Long Island National Wildlife Refuge Complex

Visitor Center

The visitor center located at Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge showcases the wildlife and habitat of ten national wildlife refuges on Long Island. Visitors can also learn about opportunities for wildlife-viewing, hiking, fishing, educational programs and special events offered by refuge staff, interns and volunteers.

Visitor Center and Trails Open to the Public

- Experience the interactive exhibit hall featuring Long Island ecosystem dioramas, Discovery Island touch table and night room.
- Learn how the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service maintains productive wildlife habitat on refuge lands.
- Visit the nature store run by the non-profit Friends of Wertheim Refuge.
- Hike nearly six miles of trails through Pine Barrens forests and along the State-designated scenic Carmans River.
- Discover recreational opportunities on refuges throughout Long Island.

Free Admission

The new building houses the visitor center and offices for refuge staff and the Ecological Services Long Island Field Office. It was completed and opened in 2012 using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Stimulus) funds. The 13,000 square foot building has a number of “green” features including a geothermal heating system, solar panels, recycled flooring and water efficient fixtures.

340 Smith Road
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www.fws.gov/northeast/longislandrefuges/

Building Hours:
Monday – Saturday
8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Closed federal holidays

Grounds Hours:
Seven days a week
Sunrise – 4:00 pm

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