

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# Browns Park

*National Wildlife  
Refuge*



## Welcome



*This blue goose, designed by J.N. "Ding" Darling, is the symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System.*

Browns Park National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) is located along the Green River in northwest Colorado. Nestled between the Cold Springs and Diamond Mountains, this remote river valley has long been an oasis for wildlife and people from the surrounding harsh, semi-arid environment. Established in 1965, Browns Park NWR provides sanctuary for migratory birds, conserves endangered and threatened species, and offers recreational opportunities for people. This 12,150-acre Refuge is a national treasure with abundant wildlife, vast scenic beauty, and rich cultural history.

Browns Park NWR is administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and is one of over 565 refuges in the National Wildlife Refuge System – a network of lands set aside specifically for wildlife. The Refuge System is a living heritage that conserves wildlife and habitat for people today and for generations to come.

## Refuge Hours and Regulations

The Refuge is open daily from sunrise to sunset. During the closed hours, public activity is limited to campers within the designated campgrounds. The Refuge Headquarters is open when staff are present, Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

It is your responsibility to know all the Refuge rules and regulations for the protection of wildlife and visitors.

## Wildlife Drive

The 8-mile wildlife drive travels through a variety of Refuge habitats and provides great opportunities for viewing wildlife. The wildlife drive can be used by passenger vehicles.

## Hunting and Fishing

Browns Park NWR is a great place to hunt and fish. See our hunting and fishing brochure for more information.

## Prohibited Activities

The following is a list of prohibited activities at the Refuge:

- Pets off-leash.
- Collecting or disturbing any wildlife and plants or their habitat.
- Collecting or removing any natural or historic objects.
- Use or possession of drugs, including marijuana and any controlled substance and associated paraphernalia.
- Use of drones.
- Use of metal detectors.
- Commercial activities.
- Driving off-road by any type of vehicle.



*Cedar waxwing sitting on a wild plum tree.*

## **Vehicles**

To protect wildlife from disturbance and minimize habitat damage, all motorized vehicles, off-road vehicles (ORVs), and bicycles must stay on the roads. The speed limit on all Refuge roads is 25 mph. All secondary roads are not maintained and are only seasonally passable. Seasonal road closures occur from March to July.

## **Boats and River Access**

Boating on the Green River within the Refuge is only permitted with non-motorized boats and watercraft, including drift boats, rafts, canoes, and kayaks. Gravel boat ramps are located at the Swinging Bridge and Crook Campgrounds.

## **Crook and Swinging Bridge Campgrounds**

Camping is only permitted in designated sites. Camping is limited to 14 days within a 28-day period. Campfires are allowed only within the campground metal fire rings. The use of generators is only allowed from 7:00 am to 10:00 pm.

Pack out all of your trash. Dumping of litter, sewage, liquid wastes, or any other material on the Refuge is prohibited.





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*Damselfly resting on a water smartweed.*

## **Horses**

Horseback riding is permitted on the Refuge. Use of certified weed-free hay is required to minimize the spread of invasive plants to the Refuge.

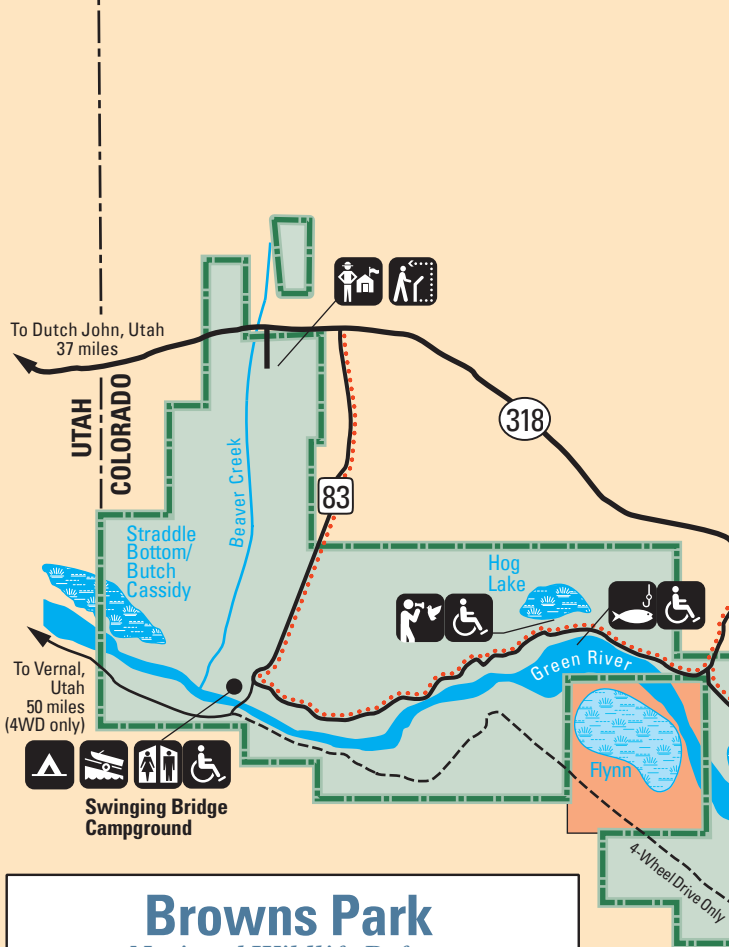
Horses are not permitted in the campgrounds. Corrals by the Swinging Bridge campground may be used for horses and mules if the corrals are not being used by local ranchers.

