Welcome

Welcome to Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge). This 15,000-acre expanse of short and mixed grass prairie is home to more than 330 species of wildlife, including bald eagles, bison, black-footed ferrets, deer, coyotes, burrowing owls, and prairie dogs. The site began as a U.S. Army base and is now managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to protect wildlife and habitat.

Trails

Enjoy 20 miles of trails open year-round. Please note, Upper Derby Trail and First Creek Trail have seasonal closures. Follow all posted signs and park vehicles in designated areas only. Visitor activities are organized by trail color. See map for details.

• Bicycles and Class 1 e-Bikes are permitted on blue and green trails only.
• Bicycles and Class 1, 2, and 3 e-Bikes are permitted on designated Refuge roads, and on the First Creek Trail and Perimeter Trail.
• Bicycles are not permitted in the bison enclosure areas.
• No bicycles are permitted when the road becomes one way only.

Wildlife Drive

The 11-mile self-guided auto Wildlife Drive takes approximately 1 hour to complete.

• The Wildlife Drive is open to motorized vehicles; speed limit is 30 mph.
• Follow the directional symbols.
• Stay on paved roads and observe all posted signs such as “Stay in Vehicle” or “Area Closed”.
• Stay in your vehicle when the road becomes one way only.
• Always stay at least 75 feet (23 meters) away from bison.

Catch-and-Release Fishing

Fish at Lakes Mary and Ladora the first Saturday of April through November 30, daily. A valid Colorado Fishing License and a Refuge $3 daily fishing fee or $60 season pass are required for ages 16 and over.

Refuge Hours and Regulations

The Refuge is open daily from sunrise to sunset and closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Day, unless otherwise noted. To protect wildlife and habitat, visitor access is limited to designated trails and roads only. All other Refuge lands and staff roads are closed to visitors. It is your responsibility to know all Refuge rules and regulations for the protection of wildlife and visitors.

The following is a list of prohibited activities at the Refuge:

• Pets (dogs, cats, etc.) on the Refuge.
• Swimming, wading, and bathing in all Refuge waters.
• Use of boats, canoes, kayaks, float tubes, paddle boards, and other flotation devices.
• Use or possession of alcohol.
• Use or possession of drugs, including marijuana and any controlled substance and associated paraphernalia.
• Drones.
• Camping and overnight parking on the Refuge.
• Grilling.
• Collecting and disturbing any wildlife and plants or their habitat.
• Collecting and removing any natural and historic objects.

Accessibility

All trails are accessible, except for portions of the Prairie, Havana Ponds, and Rattlesnake Hill Trails. All restrooms and parking lots are accessible. Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs and activities of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is available to all individuals regardless of physical or mental ability. For more information please contact the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Equal Opportunity, www.doi.gov/accessibility.

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Army Historic Trail 0.3 miles
Bluestem Loop Trail 1.3 miles
Buckley Trail 1.3 miles
Discovery Trail 1 mile
First Creek Trail 1.6 miles
Havana Ponds Trail 1.4 miles
Henderson Hill Overlook Trail 0.8 miles
Highline Loop Trail 0.2 miles
Lake Ladora Loop Trail 1.8 miles
Lake Mary Loop Trail 0.6 miles
Locust Loop Trail 0.8 miles
Perimeter Trail 14.2 miles
Prairie Trail 2.2 miles
Prairie Switchback Trail 0.3 miles
Rattlesnake Hill Trail 0.3 miles
Rocky Mountain Greenway Trail 4.8 miles
Rod and Gun Club Loop Trail 0.3 miles
Southwest Loop Trail 0.5 miles
Upper Derby Trail 0.2 miles
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