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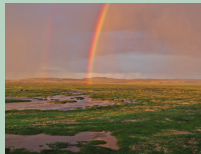
- 3 Buena Vista Overlook Trail** – Short hike to an awe-inspiring view, the trail is surrounded by years of geological processes and an abundance of wildflowers. Instead of driving to the overlook, stretch your legs and take a short hike. The trail leads to an awe-inspiring view of the Steens Mountain, a panoramic view of the Blitzen Valley and the Refuge. Interpretive panels at the overlook highlight key features of the area. The overlook is dedicated to Patrick R. Hickey who designed and built the rock structure at the overlook. This trail is noted as an excellent birding hike.

Recreation: Hiking
Length: 0.33 miles
Grade: Moderate
Surface: Native / Gravel



- 4 Crane Pond Overlook Trail** – Scenic landscapes and solitude, the trail provides open terrain that leads to a rim of basalt overlooking seasonal ponds. The ponds may be water-packed allowing one to quietly observe and identify variety of birds. If not, be rewarded with scenic landscapes and solitude.

Recreation: Hiking
Length: 0.44 miles
Grade: Moderate
Surface: Native / Gravel



- 5 Krumbo Reservoir** – Deep water habitat, Krumbo Reservoir was created to improve habitat for wildlife and angling. It is the deepest water on the Refuge. The reservoir is open year-round. Visitors may roam freely along the banks to view a variety of birds dependent on the open, deep water. Tundra swans and diving ducks stopover here. Look and listen for songbirds among the shrubs on the drive to the reservoir.

Recreation: Hiking
Length: Free roam bordering the reservoir
Grade: Moderate
Surface: Native / Gravel



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Day Use Only - The Refuge is open daily from sunrise to sunset.

Visitor Center - Brochures, maps, information, recent bird sightings and interpretive exhibits are located at Refuge headquarters. The Visitor Center is open Monday through Thursday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm and staffed with the help of volunteers most weekends.

Pets – Pets must be kept on leash while on the Refuge. Please pick up after your pets.

Weapons – Possession of weapons on the Refuge must abide by all Oregon State laws and regulations. Discharge of weapons outside of the hunting seasons are prohibited.

Prohibited Activities – All-terrain vehicles (ATVs), camping, fires, swimming, ice fishing, and collecting of natural objects such as plants, animals, minerals, antlers, objects of antiquity (including Indian artifacts) are prohibited.

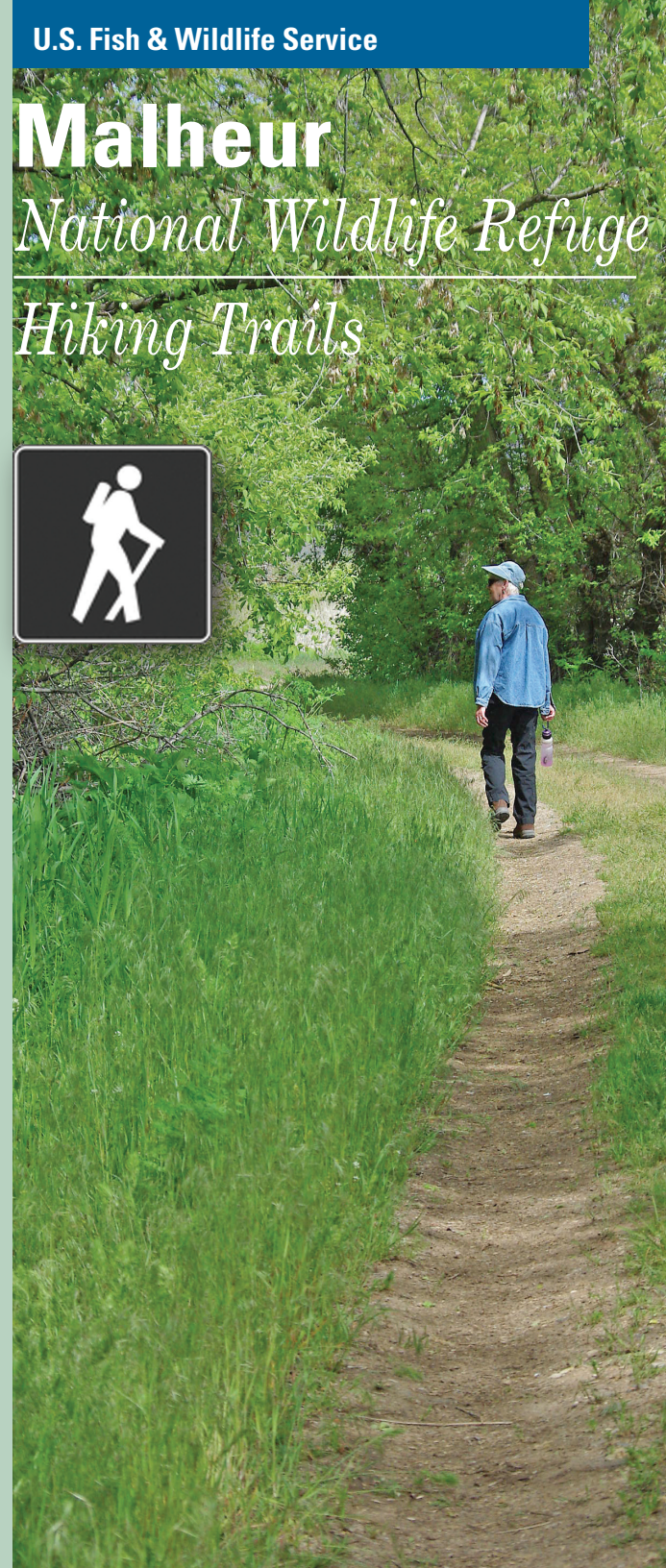
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Welcome, enjoy your visit!

