds along Lighthouse Road. Tidal waters can be accessed from boat launches along the Salem River. Fishing season is in accordance with state regulations. The most popular species caught include American shad and catfish. Crabbing is also popular.



Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge, 1547 County Rte. 565, Sussex, NJ 07461-4013; (973) 702-7266. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Nearest highway is Hwy. 23. Nearest community is Sussex. Fishing is available by canoe or car-top boat along the 9 miles of Wallkill River as it passes through the refuge. The refuge also maintains sites for shoreline fishing behind refuge headquarters (two locations on Rte. 565), Bassetts Bridge Road, and Oil City Road. Species include bluegill and other sunfish, largemouth and smallmouth bass, catfish, bullhead and pickerel. The refuge is open to fishing year-round from sunrise to sunset.

Anglers may not take frogs or turtles. For more information, visit <http://wallkillriver.fws.gov/>.



NEW YORK

Amagansett National Wildlife Refuge, administered by Wertheim NWR, P.O. Box 21, Shirley, NY 11967-0021; (631) 286-0485; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=52562>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open half-hour before sunrise to half-hour after sunset. Good access roads. Nearest main highways are Montauk Hwy., 27A and 80. Nearest community is Amagansett. Available species include striped bass, weakfish, Atlantic mackerel and flounder. Parking is on town property only; a permit may be required. Refuge waters include Atlantic Ocean access, 1/4-mile shoreline. Fishing season is year-round.



Elizabeth A. Morton National Wildlife Refuge, administered by Wertheim NWR, Box 21, Shirley, NY 11967-0021; (631) 286-0485; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=52566>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open half-hour before sunrise to half-hour after sunset. Good access roads. Nearest main highway is Hwy. 27. Nearest community is Sag Harbor. Refuge waters include Noyack Bay and Little Peconic Bay with 2 miles of shoreline. Fishing season is year-round. Available species include striped bass, weakfish, Atlantic mackerel, flounder, bluefish, tau-tog, ling, eel and blowfish. Trails are closed April 1–mid-August. Portions of beach are closed April 1–mid-August.



Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 517, Alabama, NY 14003-0517; (585) 948-5445. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Good access roads. Refuge is open during daylight hours, year-round with some seasonal access restrictions. Nearest highways are Hwys. 63, 77 and I-90. Nearest communities are Medina and Batavia. Available species include northern pike, bluegill, pumpkinseed, yellow perch, white perch, brown bullhead and carp. Ice fishing is permitted. For more information, visit <http://iroquiosnwr.fws.gov/>.



*10+ miles. **30+ miles.

Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge, 3395 Rte. 5/20 E., Seneca Falls, NY 13148-9778; (315) 568-5987; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=52550>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open half-hour before sunrise to half-hour after sunset, daily. Good access roads. Nearest main highways are Hwy. 5/20, 89 and New York Throughway. Nearest community is Seneca Falls. Refuge waters include Clyde River, Cayuga Seneca Range Canal and New York State Barge Canal. Fishing season is year-round. Available species include largemouth bass, crappie, sunfish, yellow perch, catfish and northern pike. No boating is allowed on refuge pools.



*Nearby.

Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge, administered by Wertheim NWR, P.O. Box 21, Shirley, NY 11967-0021; (631) 286-0485; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=52563>. Office hours,

8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open half-hour before sunrise to half-hour after sunset. Good access roads. Nearest main highway is Long Island Expressway. Nearest community is Oyster Bay. Available species include striped bass, weakfish, Atlantic mackerel, flounder, bluefish and spotted seatrout. Refuge waters include Oyster Bay (3,072 acres). Fishing season is year-round.



St. Lawrence Wetland Management District, 1490 Boland Rd., Richville, NY 13681; (315) 287-9093; http://library.fws.gov/Refuges/St_Lawrence.pdf. There are no office hours. Fishing opportunities are limited to special sponsored events. Species available are bullhead and bass.

Target Rock National Wildlife Refuge, administered by Wertheim NWR, P.O. Box 21, Shirley, NY 11967-0021; (631) 286-0485; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=52568>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open half-hour before sunrise to half-hour after sunset. Good access roads. Nearest main highway is Hwy. 110. Nearest community is Huntington. Fishing season is year-round. Available species include striped bass, weakfish, blackfish, Atlantic mackerel and flounder.



*At state park kiosk.

Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 21, Shirley, NY 11967-0021; (631) 286-0485; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=52561>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open half-hour before sunrise to half-hour after sunset. Good access roads. Nearest main highways are Hwys. 27, 46 and 80. Nearest community is Shirley. Available species include striped bass, weakfish, brown trout, brook trout, rainbow trout, carp, largemouth bass and white perch. Fishing from the riverbank is permitted year-round between the Sunrise and Montauk highways and the end of Beaver Dam Road. Fishing from a boat is permitted anywhere except on Big Fish Creek Pond.



*Nearby.

PENNSYLVANIA

Erie National Wildlife Refuge, 11296 Wood Duck Lane, Guys Mills, PA 16327-9499; (814) 789-3585; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=52520>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge areas are open for fishing half-hour before sunrise to half-hour after sunset. Good access roads to most waters, foot travel to others. Nearest main highways are Hwys. 27, 173 and 408. Nearest community is Guys Mills. Refuge waters include Hanks Road (1-acre pond and stream access), Pool 9 (some bank fishing and non-powered-boat fishing), Meyers Small Ponds (15 acres), Pool K (10 acres with access for disabled anglers) and Reitz Pond (5 acres). Fishing season is in accordance with state regulations. Available species include rainbow, brook and brown trout, largemouth bass, yellow perch, bluegill, sunfish, carp, crappie and bullhead.



John Heinz at Tinicum National Wildlife Refuge, 8601 Lindbergh Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19153; (215) 365-3118. Refuge is open

sunrise to sunset daily. Visitor Center hours, 8:30 am–4:00 pm, daily, except federal holidays. Good access roads. Nearest main highway is I-95. Nearest community is Philadelphia. Refuge waters include a 145-acre man-made impoundment, 16-acre pond, 5-acre pond and Darby Creek, with approximately 7 stream miles. Fishing season is year-round. Available species include largemouth bass, striped bass, crappie, bluegill, yellow perch, channel catfish, shad, carp, bullhead and tiger muskie. Fishing pier is located at west end of refuge off Hwy. 420. Catch and release is encouraged. Visit <http://heinz.fws.gov/> for directions and further information.



*Nearby. **Canoe and kayak only.

RHODE ISLAND

Block Island National Wildlife Refuge, administered by Rhode Island NWR Complex, P.O. Box 307, Charlestown, RI 02813-0307; (401) 364-9124; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=53541>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset. Nearest community is Block Island. Fishing season is year-round in accordance with state regulations. While a variety of surf fish can be caught, including scup, bluefish and tautog, striped bass are the most frequently sought-after species.



Sachuest Point National Wildlife Refuge, administered by Rhode Island NWR Complex, P.O. Box 307, Charlestown, RI 02813-0307; (401) 364-9124; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=53543>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Twenty-four hour access for fishing. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset. Good access roads. Nearest main highway is Hwy. 1. Nearest community is Middletown. Available species include striped bass, bluefish, tautog and scup.



Trustom Pond National Wildlife Refuge, administered by the Rhode Island NWR Complex, P.O. Box 307, Charlestown, RI 02813-0307; (401) 364-9124; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=53545>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset. Good access road. Nearest main highway is Hwy. 1. Nearest community is Green Hill Beach. Fishing season is September 16–March 31. Available species include striped bass, bluefish, tautog and scup.



*Ocean kayaking only.

