U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Welcome to Red Wolf Country

The only population of the world's most endangered wolf lives right here in eastern North Carolina

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Enjoy your stay in red wolf country. For their safety and for yours when driving, please follow these important tips:

Watch for Red Wolves!

Most are wearing orange collars.



Help keep red wolves safe

Please always be aware when driving, especially on Highways 64, 264, and 94.







Watch the Road!

Vehicle strikes are a major threat to red wolves. Look for highway signs, this means that red wolves are in the area. However, red wolves can potentially cross roads throughout the area at any time.



Eve Turek

Learn about red wolves at any of the three Visitor Centers in the area

Wolves are often misunderstood. Educating yourself, and others, about the uniquely wonderful red wolf — the only wolf endemic to the U.S. — can be very rewarding.

On your trip, please visit the Red Wolf Center and Pocosin Lakes Visitor Center in Columbia, NC, or the Gateway Visitors Center in Manteo, NC. Don't forget to share what you learned!

Visit the area's National Wildlife Refuges

Visiting Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge or Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge is a great way to get a chance see a rare red wolf in the only existing wild population while also supporting the local communities and counties (e.g., lodging, food, and other area businesses).

Share your photos and report any unusual sighting

Help spread the love of this incredible species by sharing photos and videos you responsibly take of them in the wild! Photos can help us in our outreach and are also a good way for us to assess the health of individuals and determine pairings. However, please keep in mind that the enthusiasm of seeing or photographing a rare species can put them at risk. Keeping a minimum of 100 yards from red wolves helps keep them wild. Never pursue red wolves for up close photos. Please do not remain with an animal for a long time, as your presence may disrupt their normal behavior.

Help keep red wolves safe: please report any suspected or unusual sightings, an injured or dead red wolf, or any suspicious behavior to the Red Wolf Hotline at the number or e-mail address provided below.

Contact us!

Red Wolf Hotline: 1-855-4WOLVES redwolf@fws.gov fws.gov/project/red-wolf-recovery-program facebook.com/redwolfrecoveryprogram