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# Rappahannock River Valley

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The Hutchinson Trail



### SPRING

- Songs of goldfinches, vireos, and other migratory birds as they arrive
- Verdant green colors as trees and grasses send out new growth
- Kingfishers moving in and out of cavity nests near the fishing pier
- Perennial flowers in the butterfly garden
- Upland hardwood trees in stages of forest succession



### SUMMER

- Butterflies flitting in and out of flowers in the butterfly garden
- Songs of warblers and other songbirds in early morning hours
- Ticks waiting to catch a ride
- Northern bob-white whistling their calls from the grasslands and hedgerows
- Warm-season grasses popping in the summer sun



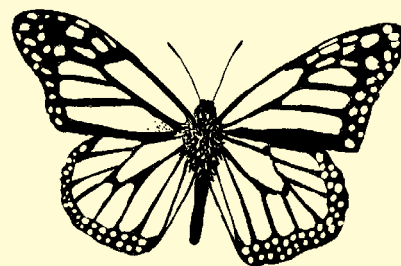
### FALL

- Red-wing blackbirds forming large undulating aerial flocks
- Vibrant reds of sweet gums and maples, sun yellows of tulip poplars, and warm amber colors of tickseed sunflowers
- Berries of sumac, poke, and other fruiting woody and herbaceous shrubs
- The last flights of butterflies and bees
- Mounded lodges of muskrats in the marshes of Mt. Landing Creek



### WINTER

- Songs of white-throated sparrows, Carolina wrens, and tufted titmice
- Flocks of Canada geese in V formation overhead
- Beautiful open views of the trees from the elevated walkway
- Stark grassland landscapes across the marsh from the fishing pier
- Sumac seed pods and gumballs along the trail



## FINAL STEPS

### Respect Wildlife

- Observe wildlife from a distance so they are not scared or forced to flee.
- Carry binoculars or a spotting scope to view and photograph wildlife from observation areas and trails.

### Be Considerate of all Visitors

- Many people come to the outdoors to listen to nature; noise takes away from everyone's experience.
- Follow refuge regulations regarding bicycles, running on trails and pets.

### Stay on the Trail

- Concentrating travel on trails reduces the likelihood that tracks will scar the landscape.
- Please stay on the durable trail surface.

### Pack it in, Pack it out

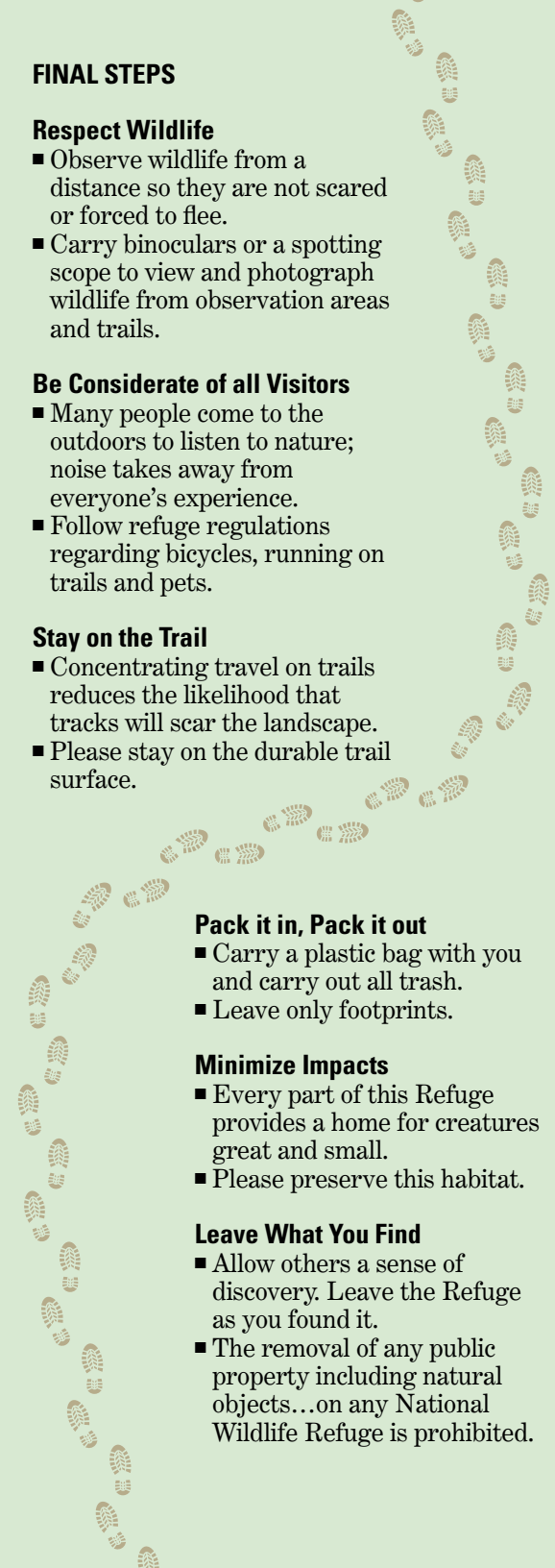
- Carry a plastic bag with you and carry out all trash.
- Leave only footprints.