VERMONT

Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge, 29 Tabor Rd., Swanton, VT 05488; (802) 868-4781; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=53520>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open dawn to dusk. Good access roads. Nearest main highway is State Hwy. Route 78. Nearest community is Swanton. Fishing is permitted year-round on most of the refuge; however, some areas are closed all year or seasonally to prevent impact to wildlife. A great variety of fish abound in the waters in and surrounding Missisquoi. Walleye, northern pike, largemouth bass, bullhead and white and yellow perch are the most sought-after species on the delta. Other species include burbot, carp, catfish, bowfin, white and red sucker, American eel, chain pickerel,

muskellunge, sheepshead, crappie, gar, pumpkinseed, smallmouth bass and rock bass.



*Nearby.

Nulhegan Basin Division, managed as part of the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge, 5360 Vermont Rte. 105, Brunswick, VT 05905; (802) 962-5240 or (877) 811-5222. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset. Nearest highway is VT Rte. 105. Nearest communities are Island Pond and Bloomfield. The primary fishing opportunity is fly or bait fishing for brook trout in the Nulhegan River and its North and Black branches, and in 68-acre Lewis Pond (outboard motors are not permitted). All refuge waters are open for fishing (according to state seasons). A primitive boat launch is available at the southeast corner of Lewis Pond, and 40 miles of gravel roads are available for licensed motor vehicular travel from Memorial Day weekend through mid-December.



VIRGINIA

Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge, 4005 Sandpiper Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23456; (757) 721-2412; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=51510>. Office hours November 1–March 31, 8:00 am–4:00 pm, Sunday–Friday. Office hours April 1–October 31, 8:00 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday; 9:00 am–4:00 pm, Saturday–Sunday. Refuge is open dawn to dusk. Nearest highways are 149 and 615. Nearest community is Virginia Beach. Fishing season is in accordance with state regulations. The refuge offers freshwater fishing in Back Bay and at D-Pool Impoundment, with largemouth bass, chain pickerel, perch, catfish and bluegill common. Ocean fishing is for flounder, striped bass, bluefish and all other common ocean fish, as seasons dictate. Because Back Bay and the refuge oceanfront are approximately 100 yards apart, anglers can bring both salt- and freshwater bait and tackle and try both in the same day. The refuge’s facilities are D-Pool Impoundment, with universal access parking and fishing pier, approximately 3 miles of the refuge oceanfront, and the bulkhead adjacent to the refuge headquarters. D-Pool is catch and release on all game fish. For non-game species, the creel limit is 10. No live minnow bait is allowed. Barbless or flattened hooks are required for all fishing at D-Pool.



*Nearby. **Cart-top craft only.

Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 62, Chincoteague, VA 23336-0062; (757) 336-6122; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=51570>. Visitor Center hours are 9:00 am–5:00 pm. Refuge is open, 5:00 am–10:00 pm, May–September; 6:00 am–8:00 pm, April–October; 6:00 am–6:00 pm, November–March. Good and fair access roads. Nearest main highway is U.S. 13. Nearest community is Chincoteague. Refuge waters include Swan Cove Impoundment (409 acres, edge fishing only), and access to bay/estuary, Assateague Channel and Toms Cove (1,500 acres). Surf fishing is allowed along 2 miles of beach March–August and along 4 1/2 miles of beach September–November. Saltwater species include bluefish, spotted seatrout, flounder, red drum, croaker, weakfish, spot, blue crab, bluefish, channel bass and black drum.



Eastern Shore of Virginia National Wildlife Refuge, 5003 Hallett Circle, Cape Charles, VA 23310; (757) 331-2760; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=51650>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open dawn to dusk daily. The refuge is located on the southern tip of the Delmarva Peninsula. Nearest highway is U.S. 13. Nearest community is Kiptopeke. Refuge offers saltwater fishing at the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay and between the barrier islands. Access is by boat, canoe or kayak. Available species include striped bass in winter and flounder and drum in spring. The refuge’s facilities are a county boat ramp for small craft, canoes or kayaks along the southern edge of the refuge, and a large multipurpose ramp at the neighboring state park 3 miles from the refuge.



*Nearby.

Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 349, Suffolk, VA 23434-0349; (804) 986-3705; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=51580>. Office hours, 7:00 am–3:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open dawn to dusk. Nearest main highway is Hwy. 32. Nearest community is Suffolk. Refuge waters include Lake Drummond (approximately 3,100 acres, average depth of 4-6 feet). Fishing season is April 1–June 15. Available species include largemouth bass, crappie, sunfish and catfish. Vehicle access through the refuge to Lake Drummond is authorized for April 1–June 15. A special-use permit is required and may be obtained through the refuge office.



WEST VIRGINIA

Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge, 3004 7th St., Parkersburg, WV 26101; (304) 422-0752; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=51660>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Nearest highway is I-77. Nearest community is Parkersburg. Refuge islands are open from 1 hour before sunrise until 1 hour after sunset, daily. Refuge islands are dispersed throughout 362 miles of the Ohio River. Boat-launching facilities are located within several miles of each island. Available species include smallmouth and largemouth bass, sauger, walleye, channel and flathead catfish, among others. The refuge permits fishing from shore on all islands during open hours. Anglers may also fish at night from boats around refuge islands.



MOUNTAIN-PRAIRIE REGION

Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming

COLORADO

Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge, 953 Jackson County Rd. #32, Walden, CO 80480; (970) 723-8202; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=65520>. Office hours, 7:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. The refuge is open half-hour before sunrise to half-hour after sunset. Nearest highway is Hwy. 125. Nearest community is Walden. Refuge offers fly fishing for brown and rainbow trout. The Illinois River is the only area on the refuge open to fishing. The refuge is closed to fishing June 1–July 31 to reduce impact on nesting birds. The river ices over by November and does not typically open again until May. Fall (August–October) is the best time to fish on the refuge.



*Walden.

Browns Park National Wildlife Refuge, 1318 Hwy. 318, Maybell, CO 81640; (970) 365-3613; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=65550>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. The refuge is open daily from sunrise to sunset. Nearest highway is State Hwy. 318. Nearest community is Maybell. Refuge waters include Green River (approximately 900 acres) and Beaver Creek (approximately 75 acres). The Green River is shallow and is suitable for non-motorized, small, flat-bottom boats, rafts and canoes. Fishing is permitted year-round. Available species include brook, rainbow, brown and cutthroat trout and channel catfish.



Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge, Bldg. 111, Commerce City, CO 80022; (303) 289-0930; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=61170>. Office hours are 8:00 am–4:30 pm. Refuge is open 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Saturdays and Sundays. The refuge is located approximately 10 miles northeast of downtown Denver. Nearest main access routes are I-70, I-76, Pena Blvd., and I-225. Nearest communities are Commerce City and Montbello. Fishing season is mid-April–mid-October. On-site fishing orientation required. No boats are permitted. The refuge waters are Lake Ladora (47 acres) and Lake Mary (8 acres). The available species are largemouth bass, northern pike, crappies, bluegill, channel catfish and yellow perch.



