

Tamarac

National Wildlife Refuge Fishing Regulations



Welcome

Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge lies in the heart of one of the most diverse vegetative transition zones in North America, where northern hardwood, coniferous forests and the tall grass prairie converge. This 43,000 acre refuge includes over 20 lakes, three rivers and hundreds of marshes and woodland ponds. This diversity of habitat brings with it a wealth of fish and wildlife. We invite you to connect with nature and enjoy the sights and sounds of the refuge. Whether from a boat or at the water's edge, potential awaits with every cast. However, the real catch of the day may be the time spent with friends and family.

Common species found here include: Northern Pike, Walleye, Largemouth Bass, Bluegill, Pumpkinseed, Black Crappie, Yellow Perch, Black, Brown and Yellow Bullhead and White Sucker.

Safety

While on a boat, children 12 years old and under must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal floatation device (PFD).

Fishing tackle litter is harmful to wildlife and the public. Please leave no trace when recreating.

Vehicles and Parking

Licensed motor vehicles are permitted on main roads and service roads beyond open gates as shown on the map.

Vehicles are not permitted on the ice.

Snowmobiles, ATVs, and UTVs are not permitted on the refuge.

Parking, blocking, or in any manner restricting access to roads and gates is prohibited.

Boats

The Refuge allows motorized boats on the following lakes for summer fishing: North Tamarac, Waboose, Two Island, and Lost.

Blackbird Lake is open to non-motorized boats or electric boat motor use only.

To reduce disturbance to wildlife there is no boating or paddling on the rivers through the refuge.

Accessibility Information 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, <https://www.doi.gov/pmb/eo/public-civil-rights>

Accessible fishing from shore is available on the Otter Tail River at Mitchell Bridge on Hwy 126.

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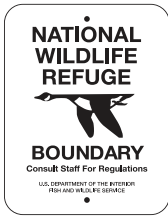
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Signs and Boundaries

Please respect the following signs:



- **Boundary Sign:** Hunting is authorized in designated areas. Consult refuge manager for current regulations.



- **Wildlife Sanctuary Area:** This area is closed to the public during prime wildlife breeding and rearing season. Area is open September 1 – March 1.



- **Area Beyond This Sign Closed:** This area is closed to the public year round.

Fishing Regulations

Fishing regulations are designed to provide safe recreational opportunities through wise use of renewable wildlife resources. Hunting and fishing are permitted in accordance with Federal regulations governing public use on National Wildlife Refuges as set forth in Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Hunting and fishing will be in accordance with applicable State of Minnesota and White Earth Nation regulations. Brochures may be obtained by mail, at the refuge headquarters, or from the refuge website.

The refuge prohibits the take of any frog, crayfish, and mussel species. Leeching, turtling, and minnowing is allowed in designated areas by tribal permit only.

All anglers and boaters must **clean, drain and dispose** to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.

- **Clean** by removing visible aquatic plants, zebra mussels and other prohibited invasive species before leaving any water access.
- **Drain** water from boat, livewell, baitwell and bilge and by removing drain plugs and before leaving any water access.
- **Dispose** of unwated bait including minnows, leeches and worms in the trash, it is illegal to release bait into a waterbody or release worms on the ground.

Access

Refuge is open from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily. Accessing refuge lands outside of these hours is prohibited. The Refuge allows motorized boats on the following lakes for summer fishing: North Tamarac, Waboose, Two Island, and Lost.

Blackbird Lake is open to non-motorized boats or electric boat motor use only.

Blackbird and Lost lakes are open only during the State Season - mid-May through Labor Day.

Pine Lake is open to fishing from December 1 to March 31.

Bank fishing 50 yards either side of the Ottetail River bridges on County Roads 26 and 126 is permitted. No additional river areas are open to fishing or boating.












Prohibited Activities

By law, recreational activities on National Wildlife Refuges are prohibited unless expressly permitted:

- Personal motorized watercraft, swimming and tubing on refuge waters.
- Vehicles off designated roads and trails.
- Vehicles on the ice.
- Ice shelters left overnight.
- Motorized boats on Blackbird Lake, electric boat motor use only.
- Camping and overnight parking on the refuge.
- Fires on the refuge unless in picnic area grills.