### Minimize Impacts

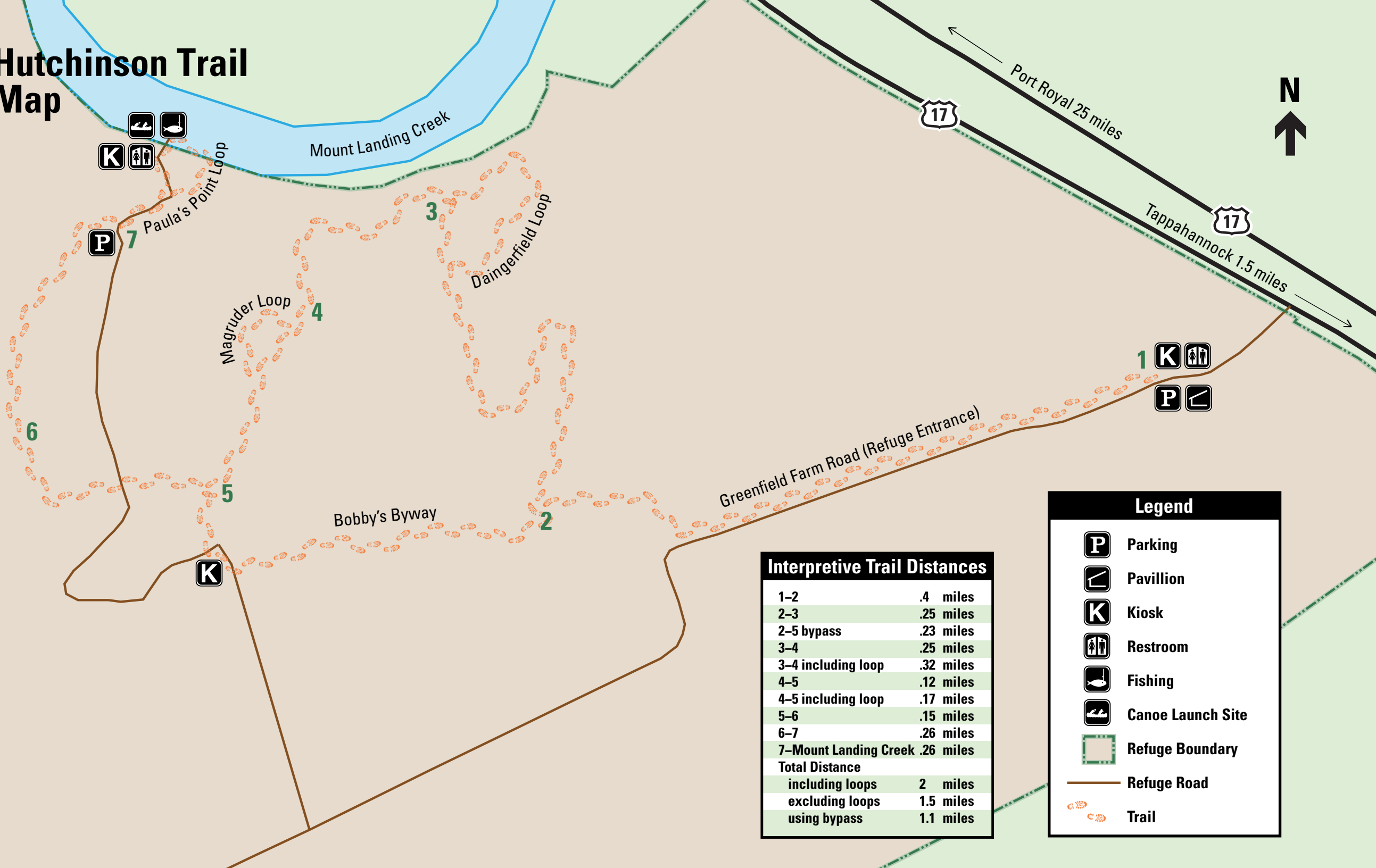
- Every part of this Refuge provides a home for creatures great and small.
- Please preserve this habitat.

### Leave What You Find

- Allow others a sense of discovery. Leave the Refuge as you found it.
- The removal of any public property including natural objects...on any National Wildlife Refuge is prohibited.



# Hutchinson Trail Map



1-2	.4 miles
2-3	.25 miles
2-5 bypass	.23 miles
3-4	.25 miles
3-4 including loop	.32 miles
4-5	.12 miles
4-5 including loop	.17 miles
5-6	.15 miles
6-7	.26 miles
7-Mount Landing Creek	.26 miles
<b>Total Distance</b>	
including loops	2 miles
excluding loops	1.5 miles
using bypass	1.1 miles

**Legend**

- P** Parking
- Pavillion
- K** Kiosk
- Restroom
- Fishing
- Canoe Launch Site
- Refuge Boundary
- Refuge Road
- Trail



Port Royal 25 miles



Tappahannock 1.5 miles



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Paula's Point Loop

Magruder Loop

4

3

Daingerfield Loop

2

Bobby's Byway



1



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5

Mount Landing Creek

Greenfield Farm Road (Refuge Entrance)