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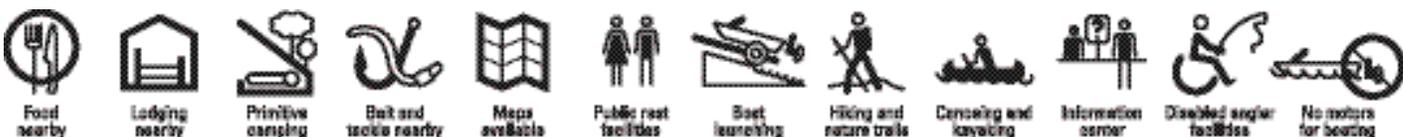
Flint Hills National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 128, Hartford, KS 66854; (620) 392-5553; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=64580>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm. The refuge is open 24 hours. Nearest main highways are Hwy. 130 and Interstate 35. Nearest community is Hartford. Fair to good access roads. Refuge waters include 9 ponds, and 1,220 acres of John Redmond Reservoir on the refuge. The Neosho River flows approximately 20 miles (240 acres) through the refuge, and Eagle Creek is about 30 acres. Fishing is permitted year-round. Available species include white bass, crappie and catfish.



Kirwin National Wildlife Refuge, 702 E. Xavier Rd., Kirwin, KS 67644; (785) 543-6673; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=64610>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Nearest community is Kirwin. Nearest highway is State Hwy. 9. Refuge waters include a 1,000-acre lake. Available species include “wipers” (hybrid white/striped bass), white bass, walleye, largemouth bass, crappie and flathead and channel catfish.



Marais des Cygnes National Wildlife Refuge, 24141 KS Hwy. 52, Pleasanton, KS 66075; (913) 352-8956; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=64630>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. The refuge is open from sunrise to sunset. Nearest highway is Hwy. 52. Nearest community is Pleasanton. Fishing season is in accordance with state regulations. The primary fishing opportunities include the farm ponds and old mine pits containing bluegill, crappie and smallmouth bass, and the Marais des Cygnes River for channel catfish, flathead catfish and walleye. Access to the pits and ponds is by foot only. Outboard motor use is restricted to the westernmost 5.5-mile section of the Marais des Cygnes River. Non-motorized boats and electric trolling motors may be used on all open portions of the refuge, including the eastern 4-mile stretch of the river. Where sections of the river border private property, only the half of the river adjacent to public property is open to public use.



Quivira National Wildlife Refuge, RR 3, Box 48A, Stafford, KS, 67530; (620) 486-2393; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=64620>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. The refuge is open sunrise to sunset. There are good and fair access roads. Nearest main highways are Hwy. 50 and Hwy. 281. Nearest communities are Stafford and Hutchinson. Refuge waters include 32 water units within the refuge, all of which are open to fishing year-round, and Rattlesnake Creek. Available species include catfish and carp. No boats are allowed on refuge waters.



MONTANA

Benton Lake Wetland Management District, managed as part of Benton Lake NWR Complex, 922 Bootlegger Trail, Great Falls, MT 59404; (406) 727-7400; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=61511>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. District is open sunrise to sunset. Nearest highway is Hwy. 225. Nearest community is Great Falls. Limited fishing opportunities exist on a few waterfowl production areas in the district. Anglers concentrate their efforts on either northern pike or trout fishing. Fishing season is in accordance with state regulations. Access is limited to foot travel unless otherwise posted for a specific waterfowl production area.



Bowdoin Wetland Management District, managed as part of the Bowdoin NWR, HC 65 Box 5705, Malta, MT 59538; (406) 654-2863. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. District is open sunrise to sunset. Limited access roads. Nearest community is Malta. Nearest highway is Hwy. 2. Fishing season is in accordance with state regulations. Available species include northern pike, catfish and walleye. The fishing opportunities in the district are marginal.



Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge Complex, includes Charles M. Russell NWR and WMD, as well as UL Bend NWR, 110 Airport Road, Lewistown, MT 59457; (406) 538-8706; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=61520>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open 24 hours. Nearest communities are Fort Peck and Lewistown. Nearest highways are Hwy. 87 and Hwy. 200. Charles M. Russell NWR 125 miles up the Missouri River, from the Fort Peck Dam in northeastern MT to the James Kipp Recreation area in the north-central part of the state. Refuge waters include Fort Peck Reservoir (250,000 acres) and the Missouri River. In addition to the Lewistown headquarters, three staffed field stations are located on the refuge—Sand Creek Wildlife Station in Roy (406) 462-5181; Jordan Wildlife Station in Jordan, (406) 557-6145; and Fort Peck Wildlife Station in Fort Peck, (406) 526-3464. Fishing season is in accordance with state regulations. Available species include smallmouth bass, walleye, sauger, northern pike, paddlefish, catfish and lake trout.



Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge, 4567 Wildfowl Lane, Stevensville, MT 59870; (406) 777-5552; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=61560>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm. Refuge is open dawn to dusk. Nearest community is Stevensville. Nearest highway is Hwy. 93. The primary fishing opportunities are the Bitterroot River and Francis Slough. The Bitterroot River

(5 miles) on the western boundary of the refuge can be accessed from state and city landings or the wildlife viewing area. Francois Slough (7 acres) can be accessed on foot from the wildlife viewing area parking lot. Fishing is limited to catch and release, and only artificial lures may be used. Fishing season is in accordance with state regulations. Game species include brown, bull, cutthroat and rainbow trout, as well as largemouth bass, northern pike, sunfish and whitefish. The refuge's 13 impoundments are off limits to all fishing except during the Kids' Fishing Clinic in mid-June.



*Commercial, off refuge. **Off refuge.

Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge, 223 North Shore Rd., Medicine Lake, MT 59247; (406) 789-2305; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=61530>. Office hours, 7:00 am–3:30 pm. Refuge is open dawn to dusk. Nearest community is Medicine Lake. Nearest highway is Hwy. 16. The primary fishing opportunities include boat, shore and ice fishing for northern pike in Medicine Lake (8,700 acres), Gaffney Lake (750 acres), Lake 10 (114 acres) and Lake 12 (426 acres). Fishing seasons for these lakes are: Medicine Lake, November 15–September 15; Gaffney Lake and Lake 10, August 15–March 31; and Lake 12, November 15–March 31. There is also spear fishing for northern pike through the ice during winter months. Because Medicine Lake is a federally designated wilderness area, no mechanical or motorized equipment is allowed on the lake. Lake 12 does not have vehicle access, but all other lakes do.



National Bison Range, 132 Bison Range Rd., Moiese, MT 59824; (406) 644-2211; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=61540>. Office hours mid-October to mid-May, 8:00 am–4:30 pm. Office hours mid-May to mid-October, 8:00 am–7:00 pm. The refuge is open daily 7:00 am–dark, weather permitting. Nearest highways are Hwy. 212 and U.S. 93. Nearest community is Moiese. Available species include rainbow and cutthroat trout (catch and release on Jocko River) and mountain whitefish. Access along Mission Creek is near the office, where 1.5 miles of the creek are open to fishing via walk-in access. There is an accessible fishing bridge along the paved nature trail. The Jocko River fishing access is located 3 miles west of Ravalli on State Hwy. 200. Stream fishing is open year-round on the Jocko River and late May–late November on Mission Creek. Boating is not allowed on the refuge.



Ninepipe National Wildlife Refuge, managed as part of the National Bison Range Complex, 132 Bison Range Rd., Moiese, MT 59824; (406) 644-2211; <http://bisonrange.fws.gov/ninepipe/>. Office hours mid-October to mid-May, 8:00 am–4:30 pm. Office hours mid-May to mid-October, 8:00 am–7:00 pm. The refuge is open during daylight hours. Nearest highway is U.S. 93. Nearest community is Ronan. Available species include yellow perch and largemouth bass. There are ice fishing opportunities from January until melt out. Ninepipe NWR is located on Tribal Trust Lands of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes. Refuge waters include a 1,672-acre reservoir that is part of the Flathead Irrigation Project. Fishing access is limited (and posted) during breeding and nesting for waterfowl, March 1–July 15. The entire refuge is closed to the public during waterfowl hunting season. No boats are allowed on the refuge.



