

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Two Ponds

National Wildlife Refuge



Welcome



This blue goose, designed by J.N. "Ding" Darling, is the symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Welcome to Two Ponds National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge). We invite you to connect with nature and enjoy the sights and sounds of the Refuge. Established in 1992, this 72-acre Refuge provides a natural oasis for native wildlife, plants, and people, in a suburban setting. It offers beautiful views of the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains, a network of trails, prairie grasslands, woodlands, and wetlands.

The Refuge is home to over 250 species of resident wildlife, including deer, coyotes, muskrat, turtles, frogs, rabbits and raptors. By taking a short walk on the trails, you may encounter sparrows, woodpeckers, red-winged blackbirds, magpies, warblers, waterfowl, and herons.

The Refuge is managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to restore and preserve native prairie ecosystems, protect habitat for migratory and resident wildlife, and provide recreation opportunities for all ages.

Trails



Enjoy over 3 miles of trails open for hiking, nature observation, and wildlife photography. Follow all posted signs and park vehicles in designated areas only. Refuge trails meander through mixed prairie grasses. Trail surfaces are crushed gravel or dirt. Self-guided trail brochures are available at kiosks.

Refuge Hours and Regulations

The west side of the Refuge is open daily from sunrise to sunset and closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day, unless otherwise noted. The east side of the Refuge is open May – September from 8am to 4pm; it is closed October – April. To protect wildlife and habitat, visitor access is limited to designated trails only. It is your responsibility to know Refuge rules and regulations for the protection of wildlife and visitors.

Prohibited Activities

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



Pets (dogs, cats, etc.) on the Refuge.



Fishing.



Bicycles.



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 illegal controlled substance.



Drones.



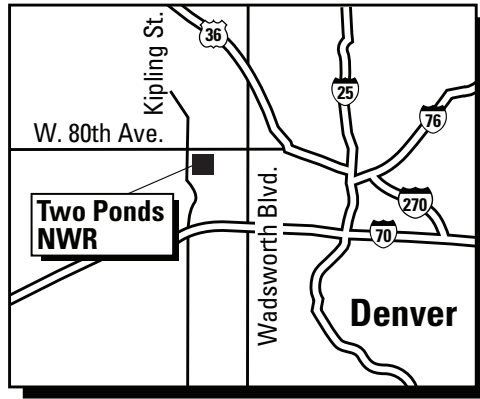
Sleeping, camping, and overnight parking on the Refuge.



Grilling or fires.















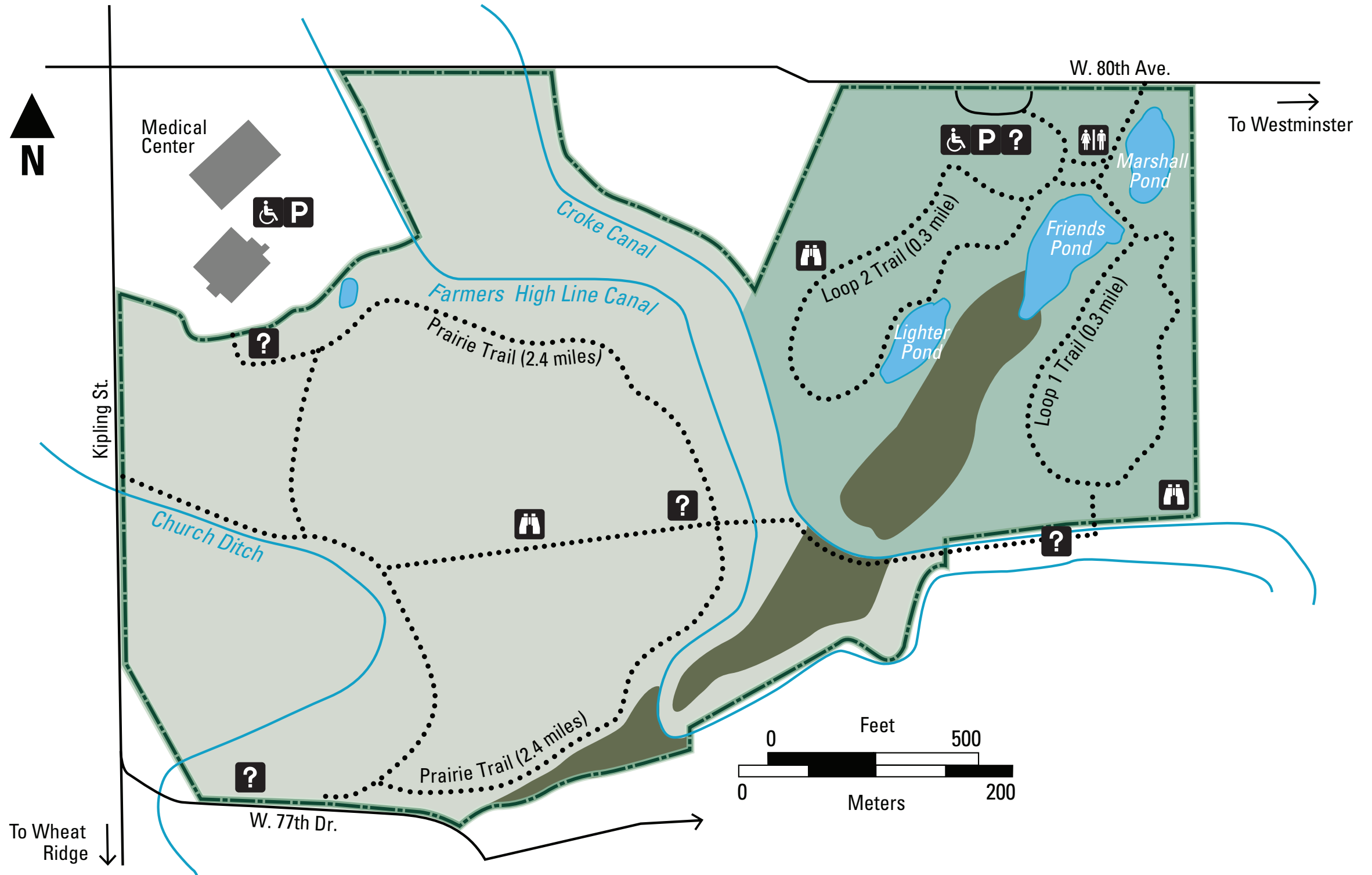
Searching for, collecting, and removing any natural (antlers), historic objects, wildlife, and plants.



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-  Roads
-  Trails
-  Ponds
-  Cattail marsh
-  East
-  West
-  Accessible facilities
-  Information kiosk
-  Restroom
-  Wildlife viewing overlooks
-  Parking



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Accessibility

All trails on the west side of the Refuge 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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Monarch and bee on purple coneflower.

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