To Report Violations

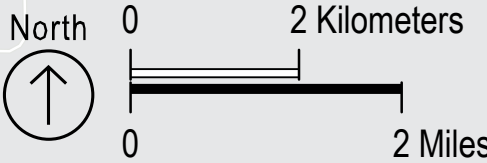
- Refuge Law Enforcement Officer: Call 218-844-3423
- Turn In Poachers (TIP) Line: Call 800-652-9093
- Dial #TIP (#847) from your cell phone

-  Refuge Boundary
-  Main Roads
-  Service Roads
-  Visitor Center
-  Boat Ramps
-  Information
-  Restrooms
-  Wildlife Drive Entrance
-  Picnic Area
-  Bank Fishing Area
-  Accessible Bank Fishing

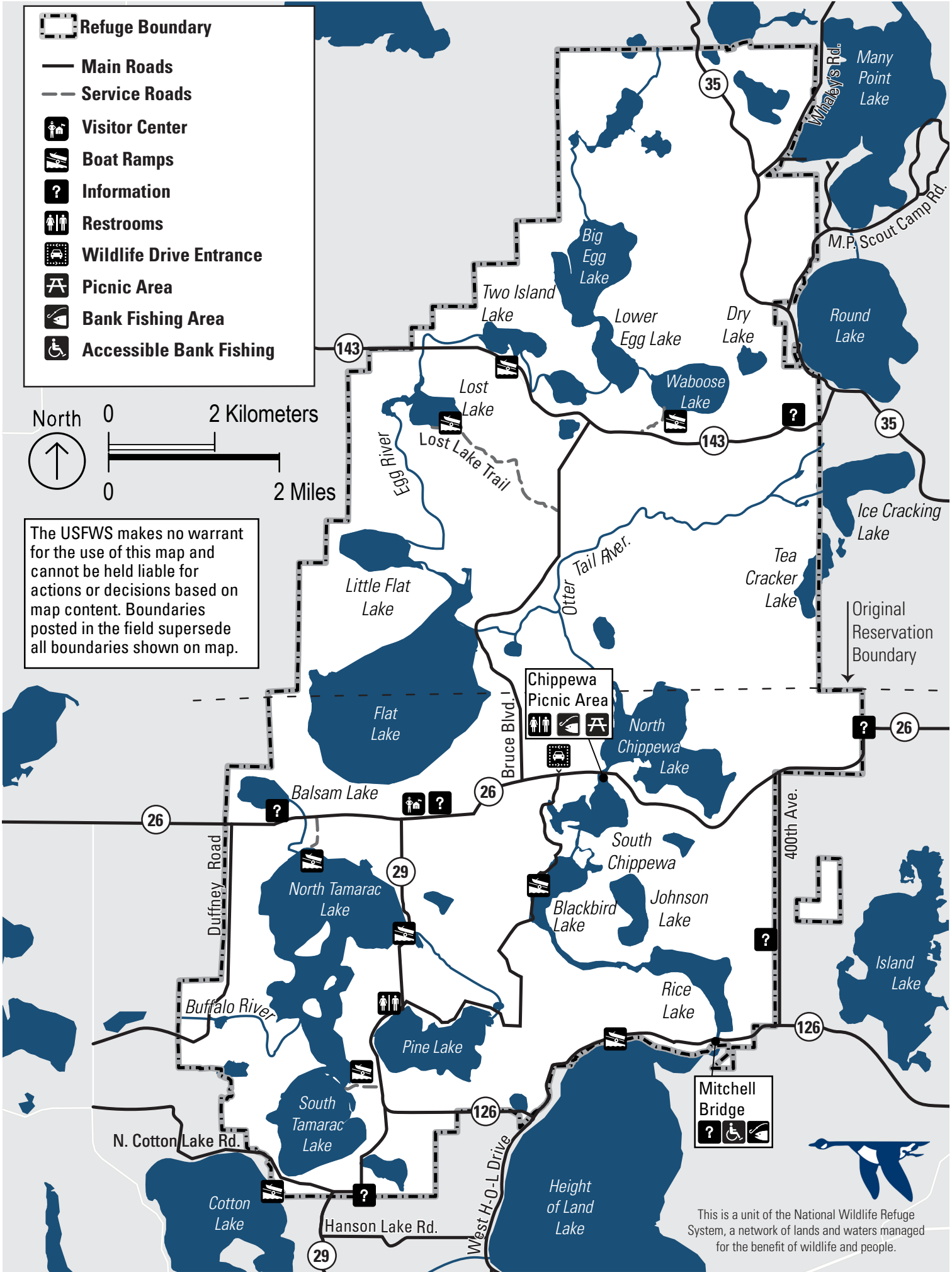
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This is a unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System, a network of lands and waters managed for the benefit of wildlife and people.