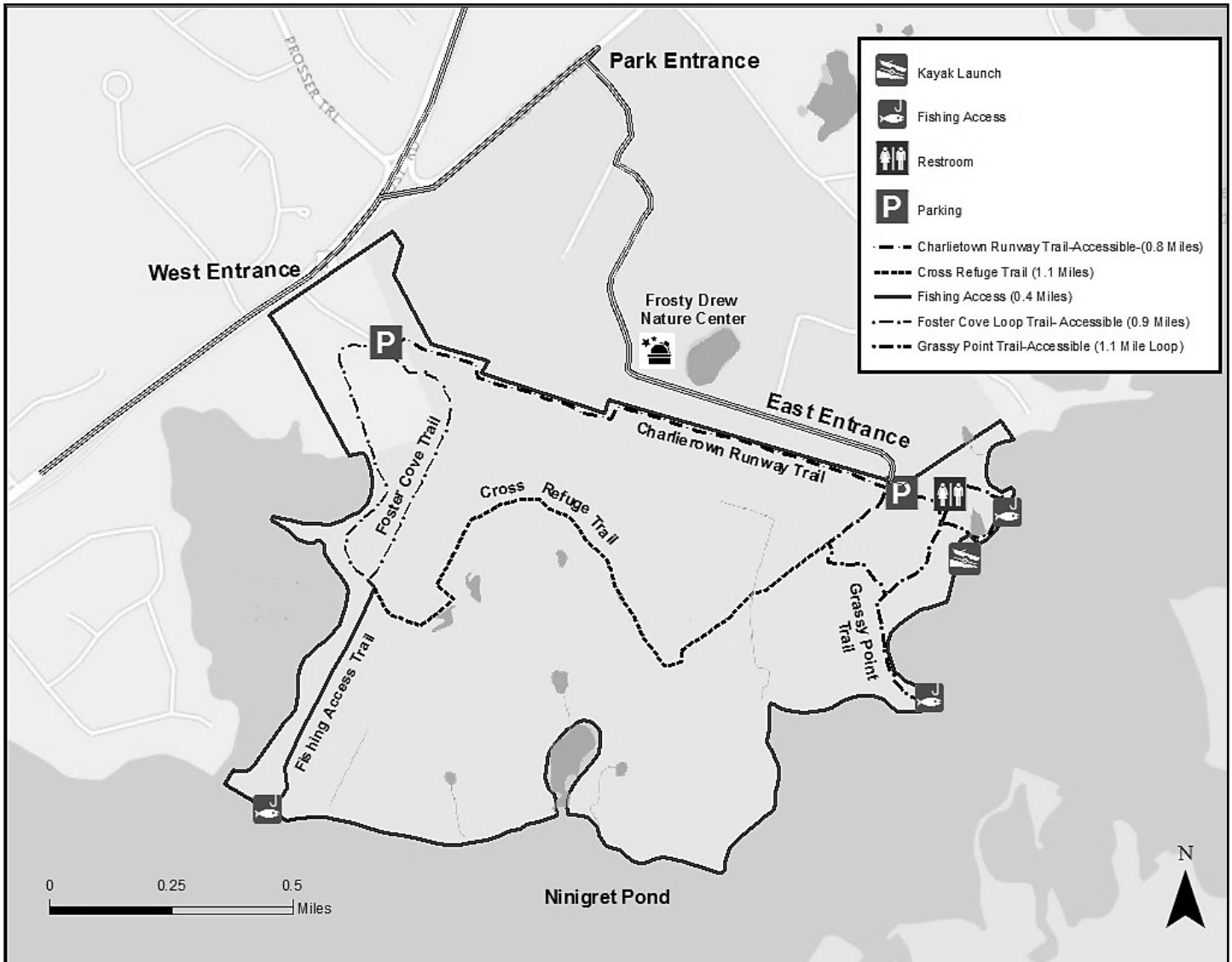


TRAIL MAP



Ninigret National Wildlife Refuge Salt Pond Unit

Welcome to the Ninigret National Wildlife Refuge! This refuge is one of five national wildlife refuges in Rhode Island. Established in 1972, the Salt Pond Unit consists of 409 acres of diverse upland and wetland habitats including grasslands, shrub lands, wooded swamps and freshwater ponds. Formally part of Charlestown Naval Auxiliary Landing Field, the refuge now provides visitors with over four miles of hiking trails, fishing, hunting and a kayak launch. You may enjoy an excellent view of Ninigret Pond, the largest coastal salt pond in Rhode Island from Grassy Point. For the birding enthusiast, over 250 species of birds have been recorded at the refuge. Also, the refuges shores support a large diversity of marine life such as the blue crab, bay scallop, striped bass and winter flounder.



Ninigret National Wildlife Refuge

Salt Pond Unit

The National Wildlife Refuge System

The National Wildlife Refuges in Rhode Island are part of a national system of lands and waters administered by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. The Refuge System is a network of lands and waters managed specifically for the protection of wildlife and wildlife habitat. It represents the most comprehensive wildlife management program in the world.

Public Use at the Refuge

Wildlife comes first on the national wildlife refuges. All human activities must be compatible with the needs of wildlife. Six priority public uses are encouraged when they do not interfere with the individual refuge's mission. These are: hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, environmental education, and interpretation.

Ninigret National Wildlife Refuge The refuge provides visitors with excellent opportunities for bird watching, hiking, photography, and environmental education. Surf fishing is permitted from refuge shorelines in accordance with state and federal regulations.

Together with volunteers and Friends of the National Wildlife Refuges of Rhode Island, refuge staff manage these habitats, lead guided walks, and conduct environmental education classes.

Hours of Operation

Refuge Trails are open sunrise to sunset



Your Cooperation is Appreciated

To protect the refuge's wildlife and habitats, please comply with the following:

- Stay on designated trails.
- There are no picnic areas or campsites on the refuge. Fires are not allowed.
- Dogs, horses and other pets are not permitted. Pets are not allowed on National Wildlife Refuges because they alter the natural behaviors of wildlife.
- Bicycles, jogging and roller blades are not permitted.
- Kite flying is not permitted. During the bird nesting season, kites resemble larger birds that could prey on young chicks. This can frighten adult birds potentially causing them to abandon their nests.
- The disturbance, destruction, or removal of wildlife, vegetation, and facilities are prohibited.
- Please keep the refuge clean. Take your trash home with you.

Additional regulations may be in effect

IMPORTANT! During the fall and winter deer hunting seasons, we recommend wearing blaze orange clothing, such as a vest and hat, when using the trails.

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