

Welcome

Patuxent Research Refuge is the largest coastal plain forest in the greater Baltimore & D.C. metro area. Established in 1936, the refuge has been the site of many important wildlife related research projects. While exploring the trails, enjoy the refuge's diversity of migratory and resident song birds. During the warmer months the refuge is also known for its abundant amphibian life.

South Tract Hours

Sunrise to Sunset, (Closed on federal holidays.)

Contact the Refuge

Currently the Visitor Center is not available. However, you may reach refuge staff by calling the North Tract Visitor Contact Station at 301-497-5770.

Recreation & Regulations



Stay on trails while visiting. Be mindful that all trails at this location are for foot traffic only.



Please keep your pets leashed at all times and remember to pick up waste.



Fishing is only permitted on Cash Lake March through September. All other areas are closed to fishing. Please see Patuxent Research Refuge Fishing Guide for additional information.



No swimming or wading.



Collecting wildlife, plants, or artifacts from the refuge is prohibited. Introduction of wildlife or plants to the refuge is also prohibited.



Please do not fly drones on the refuge.



Consumption and the possession of alcohol is not permitted.

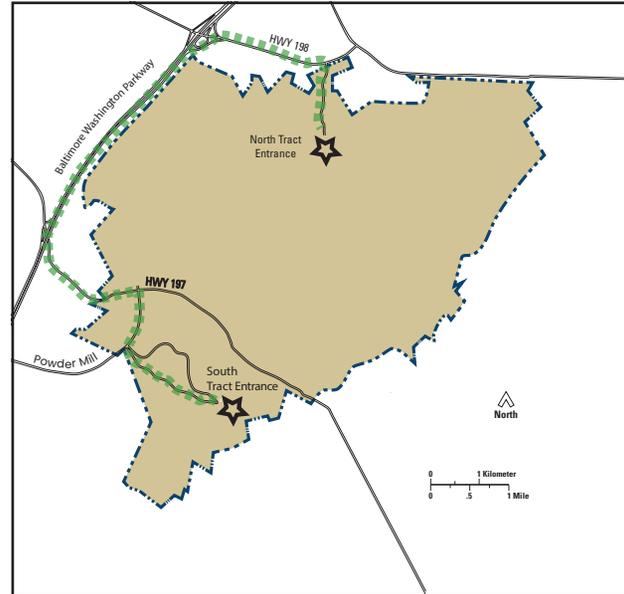


Campfires are not permitted

Other Recreational Opportunities

New adventures await at the refuge's northern property of North Tract. Over 20 miles of forested trails provide a scenic departure from the normal transit of city streets.

Because some paths on North Tract approach active gun range areas, please check in and register at the visitor contact station.



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South Tract Trails