Northwest Montana Wetland Management District consists of 14 waterfowl production areas scattered throughout the Flathead Valley, managed as part of the National Bison Range Complex. Information, restrictions, and travel directions for the units in Flathead County can be obtained from Lost Trail NWR, 6295 Pleasant Valley Road, Marion, MT 59925; (406) 858-2216; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=61544>. Information on the units in Lake County can be obtained through the National Bison Range, 132 Bison Range Road, Moiese, MT 59824; (406) 644-2211. The primary fishing opportunities are on Smith Lake Waterfowl Production Area in Flathead Valley. People can access shoreline fishing on Flathead Lake from the Flathead Waterfowl Production Area. Fishing is in accordance with applicable state and tribal (Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes) regulations. Waterfowl Production Areas in Flathead County are closed to all public access, March 1–July 15 to reduce disturbance to nesting birds.



Pablo National Wildlife Refuge, managed as part of the National Bison Range Complex, 132 Bison Range Rd., Moiese, MT 59824; (406) 644-2211; <http://bisonrange.fws.gov/pablo/>. Office hours mid-October to mid-May, 8:00 am–4:30 pm. Office hours mid-May to mid-October, 8:00 am–7:00 pm. The refuge is open during daylight hours. Nearest highway is U.S. 93. Nearest community is Polson. Available species include yellow perch and largemouth bass. There are ice fishing opportunities from January until melt out. Pablo NWR is located on Tribal Trust Lands of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes. Refuge waters include a 1,850-acre reservoir that is part of the Flathead Irrigation Project. Parts of the refuge are closed to public access year-round (posted), and the entire refuge is closed during waterfowl hunting season. No boats are allowed on the refuge.



Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge, 27820 Southside Centennial Rd., Lima, MT 59739; (406) 276-3536; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=61570>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open 24 hours. Roads in the Centennial Valley and at the refuge are gravel. Nearest highway is I-15. Nearest communities are Lima and West Yellowstone. Available species include arctic grayling and rainbow, brook and cutthroat trout. Refuge waters open to fishing include MacDonald Pond (3 acres), Culver Pond (5 acres), Widgeon Pond (10 acres), Red Rock Creek (30 acres), Odell Creek (25 acres) and Elk Springs Creek (15 acres). Other refuge waters are closed to fishing. The fishing season for the ponds and Elk Springs Creek east of Elk Springs Road is July 15–October 1. For Red Rock Creek, Odell Creek, and Elk Springs Creek west of Elk Springs Road, the season is the third Saturday in May through the end of November. No motors are allowed. Only the use of artificial lures is permitted; catch and release is required for arctic grayling. Tubes and other floatation devices are prohibited on refuge waters unless specifically posted at parking areas as open to these activities.



Swan River National Wildlife Refuge, administered by the National Bison Range Complex, c/o Lost Trail NWR, 6295 Pleasant Valley Rd., Marion, MT 59925; (406) 858-2216. Office hours mid-October to mid-May, 8:00 am–4:30 pm. Office hours mid-May to mid-October, 8:00 am–7:00 pm. The refuge is open during daylight hours. Nearest highway is Hwy. 83. Nearest

community is Swan Lake. Available species include yellow perch, northern pike, kokanee salmon, cutthroat trout, brook trout, bull trout and mountain whitefish. Bull trout are a federally listed species and must be released if caught. Fishing is allowed on Swan Lake and along those portions of Swan River that flow through the western portion of the refuge. Boating is allowed through the refuge on Swan River. To protect nesting waterfowl and marsh birds, fishing is not allowed on Spring Creek March 1–July 15.



NEBRASKA

Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuge, 3720 Rivers Way, Ft. Calhoun, NE 68023; (402) 468-4313; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=64640>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. The refuge is open from half-hour before sunrise to half-hour after sunset every day except Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year’s Day. Nearest highway is Hwy. 75. Nearest community is to Fort Calhoun. Fishing season is year-round. The primary species taken from both the Missouri River and Boyer Chute include blue catfish, flathead catfish, shovelnose sturgeon and carp, but other game species are also available.



Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge, managed as part of the Crescent Lake/North Platte NWR Complex, 10630 Rd. 181, Ellsworth, NE 69340; (308) 762-4893; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=64510>. Office hours, 7:00 am–4:30 pm. Anglers are permitted on the refuge from 1 hour before sunrise to 1 hour after sunset. Nearest highways are Hwy. 26 and Hwy. 2. Nearest community is Oshkosh. Island Lake (711 acres) is open to fishing year-round; available species include largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, walleye and yellow perch. Facilities include boat ramps and fishing piers. Internal combustion engines are prohibited. Smith Lake (210 acres) is open to fishing, November 1–February 15; available species include largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie and yellow perch. Crane Lake (128 acres) is open to fishing, November 1–February 15; available species include yellow perch. Possession or use of live or dead minnows is prohibited in refuge lakes, as is the possession of any fish not taken from refuge lakes. Dead smelt may be used as bait. Boating and float tubes are limited to Island Lake.



North Platte National Wildlife Refuge, managed as part of the Crescent Lake/North Platte NWR Complex, 115 Railway St., Suite C109, Scottsbluff, NE 69361; (308) 635-7851; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=64511>. Office hours, 7:00 am–5:00 pm. Refuge is open during daylight hours. A map is available showing the locations of the four refuge units located throughout Scotts Bluff County. Nearest highway is Hwy. 26. Nearest community is Scottsbluff. The primary fishing opportunities include Lake Minatare (2,000 acres) and Winters Creek Lake (237 acres). Available species include northern pike, “wiper” (hybrid white/striped bass), white bass, yellow perch, catfish, walleye, crappie and carp. The refuge’s facilities include a boat ramp on Winters Creek Lake. Winters Creek Lake and Lake Minatare are open from January 15–October 14 during daylight hours only, and internal combustion motors are prohibited on Winters Creek Lake.



Rainwater Basin Wetland Management District, 2610 Ave. Q, Kearney, NE 68847; (308) 236-5015; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=64530>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. District is open 24 hours. Nearest community is Kearney. Nearest highway is Hwy. 30. The wetlands throughout the district are frequently dry and during those times provide no fishing opportunities. During wet periods, when the wetlands retain water year-round, primary fish species available during those times are bullhead and carp. Vehicle access is prohibited.



Valentine National Wildlife Refuge, managed as part of the Fort Niobrara/Valentine NWR Complex, HC 14 Box 67, Valentine, NE 69201; (402) 376-3789; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=64521>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Nearest highway is U.S. Hwy. 83. Nearest community is Valentine. Available species include largemouth bass, yellow perch, bluegill and northern pike. Refuge offers ice fishing for trophy bluegill and spring fishing for bass and pike. Nine shallow lakes are open to fishing year-round during daylight hours. Access is from primitive boat ramps and 2 accessible docks. Small boats or float tubes are recommended because fishing from the bank is difficult. Special refuge regulations include a 28-inch maximum size limit for pike, and catch and release for muskies and bass on Watts Lake. Only electric motors are permitted. Minnows are not permitted as bait.



*Closed in winter.

NORTH DAKOTA

Arrowwood National Wildlife Refuge, managed as part of the Arrowwood NWR Complex, 7745 11th St. SE, Pingree, ND 58476; (701) 285-3341; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=62510>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open dawn to dusk. Nearest highway is Hwy. 281. Nearest communities are Pingree, Carrington and Jamestown. Water levels on the refuge are not managed for fish, but a fishery develops during high water years. Available species include northern pike, walleye, yellow perch, crappies, bluegill, largemouth and smallmouth bass and catfish. Refuge waters include Arrowwood Lake (1,541 acres) and Jim Lake (819 acres). Refuge fishing seasons are concurrent with the state season. Up to 25 hp is permitted.



