

Nestucca Bay National Wildlife Refuge 7000 Christiansen Rd Cloverdale. OR 97112

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Temporary Closure at Nestucca Bay National Wildlife Refuge

Coverdale, OR. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will make improvements to Christensen Road resulting in portions of Nestucca Bay National Wildlife Refuge (refuge) being temporarily closed to the public from July 31- August 25. The refuge will be open on weekends, the closure is only Monday-Friday from the 31st through the 25th. During the closure days all access (car, bike, or pedestrian) to the refuge including the Two Rivers Nature Trail and the Pacific View Trail will be closed. The trails and roads will reopen once improvements are complete. Christensen Road provides access to the refuge and improvements to the paved and unpaved portions include rehabilitation of the gravel surface and installation of safety signs.

The refuge is a vital stopover for migratory birds and is a wintering site for Dusky Canada and Aleutian cackling geese. In summer the restored coastal prairie is filled with wildflowers and pollinators, including the threatened Oregon Silverspot Butterfly. Many people flock to the Refuge to view the wildlife and hike the trails. In 2022 the refuge hosted over 90,000 visitors. Improvements to the access road will provide visitors with a more enjoyable experience on their next visit.



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