

# Willapa

## National Wildlife Refuge

### Nature Trails



Open Daily  
Sunrise to Sunset

## Long Island Trails

Explore 10+ miles of trails with access to beaches, meadows and forest. Access by boat only.

- No water on the island, bring your own
- Carry or consult a tide table
- Dogs prohibited on the island
- Bicycles allowed; E-Bikes prohibited
- Motorized equipment prohibited: this includes ATVs, chainsaws and generators

**Don Bonker Cedar Grove Trail** (1 mi loop)  
A popular day trip, this 1-mile loop has a 274-acre cedar grove with trees over 900 years old! To hike it, land your boat on the southern tip of Long Island and follow the center road north. The trail to the grove is ~ 2.5 miles from the landing.

## East Hills Trails

**Teal Slough Trail** (0.5 mi one way)  
An easy but hilly out and back trek into a forest featuring relics from the past – gigantic old-growth cedar and Sitka spruce. Limited parking on the east side of Hwy. 101 in the pullout.

**Art Trail** (.25 mi) & **Cutthroat Loop** (1 mi)  
An interpretive art trail that is a short, easy and accessible journey along a winding boardwalk above a tidal flat. Unique art along the trail teaches about the wildlife and habitat of the refuge. Continue to a moderately difficult loop called Cutthroat Climb as it rises and then falls steeply through a deep-wood of thick ferns and old-growth hemlocks.

**Greenhead Slough Trail** (0.5 mi one way)  
An easy trail along a gravel road flanked by mature spruce and hemlock forest and a 150-acre restored estuary. Spawning salmon can be seen in Oct/Nov. The trail ends after 0.5 miles and is marked by a gate. Bicycles allowed.

## South Bay Trails

**Porter Point Loop** (2.4 mi loop)  
This trail of moderate difficulty begins in a serene cedar swamp before climbing to and then descending from the ridgetop above Porter Point. Much of the trail is through regenerating forest on former logging roads. View large flocks of shorebirds and waterfowl in spring and fall along the bay side of the trail.

**Parker Slough Trail** (1.5 mi one way)  
A moderately difficult trail that connects the Porter Point Loop to the South Bay trail and winds through restored marsh and cedar and spruce forest with excellent views of the slough and Willapa Bay. Portion of trail closed Oct. 1 – Feb. 10.

**Tarlatt Slough Trail** (0.7 mi one way)  
An information panel greets you at the trailhead to this scenic trail that goes through seasonal wetlands, open fields and regenerating coastal forest. It's a good place to look for birds of prey, elk, geese and in summer an abundance of tree and violet-green swallows. A viewing blind provides cover for photographers and birders.

**South Bay Trail** (0.6 mi one way)  
Walk past a small grassland and through a coastal forest to see unparalleled views of Willapa Bay. From the overlook at the end of this easy trail watch for large flocks of ducks and shorebirds in spring and fall. Lucky visitors may spot river otters, elk, bald eagle or black bear.

## Trail Regulations

- Dogs prohibited on all nature trails.
- The takeoff and landing of drones is prohibited on national wildlife refuges.
- Bicycles prohibited unless noted on trail description. All E-Bikes prohibited.

## Leadbetter Point Trails

Explore trails that wind along the bay and through shorepine forest on the northern tip of the beautiful Long Beach Peninsula.

- Trails often flooded from Oct – May
- Critical Bird Nesting Area – see map for details
- Carry or consult a tide table
- Discover Pass \$ is required for parking. Purchase at [www.discoverpass.wa.gov](http://www.discoverpass.wa.gov)

**Bearberry Trail** (1.3 mi)   
Trek across the peninsula on this easy trail to sandy beaches. Along the way look for the low-growing bearberry carpeting the forest understory.

**Bay Loop** (1.1 mi)   
This easy loop takes you along the scenic bay where information panels share stories about the bay's bird life and salt marsh habitat. The return loops through shorepine forest.

**Weather Beach Trail** (1 mi)   
From the Dune Forest Loop, stroll across the peninsula to the breaking surf. Along the way you'll see seasonal wetlands within the dunes that support life in this harsh landscape.

**Beach Trail** (.5 mi)   
Linking Weather Beach to the Bearberry Trail, this beach route offers the promise of viewing hundreds of thousands of shorebirds in spring and fall. Obey signs that designate closures for nesting birds.

Note: Dune Forest Loop Trail and Martha Jordan Birding Trail are managed by Washington State Parks.