Arrowwood Wetland Management District, managed as part of Arrowwood NWR Complex, 5924 19th St., SE, Woodworth, ND 58496; (701) 752-4218; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=62530>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open dawn to dusk. Nearest highway is Hwy. 281. Nearest communities are Pingree, Carrington and Jamestown. Available species include walleye, yellow perch and northern pike. The fishing opportunities are marginal but are offered in accordance with state seasons. A decade of high water levels has created ice fishing opportunities on a few of the waterfowl production areas. There are no district facilities for anglers, and vehicle access is limited to designated trails.



*Walk-in access only.

Audubon National Wildlife Refuge, 3275 11th St. NW, Coleharbor, ND 58531; (701) 442-5474; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=62540>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open dawn to dusk. Nearest community is Coleharbor. Nearest highway is Hwy. 83. The refuge is open to ice fishing only, with walleye, yellow perch and northern pike being the popular game fish. Six gravel ice access ramps are available on the refuge. Ice fishing is permitted when safe ice covers the water. Fish houses must be removed from the refuge by March 15. Portable fish houses can continue to be used if they are removed daily. The refuge closes to ice fishing March 31.



Audubon Wetland Management District, managed as part of Audubon NWR Complex, 3275 N. 11th St. NW, Coleharbor, ND, 58531; (701) 442-5474; <http://audubon.fws.gov/wmd.htm>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open dawn to dusk. Nearest community is Coleharbor. Nearest highway is Hwy. 83. Available species include perch and northern pike. Fishing is marginal and occurs during periods of high water conditions. There are no Audubon WMD-provided facilities, and vehicle access is limited to designated trails.



Camp/Strawberry Lake National Wildlife Refuge, managed by Audubon NWR Complex, 3275 11th St. NW, Coleharbor, ND 58531; (701) 442-5474. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open dawn to dusk. Nearest community is Turtle Lake. Nearest highway is Hwy. 200. Camp and Strawberry Lakes are open for year-round fishing. There are no boat motor restrictions. Available species include northern pike and yellow perch.



Chase Lake Wetland Management District, managed as part of Arrowwood NWR Complex, 5924 19th St., SE, Woodworth, ND 58496; (701) 752-4218; http://arrowwood.fws.gov/ChaseLake_WMD/. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open dawn to dusk. Nearest communities are Woodworth, Carrington and Jamestown. Nearest highway is Hwy. 281. Fishing seasons are in accordance with state regulations. Available species include walleye, yellow perch and northern pike. A decade of high water levels has created ice fishing opportunities on some waterfowl production areas. There are no district facilities for anglers, and vehicle access is limited to designated trails.



Devils Lake Wetland Management District, 221 2nd Street NW, Devils Lake, ND; (701) 662-8611; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=62580>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. District is open 24 hours per day. Nearest community is Devils Lake. Nearest highway is Hwy. 2. The fishing opportunities in the Devils Lake WMD are marginal but are offered in accordance with state. Although not part of the National Wildlife Refuge System, Devils Lake itself offers superb fishing opportunities for walleye, northern, white bass and perch.



Hiddenwood National Wildlife Refuge, managed by Audubon NWR Complex, 3275 11th St. NW, Coleharbor, ND 58531; (701) 442-5474. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open dawn to dusk. Nearest community is Makoti. Nearest highway is Hwy. 23. The refuge is open year-round for fishing. There are no boat motor restrictions. Available species include northern pike and yellow perch.



J. Clark Salyer National Wildlife Refuge, 681 Salyer Rd., Upham, ND 58789; (701) 768-2548; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=62620>. Office hours, 7:00 am–5:00 pm. Refuge is open dawn to dusk. Nearest community is Upham. Nearest highway is Hwy. 14. From non-motorized boats or from shore with conventional tackle, the primary fishing opportunities include walleye and northern pike. The refuge's facilities for anglers include 13 fishing areas along the Souris River with fair to good access roads. The refuge is open for shore or ice fishing, April 1–April 30, as safety allows. All fishing is allowed May 1–September 30. No boats are allowed October 1–March 31. All refuge waters are open to ice fishing between December 15 and the end of the state fishing season.



J. Clark Salyer Wetland Management District, managed as part of J. Clark Salyer NWR Complex, 681 Salyer Rd., Upham, ND 58789; (701) 768-2548; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=62629>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. District is open 24 hours. Nearest community is Upham. Nearest highway is Hwy. 14. Fishing is permitted in waterfowl production areas in accordance with state seasons. Several of the easement national wildlife refuge lakes are popular at times with anglers, including Cottonwood Lake in southern McHenry County and Buffalo Lake in southeastern Pierce County. During a series of wet years, fishing can be excellent for northern pike and walleye. There are no district facilities for anglers, and vehicle access is limited to designated trails.



Kulm Wetland Management District, 1 First St., SW, Kulm, ND 58456; (701) 647-2866; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=62630>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. District is open 24 hours. Nearest community is Kulm. Nearest highway is Hwy. 56. Fishing season is year-round. Available species include walleye, perch and northern pike, with tremendous ice fishing available on some waterfowl production areas. There are no district facilities for anglers, and vehicle access is limited to designated trails.



Lake Ilo National Wildlife Refuge, managed by Audubon NWR Complex, 3275 11th St. NW, Coleharbor, ND 58531; (701) 442-5474; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=62571>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Nearest community is Dunn Center. Nearest highway is Hwy. 200. The refuge is open sunrise to sunset. Portions of Lake Ilo are open for fishing. Boat fishing is open May 1–September 30. Motors are restricted to idle speed only. Shoreline fishing is open year-round. Popular game fish are northern pike, yellow perch and bluegill.



Long Lake National Wildlife Refuge, 12000 353 St. SE, Moffit, ND 58560; (701) 387-4397; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=62531>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. A visitor information area and restrooms are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in the office entry. Nearest community is Moffit. Nearest highway is Hwy. 83. Fishing is allowed during state seasons. Available species include northern pike, bullhead, carp and, occasionally, walleye and perch. Fishing is poor during dry cycles and excellent during wet cycles. Refuge waters are too shallow to accommodate boats with outboard motors. The refuge's facilities include a fishing pier and creek bank fishing access areas. Fishing is permitted on Unit 1 and Long Lake Creek. Fishing from bridges is prohibited. Boats and canoes are allowed on Long Lake Creek only, May 1–September 30 annually. There are no boat ramps available.



Long Lake Wetland Management District, managed as part of Long Lake NWR Complex, 12002 353 St SE Moffit, ND 58560; (701) 387-4397; <http://longlake.fws.gov/Wmd.htm>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. District is open 24 hours. Nearest communities are Moffit and Bismarck. Nearest highway is Hwy. 83. The fishing opportunities in most wetland management districts are marginal but are offered in accordance with state seasons. Species found include northern pike, walleye and perch. There are no district facilities for anglers, and vehicle access is limited to designated trails.



Lostwood Wetland Management District, managed as part of the Des Lacs NWR Complex, Lostwood NWR, 8315 Hwy. 8 Kenmare, ND 58746; (701) 848-2466; <http://lostwoodwetlands.fws.gov/lostwoodwmd.htm>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. District is open 24 hours. Nearest communities are Lostwood and Stanley. Nearest highway is Hwy. 8. The fishing opportunities in this district are very marginal most years, but fishing is offered in accordance with state seasons. No amenities are available on lands managed by the Lostwood WMD.



*Nearby.

