

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# Seney

## *National Wildlife Refuge*

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### **2022 closures and opportunities at Seney National Wildlife Refuge**

Seney National Wildlife Refuge was fortunate enough to be one of the recipients of the Great American Outdoor Act Funds. These funds will allow us to complete much needed work on several refuge structures which have been on a maintenance backlog.

Funding will go to four big projects:

1. New combined Visitor and Headquarters building
2. Marshland Wildlife Drive and Fishing Loop Bridge and Water Control Structure Repairs
3. Show Pool Site Rehabilitation and Improvements
4. Pine Ridge Nature Trail Improvement Project

The largest portion of the project effects the current visitor center, office, and the campus surrounding these buildings. As part of this process the two buildings were evaluated to see if they could be renovated to meet the needs of the station. During this process it was determined the best path forward was to demolish the current structures and build a new combined building. The old visitor center was demolished this winter and a contract will soon be awarded for the construction of a new visitor center/headquarters, to be built in the same location. In the meantime, we are adapting our existing facilities to temporarily house the visitor center and headquarters offices.

### **Temporary Visitor Center**

River Road Quarters is usually home to our temporary summer staff. This year we are repurposing the building to serve as our temporary visitor center.

### **Location**

1986 Manistique River Road/County Road 436. About 6 miles south of the Refuge Entrance Road

### **Dates**

Open Tuesday, May 17, 2022 to October 20, 2022

### **Open Hours**

Tuesday - Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

## **Marshland Wildlife Drive and Fishing Loop closed**

Four bridges are being repaired on the auto drives. Both the Marshland Drive and the Fishing Loop will be closed this season to vehicles, bicycles, and foot traffic.

## **Other opportunities to try**

### **Driggs River Road access area:**

- Watch for wildlife, habitat at this location includes early successional forest, open field, ditch and pool system
- Hike or bicycle the roads
- Fish C-3 Pool

### **Robinson Road access area:**

- Watch for wildlife, habitat at this location includes early hardwood forest, open field, pool system
- Hike or bicycle the roads
- Hike the trails

### **Paddle Manistique River:**

- Watch for wildlife, habitat at this location includes mixed forest types, pine and hardwood, and the river
- Canoe or kayak the 4-hour float through the refuge
- Go fishing

### **Whitefish Point Unit:**

- Watch for wildlife, habitat at this location includes Lake Superior beach and forested dunes
- Hike the boardwalk

## **Stay up to date on our progress and current closures**

Closed areas are subject to change. We will re-open areas as quickly as we can. As projects progress over the season, and the next few years, other adaptations will have to be made:

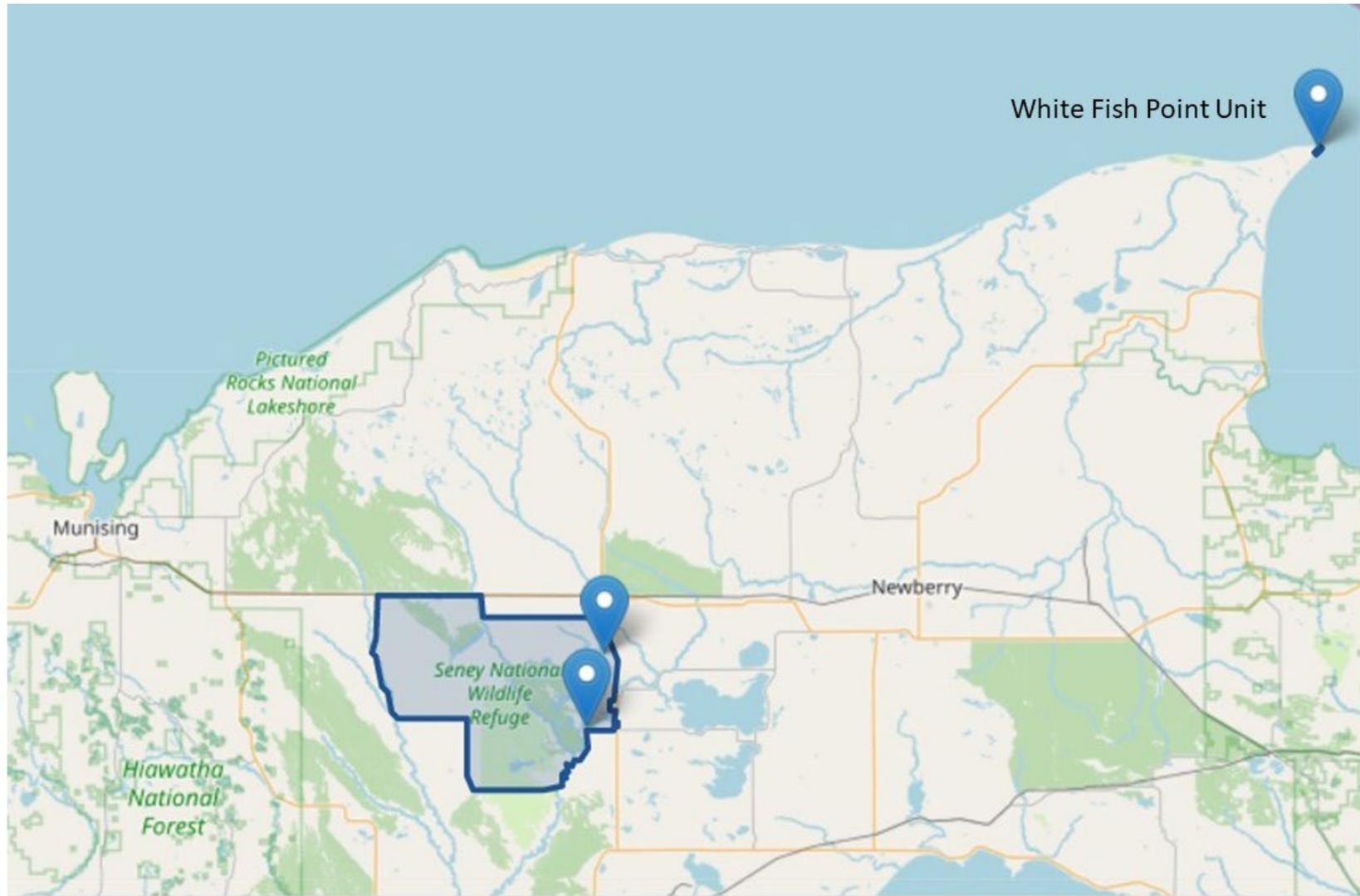
- the headquarters offices will be moved to another building, about ¼ mile down the road from the existing location
- the Show Pool Shelter – alongside M-77- will be closed in order to fix the breach in the dike, return water to the Show Pools, and build a new restroom.
- the Pine Ridge Nature Trail will have closures during the visitor center construction and when the trail is refurbished.
- the Refuge Entrance Road will be closed during some aspects of construction and will be repaved as the visitor center and office are completed

