

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Pinckney Island

National Wildlife Refuge



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Pinckney Island NWR, one of seven refuges administered under the Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex, was established December 4, 1975. It consists of 4,053 acres and includes Pinckney Island, Corn Island, Big and Little Harry Islands, Buzzard Island, and numerous small hammocks. Pinckney is the largest of the islands and the only one open to public use.

Habitats of Pinckney Island NWR include saltwater marsh, forestland, brushland, fallow fields, and freshwater ponds.

The refuge is home to a large variety of wildlife including waterfowl, shorebirds, wading birds, songbirds, raptors, American alligators, white-tailed deer and endangered wood storks.

Visitor Opportunities

- Hiking and biking trails
- Wildlife observation
- Wildlife photography
- Environmental education and interpretation
- Saltwater kayaking
- Saltwater fishing
- Scheduled hunts

**Restrooms, drinking water,
and shelter not available**

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Hours of Operation

7 days a week, sunrise to sunset (no overnight use)

Fees

None

Location

GPS Coordinates:

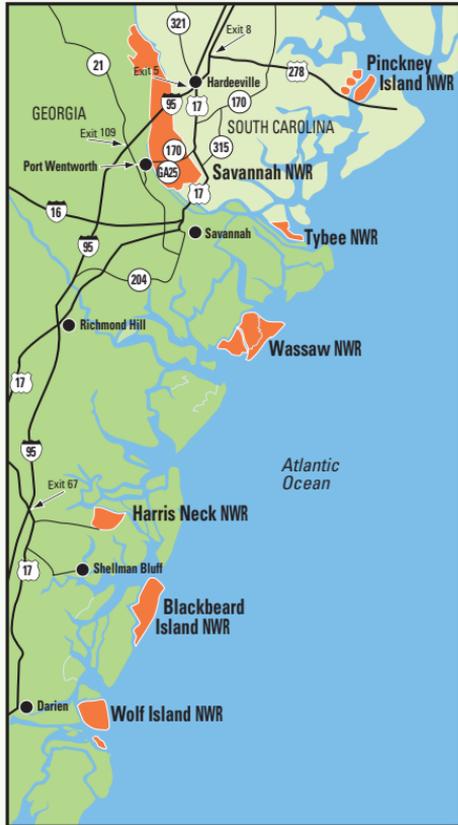
N 32° 13.727'

W 80° 47.141'

The refuge is located in Beaufort County, South Carolina and is 1/2 mile west of Hilton Head Island off of U.S. Highway 278. The island lies between Skull Creek (the Intracoastal Waterway) and Mackay Creek. Its northern tip faces Port Royal Sound. From I-95, take SC Exit 8 east towards Hilton Head Island approximately 16 miles to the entrance gate on the left. Refuge trail maps and public use information available online and at Pinckney Island NWR information kiosk and trailhead.

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Jim Barber, Great egret

The blue goose is the symbol for the National Wildlife Refuge System.

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