Malheur National Wildlife Refuge is well-loved by its visitors, many return year after year, compelled by the excellent birding, opportunities for solitude, and for its intriguing historic remnants and geological sites. Some of the best areas to enjoy the Refuge can be found on 10 trails designated for hiking, bicycling, and cross-country skiing. For your safety and to protect wildlife and their habitat, please observe and follow all rules and regulations and stay on designated roads and trails shown on this map. If you have a question, feel free to contact a member of our staff.

Hiking Trails:

- 1 Overlook Trail** – Stunning view of Lake Malheur, the trail goes through sagebrush habitat for an opportunity to view birds in the tree canopies above Refuge Headquarters. The trail leads to one of the four historic lookout towers built in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and provides a stunning view of Malheur Lake that was established in 1908 to protect migratory and breeding birds.

Recreation: Hiking
Length: 0.11 miles
Grade: Moderate
Surface: Native / Gravel



- 2 Marshall Trail** – Exploring Marshall Pond, the trail leads to an observation blind overlooking Marshall Pond and loops through marsh and sagebrush habitat. The original blind built in memory of William L. Finely and Herman T. Bohlman was destroyed during the Malheur Lake 1980s flood event. Today's blind uses nearby native rock to blend with the natural surroundings. This trail is dedicated in memory of David B. Marshall.

Recreation: Hiking
Length: 0.5 miles
Grade: Gentle
Surface: Paved

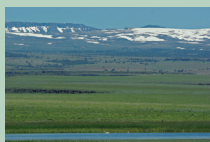


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6 Benson Pond Trail – Oasis for wildlife, the trail is named for George M. Benson, the first Refuge Game Warden (1918 – 1949). George and his wife Ethel lived in an old ranch house that once stood against the trees that have created an oasis for wildlife. A Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) pump house, constructed in the 1930s, still remains in the shade of these trees. Watch and listen for a variety of birds, you may see trumpeter swans that typically nest on the pond.

Recreation: Hiking, bicycling, and cross-country skiing
 Length: 0.45 miles
 Grade: Gentle
 Surface: Admin Road, Native / Gravel

*Bicycling and cross-country skiing are only permitted on the administrative road portion of the trail



7 Bridge Creek Trail – Wildlife viewing opportunities, the trail provides an abundance of birds and other wildlife intermixed with willows and other friendly wildlife habitat. This trail is open to angling for native redband trout.

Recreation: Hiking, bicycling, and cross-country skiing
 Length: 1.5 miles
 Grade: Gentle
 Surface: Admin Road

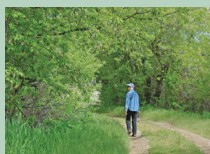
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8 River Trail – Along the scenic Blitzen River, the trail follows the most scenic section of the Blitzen River within the Refuge and provides viewing opportunities of songbirds and other wildlife. Best access on the trail is at the Historic P Ranch, where the original Peter French 1880s historic long barn, beef wheel and hay tripod are located. This trail is open to angling for native redband trout.

Recreation: Hiking, bicycling, and cross-country skiing
 Length: 2.0 miles
 Grade: Gentle
 Surface: Admin Road, Native / Gravel

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9 Barnes Springs Footpath – A glimpse at history, birds and wildflowers, the trail leads to a homestead site characterized by cottonwoods and other non-endemic trees and shrubs associated with historic landscapes. Bird for potential rare and incidental birds, particularly songbirds. At the end of the trail, observe an old mud brick building with corral and wattle fences. In the spring, the trail is abundant in wildflowers. Interpretive panels at the Frenchglen Wayside highlight key features of the area.

Recreation: Hiking, bicycling, and cross-country skiing
 Length: 0.93 miles
 Grade: Gentle
 Surface: Admin Road

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10 East Canal Road – The road to various trails and adventures is a pastoral trail accented by birds and butterflies. Enjoy the scenery and view Mud Creek Brood Pond or explore Mud Creek and Bridge Creek. This trail is open to angling for native redband trout. Be cautious, the route is shared with vehicular traffic.

Recreation: Hiking, bicycling, and cross-country skiing
 Length: 3.19 miles
 Grade: Gentle
 Surface: Admin Road

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Auto Tour Route – Various wildlife viewing opportunities on the Center Patrol Road, the auto tour route showcases the scenic Blitzen River Valley's outstanding features of historical, geological, and biological interests from Refuge headquarters to Page Springs Campground. The route traverses all habitat types of the Refuge. Stop and hike along the road to view shallow marshes, small ponds, flood irrigated meadows, rimrock, and sagebrush covered hills. Be cautious, the route is shared with vehicular traffic.

Recreation: Hiking, bicycling, cross-country skiing, and horseback riding
 Length: 42 miles
 Grade: Gentle
 Surface: Admin Road



Refuge Map