Sheyenne/Coal Mine Lake National Wildlife Refuge, managed by Audubon NWR Complex, 3275 11th St. NW, Coleharbor, ND 58531; (701) 442-5474. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open dawn to dusk. Nearest community is Denhoff. Nearest highways are Hwy. 14 and Hwy. 52. Coal Mine Lake is open to fishing April 1–September 24 and December 1–March 31. Boat motors are restricted to idle speed only. Popular game fish include northern pike and yellow perch.



Tewaukon National Wildlife Refuge, 9754 143 1/2 Ave. SE; Cayuga, ND 58013; (701) 724-3598; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=62660>. Visitor center hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm. Refuge hours, 5:00 am–10:00 pm. Nearest community is Cayuga. Nearest highway is Hwy. 32. Only fishing for walleye and northern pike on Sprague Lake and Lake Tewaukon is allowed. Bank fishing on these lakes is open year-round. Boat fishing is permitted May 1–September 30. Ice fishing is also permitted on these two lakes. A portion of Lake Tewaukon is closed to ice fishing east of the point. The refuge's facilities include a boat ramp, fish-

ing piers and restrooms. There are size limits for pike and wall-eye on these lakes.



Tewaukon Wetland Management District, managed by the Tewaukon NWR Complex is located at 9754 143 Ave SE, Cayuga, ND 58013; (701) 724-3598; <http://www.fws.gov/tewaukon/>. Visitor center hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm. District is open sunrise to sunset. Tewaukon WMD encompasses over 13,000 acres of waterfowl production areas in three counties, Ransom, Sargent, and Richland. The fishing opportunities on most wetland management districts are marginal but are offered in accordance with state seasons. Species found include fathead minnows, perch and northern pike.



Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge, 17705 212th Ave. NW, Foxholm, ND 58718; (701) 468-5467; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=62680>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday, except for federal holidays. Refuge is open 5:00 am–10:00 pm daily. Nearest communities are Burlington and Minot. Nearest highways are Hwy. 52 and Hwy. 83. Upper Souris NWR has one of the best year-round fisheries in north-central ND. Anglers may fish for walleyes, northern pike, yellow perch and smallmouth bass in Lake Darling and the Souris River. Thirteen bank fishing areas and 2 boat fishing areas are available. Motorboats are permitted on Lake Darling for fishing only.



Valley City Wetland Management District is managed as part of Arrowwood NWR Complex, 11515 River Road, Valley City, ND 58072; (701) 845-3466; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=62532>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. District is open dawn to dusk. Nearest highway is I-94. Nearest community is Valley City. Fishing season is in accordance with state regulations. Fishing opportunities in the district are marginal but may include walleye, yellow perch and northern pike. There are no facilities for anglers, and vehicle access is limited to designated trails.



SOUTH DAKOTA

Huron Wetland Management District, 200 4th St., SW, Room 309, Federal Building, Huron, SD 57350; (605) 352-5894; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=64110>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. District is open 24 hours. The fishing opportunities in the Huron WMD are marginal but are offered in accordance with state seasons. Species found include northern pike, walleye, crappie and perch.



Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge, HC 5, Box 114, Martin, SD 57551; (605) 685-6508; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=64540>. Office hours, 7:00 am–3:30 pm. Refuge is open sunrise

to sunset. There are fair access roads. Nearest main highways are Hwys. 18 and 73. Nearest community is Martin. Refuge waters include 1 lake (167 acres), 2 ponds (5 acres) and 3 wetlands (3,000 acres total). The fishing season is open year-round, with ice fishing in winter. Available species include rainbow trout, largemouth and, smallmouth bass, crappie, bluegill, yellow perch, northern pike and sauger. “No wake restriction” for boats and slot limit on northern pike apply. Game fish populations vary considerably from year to year and season to season.



Lake Andes National Wildlife Refuge and Wetland Management District, 38672 291st St., Lake Andes, SD 57356; (605) 487-7603; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=64550> (for NWR only), <http://lakeandes.fws.gov/> (for both).

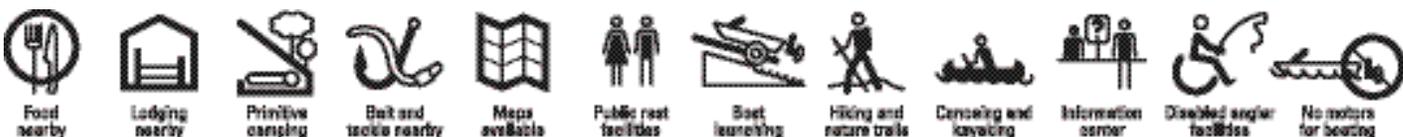
Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open dawn to dusk. Nearest community is Lake Andes. Nearest highway is Hwy. 50. Available species include yellow perch and northern pike. The fishery is cyclical—when water quality is poor, fishing opportunities may be limited to carp and bullhead, but when water quality is excellent, the fishery can support largemouth bass. Water levels vary considerably. Small boats may be launched when the lake is near capacity. A handful of lakes on the wetland management district support a sport fishery. These fisheries are also cyclical.



Madison Wetland Management District, Box 48, Madison, SD 57042; (605) 256-2974; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=64560>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. The refuge is open 24 hours. Access is by primitive roads. Nearest main highways are Hwys. 19 and 34. Nearest community is Madison. Fishing season is in accordance with state regulations. Available species include walleye, northern pike, yellow perch, largemouth and, smallmouth bass and panfish.



Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge, 39650 Sand Lake Dr., Columbia, SD 57433; (605) 885-6320; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=64570>. Office and visitor center hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. The refuge is open daylight hours only. Nearest communities are Aberdeen and Bath Corner. Nearest highway is State Hwy. 12. Sand Lake offers year-round fishing at five specified locations around the refuge. These include the Bridge Crossing Area; Hecla Day Use Area; Bridge Crossing Area on State Hwy. 10; Bridge Crossing Area; and the Bridge Crossing Area on Brown County Hwy. 16. Available species include northern pike, walleye and perch. Boats are not permitted. During times of open water, anglers must fish from shore, and ice shacks must be removed daily. Winterkill can occur during low water years. In some years, special James River regulations may be in effect.



Sand Lake Wetland Management District encompasses 8 counties in northeast SD: Brown, Spink, Faulk, Edmunds, McPherson, Campbell, Walworth and Potter. The office is located at Sand Lake NWR, 39650 Sand Lake Dr., Columbia, SD 57433; (605) 885-6320; <http://sandlake.fws.gov/>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. District is open during daylight hours. Nearest communities are Aberdeen and Bath Corner. Nearest highway is State Hwy. 12. The WMD staff manages 162 waterfowl production areas totaling 45,000 acres. A number of waterfowl production areas around the district hold quality fishing opportunities for walleye, pike, perch, bluegill, bass and other species of fish. Fishing season is in accordance with state regulations. Vehicles are prohibited.



Waubay National Wildlife Refuge, 44401 134A St., Waubay, SD 57273; (605) 947-4521; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=64590>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Nearest community is Waubay. Nearest highway is Hwy. 12. The primary fishing opportunities include 2,500 acres of ice-fishing for walleye, perch and northern pike. Fishing is limited to winter daylight hours for walk-in travel. There are special lake regulations for limits on yellow perch and walleye size and limit restrictions.



Waubay Wetland Management District includes 200 individual waterfowl production areas scattered over 6 counties in northeastern SD. The headquarters, 7 miles north of Waubay, can be reached at (605) 345-3474; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=64591>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm. District is open during daylight hours. Fishing opportunities vary widely by unit and season. Most units have no fisheries, but during high water periods, good fishing for walleye, perch and northern pike may occur on a handful of tracts.