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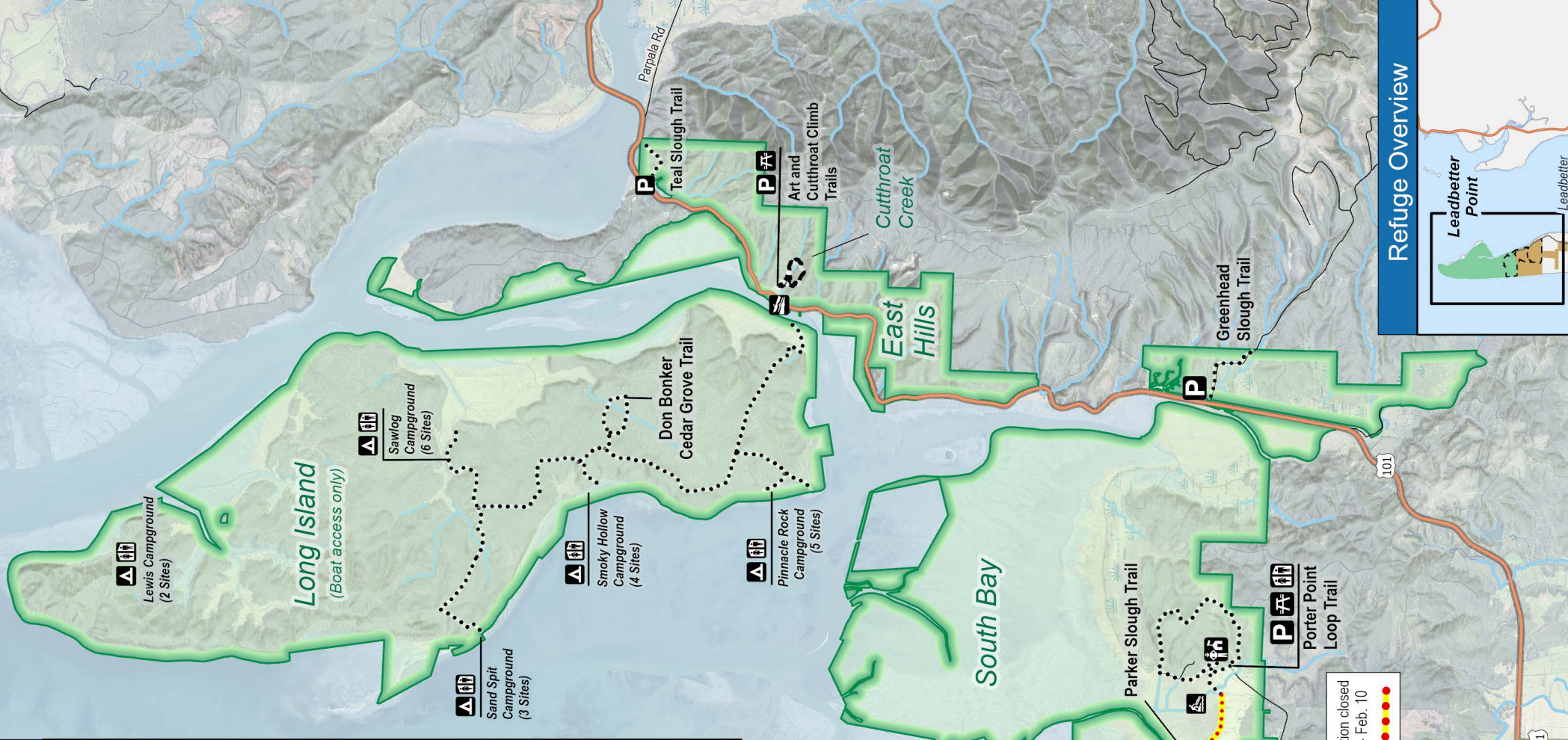
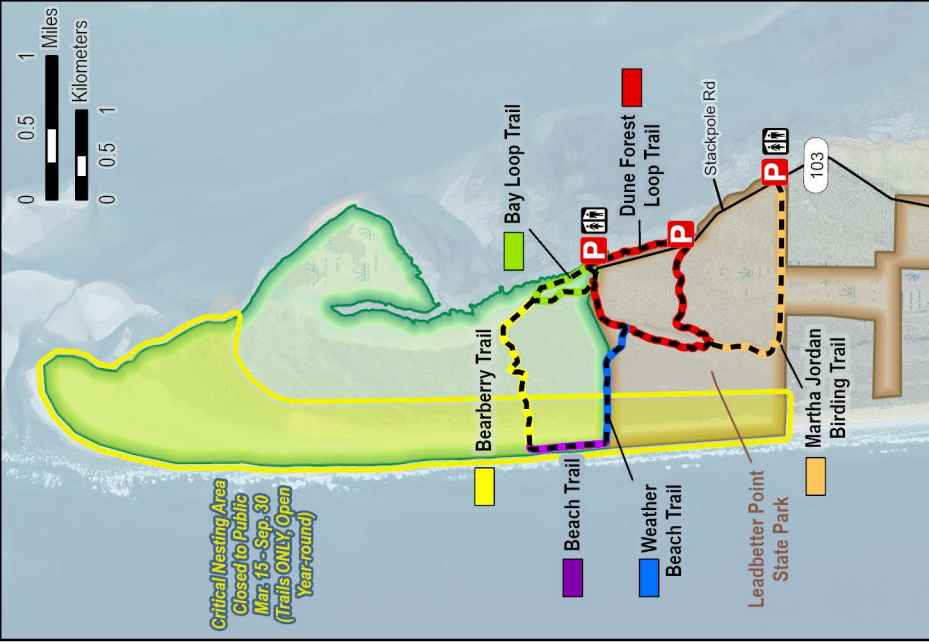


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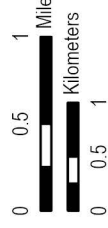
## Leadbetter Point



Trail section closed  
Oct. 1 - Feb. 10

### Map Key

- Willapa National Wildlife Refuge
- Leadbetter Point State Park
- Critical Nesting Area
- Trails not in hunting areas
- Trails in safety zone within hunting area
- Refuge Office
- Restroom
- Boat Launch
- Car-top Boat Launch
- Campgrounds
- Parking
- Fee Parking
- Observation Blind
- Overlook
- Picnic Tables



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## Refuge Overview

