

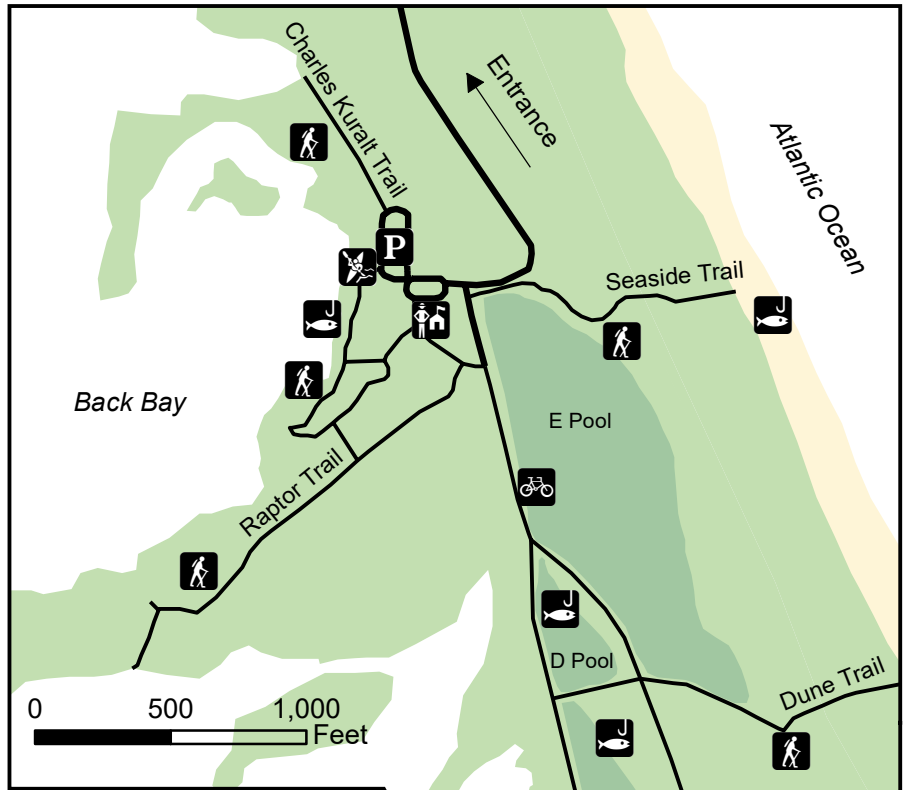
Entrance / Ranger Station



# Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge

1 mile  
Northern mile of beach  
**CLOSED TO PUBLIC**

Visitor Contact Station  
Enlarged Area



## One way mileage from Visitor Contact Station

To beach via Seaside Trail	0.25
To end of Raptor Trail	0.4
To beach via Dune Trail	0.5
To Wildlife Viewing Window	0.8
To FCSP Visitor Center	4.0
To NC state line (via beach)	8.8
To Little Island City Park	10.0

## Legend

- Office / Information
- Wildlife Viewing Window (with restrooms)
- Kayak launch
- Fishing
- Parking

## Roads and Trails

- Open all year
- Open seasonally (Apr-Oct). Please inquire.
- Bike / Hike
- Hike only (walk bikes)

**Please stay on the trails and do not pass through any closed gates.**



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# Summary of Refuge Regulations

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR • U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Following is a partial list of Refuge regulations. This list is not all inclusive. Please inquire if you are uncertain as to whether or not a particular activity is permitted. These rules are necessary for public safety, protection of wildlife and protection of the environment. Take pride in your Refuge—be an informed visitor.

- The Refuge is open during daylight hours from dawn to dusk. Any unauthorized entry or public use after daylight hours is prohibited, unless authorized by a Special Use Permit.
- All visitors must comply with entrance fee regulations.
- Entry into the dunes, marshes or impoundments is prohibited.
- Parking is permitted in the visitor lot on a first-come, first-served basis. Overnight campers at False Cape State Park must park at Little Island City Park, north of the Refuge boundary and pay the entrance fee at the fee booth.
- Swimming, sunbathing, surfing and other non-wildlife-dependent activities are prohibited. Wildlife-dependent activities such as fishing, hiking, nature photography, wildlife observation and environmental education are encouraged.
- Dogs, horses and other pets are prohibited year-round.
- Hikers and bikers must stay on designated trails and roadways. Bikers must walk bicycles on boardwalks, or leave them at a bicycle rack. Certain portions of the Refuge are posted as "Area Closed" to provide undisturbed areas for wildlife. Visitors are expected to obey all Refuge signs.
- Groups of more than ten people must obtain a Special Use Permit or Authorization Letter two weeks prior to your visit.
- Motor vehicles are permitted only on the entrance road and in the parking area. Visitors must obey posted speed limits, which are radar enforced. Please pay particular attention to pedestrians and bicyclists. Trailers of any type are prohibited on the Refuge.
- Open fires, including charcoal-burning grills, are prohibited.
- The interior dikes are closed November 1—March 31 and the northern mile of the Refuge beach is closed to all public use year-round. Contact the Refuge Manager for further information.

- The beach vehicular access ramp is closed to the general public. The ramp and vehicular beach use are only open to holders of a Refuge Motor Vehicle Access Permit.
- Molesting, harming or unauthorized collecting of any plant, animal or historic artifacts is prohibited on wildlife refuges. The use/possession of metal detectors is prohibited.
- Fishing is allowed in designated areas only. A Virginia freshwater fishing license is required for Back Bay and D Pool. Special Refuge regulations also apply when fishing D Pool. Fishing is not permitted along the paved access road. A Virginia saltwater fishing license is required for surf fishing along the Refuge's oceanfront. Night surf fishing is only allowed by Special Use Permit during October.
- The use of motorized and non-motorized aircrafts, including drones and kites, is prohibited.
- The laws of the State of Virginia and the City of Virginia Beach are enforced on Refuge property, including the consumption of alcohol.

## U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service provides the federal leadership to conserve, protect and enhance fish and wildlife resources and their habitat for the continuing benefit of the American people.

The Service manages more than 560 national wildlife refuges, representing the most comprehensive wildlife habitat management effort in the world. The Service also manages national fish hatcheries, enforces federal wildlife laws and international treaty obligations and provides leadership in habitat protection.

National resources entrusted to the Service for conservation and protection are: refuges, migratory birds, fishery resources, threatened and endangered species and certain marine mammals.

The Service's Northeast Region encompasses 13 states from Maine to Virginia with more than 100 field offices. Headquarters for the region are located in Hadley, Massachusetts.