## **Firearms**

Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on National Wildlife Refuge System lands must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only discharge firearms in accordance with Refuge regulations (50 CFR 27.42, 50 CFR Part 32).









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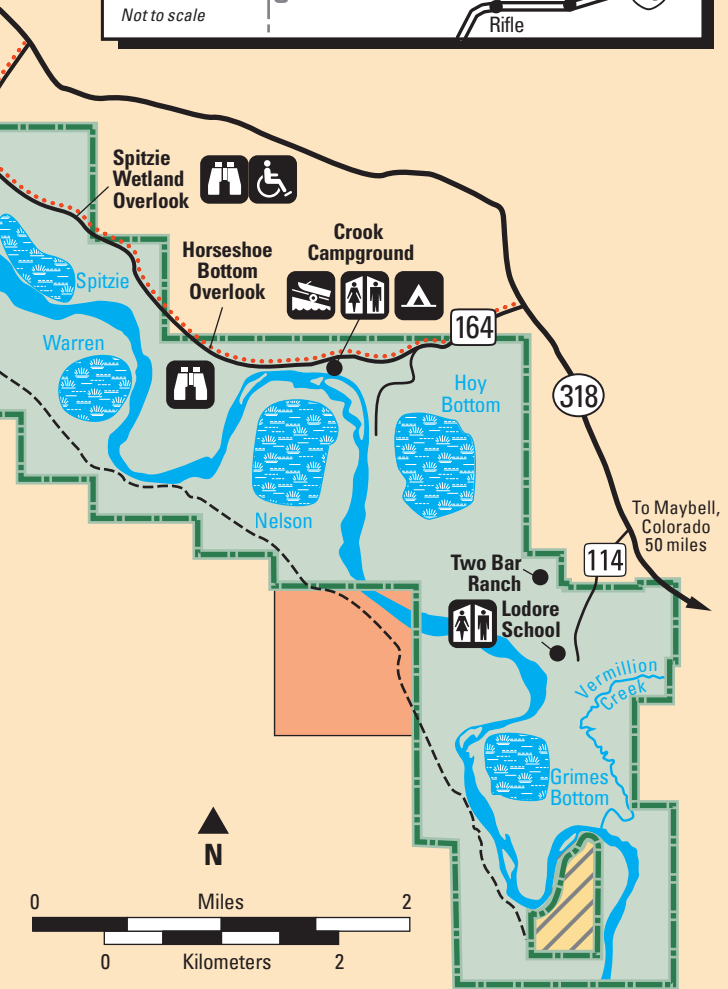
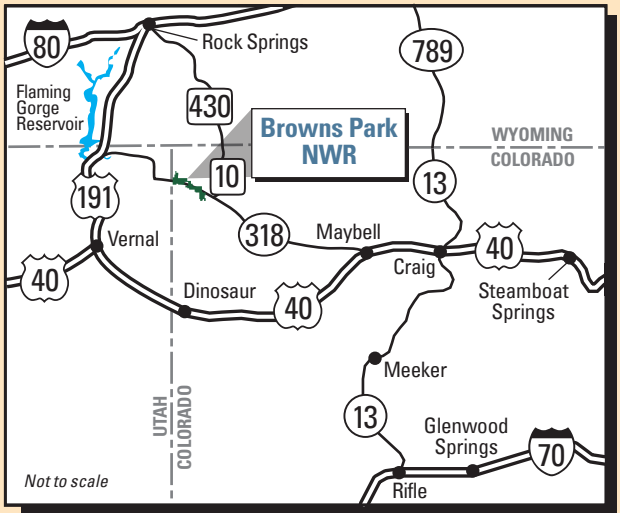
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|  | Refuge boundary     |  | Refuge headquarters                          |
|  | State highway       |  | Restrooms                                    |
|  | County road         |  | Boat ramp                                    |
|  | Wildlife drive      |  | Nature trail                                 |
|  | 4-Wheel drive only  |  | Overlook                                     |
|  | Refuge wetland      |  | Campground                                   |
|  | Private land        |  | Wildlife viewing blind                       |
|  | State trust land    |  | Fishing pier                                 |
|  | State trust wetland |  | Linked symbols designate accessible features |



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Mule deer buck walking downhill in sagebrush.  
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