Keep an eye on the website for project details and closures [www.fws.gov/refuge/seney](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/seney)

## **Questions?**

Come see us at the temporary visitor center or call 906-286-1599 during visitor center hours.

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Graphic: A location map of the Seney National Wildlife Refuge and the Whitefish Point Unit.

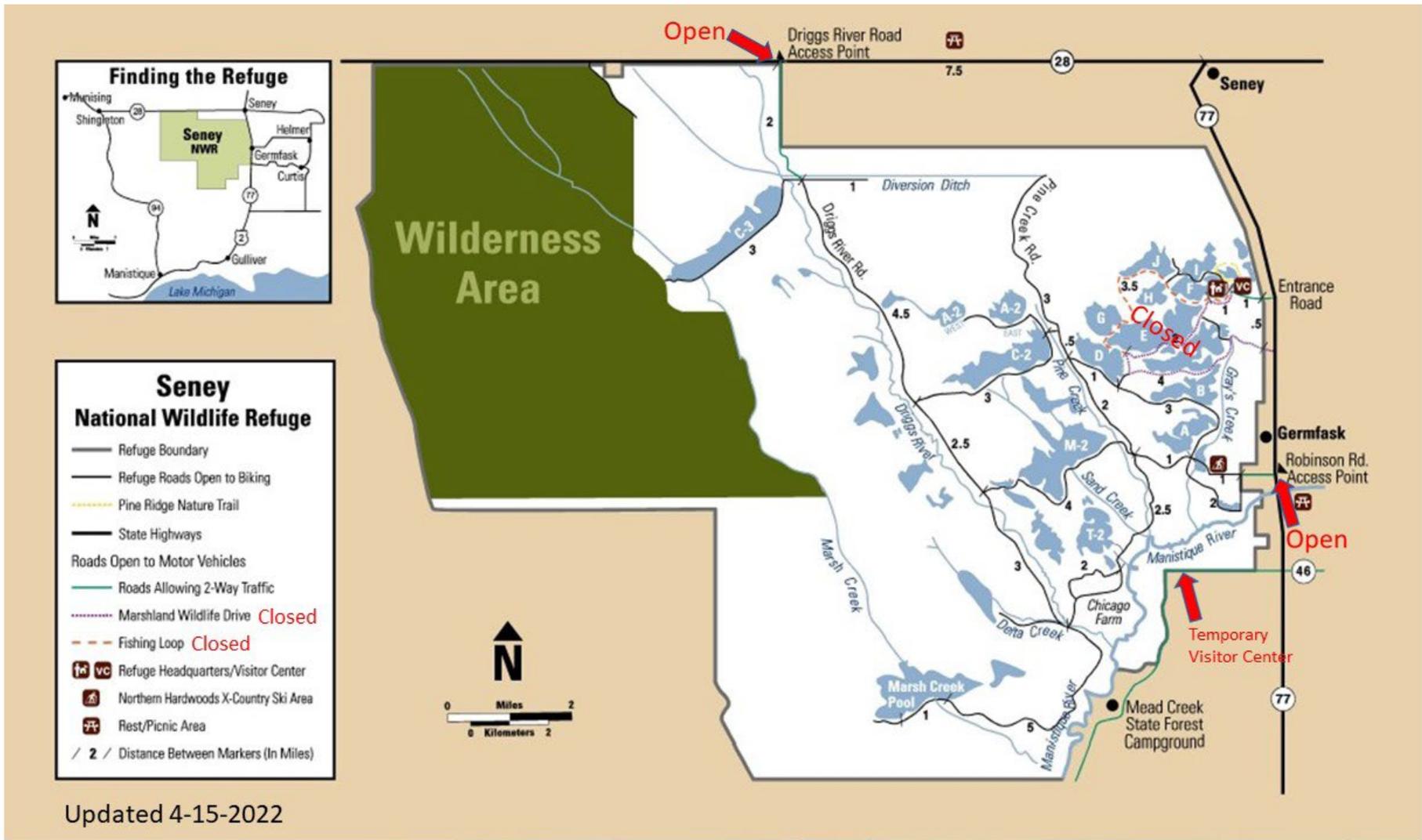


**USFWS Seney National Wildlife Refuge**  
Visitor Center and Administration Building

**Birdseye of Main Entry**

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Graphic: This rendering shows a birdseye view the main entry of the new visitor center and office.



Graphic: A map of the Seney National Wildlife Refuge showing the location of the temporary visitor center and the Driggs River Road and Robinson Road access points.