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Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge, 58 South 950 West, Brigham City, UT 84032; (435) 723-5887; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=65530>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Nearest community is Brigham City. Nearest highway is I-84. Fishing season is in accordance with state regulations. Available species include catfish and carp on specified areas of the Bear River channel.



Ouray National Wildlife Refuge, 19001 East Wildlife Refuge Rd., Randlett, UT 84063; (435) 545-2522; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=65570>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Nearest communities are Ouray and Vernal. Nearest highways are Hwy. 40 and Hwy. 88. Refuge is open daily from 1 hour before sunrise to 1 hour after sunset. Fishing is permitted along numerous access points on the Green River. Fishing season is in accordance with state regulations. The primary fishing is in the Green River for catfish, smallmouth bass and, occasionally, northern pike. The refuge's facilities for anglers include a boat ramp located 1 mile upstream from the refuge headquarters and numerous parking areas along the refuge tour route.



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National Elk Refuge, P.O. Box 510, Jackson, WY 83001; (307) 733-9212; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=61550>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. The visitor center, at 532 North Cache St., is open daily, 8:00 am–7:00 pm in the summer and 9:00 am–5:00 pm in the winter. The refuge is open sunrise to sunset. There are good access roads. Nearest main highways are U.S. 26, 89, and 191. Nearest community is Jackson Hole. Refuge waters include North Park Pond (1 acre), Gros Ventre River (approximately 8 miles), Upper and Lower Flat Creek (approximately 5 miles) and Nowlin Creek (1/2 mile). Fishing is available at North Park Pond all year; Upper Flat Creek and Gros Ventre River, April 1–October 31; and Lower Flat Creek and Nowlin Creek, August 1–October 31. Lower Flat Creek is a popular meandering meadow stream. Lower Flat Creek and Nowlin Creek are fly-fishing-only streams with special regulations. Available species include brook trout and native Snake River cutthroat. Use of boats or other floating devices is prohibited.



Seedskadee National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 700, Green River, WY 82935; (307) 875-2187; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=65580>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open from half-hour before sunrise to half-hour after sunset year-round. Nearest community is Green River. Nearest highways are I-80 and Hwy. 372. Fishing season is in accordance with state regulations. Available species include rainbow, cutthroat and brown trout, plus mountain whitefish. The Green River is open to fishing throughout the refuge. Half of the refuge has restricted fishing regulations that permit the use of artificial flies and lures only and limit the size and number of trout an angler may possess. The refuge's facilities include 4 boat ramps. Vehicle travel is restricted to designated refuge roads. The Green River is a shallow, swift river with many rocks hidden beneath the surface. It is best suited for canoes, drift boats and rafts; motors are not recommended. Personal watercraft, airboats and jet boats are prohibited.



**It is recommended that you do not use boats with motors, but it is not prohibited.*

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Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge, 95 Sterling Hwy., Suite 1, Homer, AK 99603; (907) 235-6546. Office hours for the refuge's Alaska Islands & Ocean Visitor Center, 9:00 am–6:00 pm, 7 days a week in summer; and 10:00 am–5:00 pm, Tuesday–Saturday, in winter. Refuge is open 24 hours. Nearest community is Homer. Nearest highway is Sterling Hwy. The refuge encompasses off-shore islands and remote coastal areas, from Cape Lisburne on the Chukchi Sea to the tip of the Aleutians and eastward to Forrester Island on the border of British Columbia. Only the visitor center on the Sterling Hwy. in Homer is accessible by car. The refuge has more salmon streams than any other refuge in the country, but they are all very remote, short and not suitable for boating. The best refuge stream fishing opportunities for salmon and Dolly Varden are in the Aleutian Islands. The easiest access is by ferry or plane to Dutch Harbor/Unalaska or by plane to Adak. The best saltwater opportunities on the refuge for halibut, silver salmon and cod are the marine waters of Afognak Island, reachable by float plane or boat from Homer or Kodiak. Fishing is generally year-round, with the exception of some salmon. For more information, visit <http://alaskamaritime.fws.gov/> and <http://www.islandsandoocean.org>.



Alaska Peninsula and Becharof National Wildlife Refuges, P.O. Box 277, King Salmon, AK 99613; (907) 246-3339; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=74512> and <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=74515>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open 24 hours. Access by commercial air is necessary to King Salmon, Port Heiden, Kodiak and Cold Bay, and then charter aircraft to the remote locations of the refuges. These refuges are located along the southeastern 2/3 of the Alaska Peninsula, encompassing the Aleutian Range. All 5 species of Pacific salmon are available in the freshwater streams and lakes, plus arctic char, rainbow and lake trout, grayling, Dolly Varden, northern pike and burbot. Saltwater species include flounder and halibut. The refuges include numerous ponds, lakes, rivers, streams and estuaries. Becharof Lake is 290,000 acres. There is year-round fishing at the refuges. Airboats are prohibited.



Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, 101 12th Ave. Room 236, Box 20, Fairbanks, AK 99701; (907) 456-0250. Office hours, 8:00 am–5:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open 24 hours. Nearest communities are Kaktovik and Arctic Village. The refuge is especially noted for wilderness fishing on rivers from the Brooks Range Mountains, north to the Beaufort Sea. Species include Dolly Varden, arctic grayling, arctic char, lake trout and arctic cisco. Species from the Brooks Range, south include arctic grayling, northern pike, burbot, broad whitefish and, occasionally, Chinook, Coho and chum salmon. Fishing is year-round, but lakes and rivers are ice-covered for 7 months of the year. Access is by charter aircraft. For more information, visit <http://arctic.fws.gov/>

[visinfo.htm](#).



Innoko National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 69, McGrath, AK 99627; (907) 524-3251; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=75605>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open 24 hours. Refuge headquarters is at McGrath, which is not located on the refuge. Access to the refuge from McGrath is by charter aircraft only, since there are no roads to or within the refuge. The refuge features numerous rivers, sloughs, ponds and lakes. The largest river is the Yukon River, which forms the western boundary of the refuge. The refuge includes a large portion of the upper Innoko River basin. Fishing season is open year-round, except for some salmon. There is excellent northern pike fishing. Other species include king, silver, pink and chum salmon, Dolly Varden, inconnu, arctic grayling, northern pike, burbot and several species of whitefish. Airboats are prohibited. There are no medical or emergency facilities available.



Izembek National Wildlife Refuge, Box 127, Cold Bay, AK 99571; (907) 532-2445; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=74520>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge lands are open year-round, 24 hours a day. Access is by commercial or charter aircraft, or by state ferry, April–October. There are no roads to Cold Bay. From Cold Bay, local access to a small portion of the refuge is possible via a local network of established roads. Refuge lands encompass numerous ponds, lakes, rivers and streams and extensive coastal estuaries. Specific fishing seasons vary. Peak period for salmon species is August–October. Available species include arctic char, Dolly Varden, steelhead trout and sockeye, Coho, chum, pink and some Chinook salmon. Saltwater species include Pacific halibut, flounder and Pacific cod.



Kanuti National Wildlife Refuge, 101 12th Ave., Box 11, Room 262, Fairbanks, AK 99701; (907) 456-0329; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=75610>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open 24 hours. Nearest highway is Dalton Hwy. Nearest community is Allakakeet. The refuge features numerous rivers, sloughs, ponds and lakes. The largest rivers are the Koyukuk and the Kanuti. Fishing is year-round (salmon are the exception). Excellent pike fishing is available. The principal means of access is by commercial or charter aircraft from Fairbanks to Bettles. Sixteen species of fish inhabit the lakes and rivers, including Chinook, Coho and chum salmon, which are common in the larger lakes and rivers, while grayling are more abundant in smaller streams. Catch and release is encouraged. Airboats are prohibited.



*Summer only.

Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 2139, Soldotna, AK 99669-2139; (907) 262-7021. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday; 10:00 am–5:00 pm, Saturday–Sunday. Refuge is open year-round. Good access roads. Nearest highway is Sterling Hwy. Nearest communities are Kenai and Soldotna. The refuge contains ponds, thousands of lakes, several major rivers and numerous streams. Estuarine areas limited to the remote Chickaloon River flats on Turnagain Arm of Cook Inlet. Rivers include the Russian and the upper Kenai. Tustumena and Skilak lakes, at 73,000 and 25,000 acres, respectively, are among the largest in Alaska. There is good salmon fishing in the Kasilof, Swanson, Russian and Kenai rivers. Fishing is generally year-round, with the exception of some salmon. The Kenai River holds the world record for king and red salmon taken by rod and reel. Species available include silver, pink, king and red salmon, rainbow trout, arctic char, Dolly Varden, lake trout, steelhead, kokanee and grayling. Charter aircraft are available. Airboats and off-road vehicles are prohibited. There are boating restrictions. For more information, visit <http://www.kenai.fws.gov>



Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge, 1390 Buskin River Rd., Kodiak, AK, 99615, (907) 487-2600; (888) 408/3514. Summer visitor center hours, 8:00 am–7:00 pm, Monday–Friday; 12:00 pm–4:30 pm, Saturday–Sunday. Refuge is open year-round. Nearest community is Kodiak. Access to the Kodiak NWR is by chartered airplanes or boats only. Kodiak NWR is a roadless area with world-class fishing opportunities for a variety of salmon species. King (Chinook) salmon are found on the Ayakulik, Karluk and Frazier drainages only. Pink, chum, sockeye and silver (Coho) salmon are found in various watershed systems throughout Kodiak NWR. Steelhead, rainbow trout, Dolly Varden and arctic char are also abundant. Fishing is year-round, except for some salmon. Most prime salmon fishing rivers are also Kodiak brown bear concentration areas, so knowledge of bear safety is critical. Airboats, helicopters, all-terrain vehicles or any other vehicles incompatible with wilderness areas are prohibited on the Kodiak NWR. Access to the Karluk River drainage by unguided visitors is conditional on carrying a limited entry permit between June 10 and July 15 and a registration permit the rest of the year. For more information, visit <http://kodiak.fws.gov/index.htm>.



Koyukuk/Nowitna National Wildlife Refuge Complex, P.O. Box 287, Galena, AK 99641; (907) 656-1231; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=75615> and <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=75621>. Office hours, 8:00 am–5:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open year-round. The refuge has excellent pike fishing. Access is by commercial airline from Anchorage and Fairbanks to Galena, then to the refuge by charter aircraft or licensed fishing guide/transporter. The refuges encompass numerous rivers and sloughs, and thousands of ponds and lakes. The largest rivers are the Yukon, Koyukuk and the Nowitna. Fishing is year-round, except for some salmon. Available species include northern pike, arctic grayling, sheefish and king (Chinook), silver (Coho), chum salmon, Dolly Varden, burbot and several species of whitefish. Airboats are prohibited. Catch and release is encouraged.



Selawik National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 270, Kotzebue, AK 99752; (907) 442-3799. Office hours, 8:00 am–5:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Interagency visitor center hours, 9:00 am–6:00 pm, Monday–Saturday, during the summer. The visitor center number is (907) 442-3760. Refuge is open 24 hours. Access is by commercial aircraft from Anchorage or Fairbanks to Kotzebue. In Kotzebue, small commercial aircraft can be chartered to nearby villages or directly to the refuge. The two main rivers on the refuge are the Selawik and Kobuk, with numerous tributaries and sloughs. There are also 22,000 ponds and lakes and 2 large river deltas. The primary fishing opportunities are for arctic char, inconnu, chum, burbot, whitefish, grayling and northern pike. Inconnu weighing 40-50 pounds are not uncommon. Saltwater species include flounder, rainbow smelt, Arctic cod, saffron cod and starry flounder. Fishing is generally year-round, with the exception of some salmon. There are no facilities on the refuge. Airboats are prohibited. For more information, visit <http://selawick.fws.gov/>.



Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 779, Tok, AK 99780; (907) 883-5312; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=75630>. Office hours, 8:00 am–5:00 pm, Monday–Friday. The visitor center is open 8:00 am–4:30 pm, 7 days a week, May 15–September 15. Refuge is open 24 hours. Nearest community is Tetlin. Nearest highway is the Alaska Hwy. Tetlin NWR encompasses ponds, lakes, streams and several major rivers. Fishing is generally year-round. There is good fishing for northern pike and arctic grayling. Other species include burbot and whitefish, with lake and rainbow trout at specific locations. Small boat launches are located at Mile Post 1264, Mile Post 1256 and Mile Post 1249 of the Alaska Hwy. Airboats are prohibited.



Togiak National Wildlife Refuge, 6 Main St., P.O. Box 270, Dillingham, AK 99576; (907) 842-1063. Office hours, 8:00 am–5:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open 24 hours. The refuge includes coastal bays and lagoons; hundreds of ponds, lakes and streams; and over 30 rivers. Anglers come from around the world to fish for Chinook, Coho, sockeye, chum and pink salmon, arctic grayling, rainbow and lake trout, Dolly Varden, arctic char and northern pike. Fishing is open year-round for most species, but the majority of fishing occurs June–September, when salmon are available. Some refuge waters are artificial-lure-only areas, and some have catch-and-release requirements for some species. Many saltwater species inhabit the refuge's coastline, but few sport anglers venture into the hazardous ocean conditions that are common in this area of the Bering Sea. The refuge has no developed facilities. Most anglers float the rivers or access them by motorboat. Access to the refuge is by aircraft, which can be chartered in nearby Dillingham or Bethel. Access to those communities is by commercial airlines from Anchorage. For more information, visit <http://togiak.fws.gov/>.



Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 346, 807 State Hwy., Bethel AK 99559; (907) 543-3151; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=74540>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. The visitor center is open 1:00 pm–4:30 pm, Saturday. Refuge is open 24 hours. There are no roads connecting Bethel to Alaska's largest city, but several airlines do provide daily service to Bethel. Fishing is generally year-round, with the exception of some salmon. Available species include all 5 species

of Pacific salmon, rainbow trout, Dolly Varden, arctic grayling, northern pike, sheefish and burbot. Refuge facilities for anglers are limited and do not include any public facilities or cabins. There are a king salmon stamp requirements and catch-and-release regulations for rainbow trout for non-residents on certain rivers.



Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge, 101 12th Ave., Room 264, Box 14, Fairbanks, AK 99701; 1 (800) 531-0676; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=75635>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open 24 hours. Access is generally by commercial or charter aircraft from Fairbanks. The nearest road access is from the Steese Hwy. and from the Dalton Hwy. The refuge straddles the Arctic Circle. The Yukon and Porcupine Rivers bisect the refuge. Other major rivers include the Black, Dall, Chandalar, Hodzana, Hadweenzic, Sheenjek, Beaver Creek and Birch Creek. Water is the dominant feature of this refuge, which contains 20,000 lakes, ponds and wetlands. Fishing is generally year-round. The refuge is known for excellent northern pike fishing. Other species include Chinook, Coho and chum salmon, Dolly Varden, broad and humpback whitefish, sucker, sheefish, burbot and arctic grayling. Airboats are prohibited.

