



Arrowwood

National Wildlife Refuge

Recreational Opportunities

General Refuge Information

Arrowwood National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) is one of over 540 refuges in the National Wildlife Refuge System – a network of lands set aside specifically for wildlife. Managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Refuge System is a living heritage, preserving wildlife and habitat for people today and for generations to come.

The staff at Arrowwood NWR welcomes you to the area and is available to answer any questions you may have concerning your visit. The Refuge headquarters is open from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, except for Federal holidays.

The Refuge headquarters can be reached via Highway 281 by traveling east from Edmunds on 11th Street SE for 5 miles. To reach the Refuge headquarters from Kensal, take Highway 9 south to 11th Street SE; then travel west for 5½ miles.

Spring and Summer Activities

Self-Guided Auto Tour Route

The 5½-mile auto tour route is a good place to see some of the wildlife found on the Refuge. Early mornings and evenings are best for viewing wildlife. A leaflet is available that provides a description of various points of interest along the tour route. An audio tape is also available along with portable tape players. The tour route is closed during the deer gun season, but it is sometimes reopened after freeze up. Call the Refuge staff for the status during winter months.

Horseback Riding and Bicycling

Horseback riding is permitted on the Refuge by special use permit only and is restricted to established roads. Bicycles are permitted on the auto tour route and along established Refuge roads. Contact Refuge staff for current information.

Wildlife Observation

The Warbler Woodland Watchable Wildlife Area is an excellent spot to see many species of birds. Tables are available for resting and for recording your observations.

Bird Watching

Arrowwood NWR offers excellent bird watching opportunities. A leaflet is available at the Refuge headquarters that lists the 250 bird species found on the Refuge. The Warbler Woodland Watchable Wildlife Area and the auto tour route are popular birding areas. Visitors may walk into other parts of the Refuge to bird watch during the summer months, but must contact the Refuge staff prior to walking into areas closed to vehicle traffic.

A blind is available by reservation to observe sharp-tailed grouse during their annual spring mating ritual. To reserve the grouse blind, call the Refuge headquarters during normal business hours.

Fishing

Fishing is permitted in accordance with State regulations. Special Refuge regulations are in effect. Consult the Refuge fishing information leaflet or the Refuge staff prior to fishing.

Boating and Canoeing

During the time of year fishing is permitted, all Refuge waters are also open to canoeing and non-motorized boating (except sailing). Outboards up to 25 horsepower are allowed during this same period on Arrowwood and Jim Lakes only.

Wild Food Gathering

The gathering of certain wild foods is permitted for personal use only. Such foods include June berries, chokecherries, raspberries, asparagus, and other fruits. Picking, digging, or destroying flowers, shrubs, or other vegetation is prohibited.

Fall and Winter Activities

Hunting

Hunting is permitted in accordance with Federal and State regulations. Special Refuge regulations may be in effect. Consult the hunting leaflet or the Refuge staff prior to hunting on the Refuge.

Ice Fishing

Ice fishing is permitted in accordance with State regulations. Special Refuge regulations may be in effect. Consult the Refuge fishing leaflet or the Refuge staff prior to ice fishing. Motor vehicles, with the exception of snowmobiles and ATVs, may be used on Arrowwood Lake, Jim Lake, and part of Mud Lake for ice fishing. Ice houses are permitted.

Skiing and Snowshoeing

While no trails are specifically groomed or maintained for cross country skiing or snowshoeing, the Refuge is open to these winter activities. During unusually hard winters, large numbers of deer may concentrate on portions of the Refuge. When these conditions occur, deer concentration areas are closed to public use. Contact the Refuge staff for current information.

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. Dial 7-1-1 for a free connection to the State transfer relay service for TTY and voice calls to or from the speech or hearing impaired. For more information or to address accessibility needs, please contact the Refuge staff at 701 / 285 3341 or the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Equal Opportunity, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Refuge Guidelines and Regulations

Certain guidelines and regulations are necessary to protect wildlife and to preserve the beauty of the area. Please take a moment to review the regulations contained in this leaflet. Any activities not discussed in this leaflet are prohibited due to their conflict with the Refuge's wildlife conservation mission and goals.

Special Regulations

- Vehicles are restricted to established roads open to public use. The roads open for public travel are the auto tour route and the entrance road to the Warbler Woodland Watchable Wildlife Area.
- Snowmobiles and ATVs are prohibited on the Refuge.
- Do not block Refuge access points with vehicles.
- Open fires and camping are not permitted on the Refuge.
- Non-motorized boating and canoeing are permitted during the fishing season, but other water activities (sailing, skiing, tubing, etc.) are prohibited.
- Fireworks and firearms are prohibited.
- Pets must be under the owner's control at all times.
- Do not litter – pack your trash home.
- Searching for and collecting arrowheads and other artifacts is a violation of the Archaeological Resources Protection Act and is prohibited.

Refuge Signs and Their Meaning



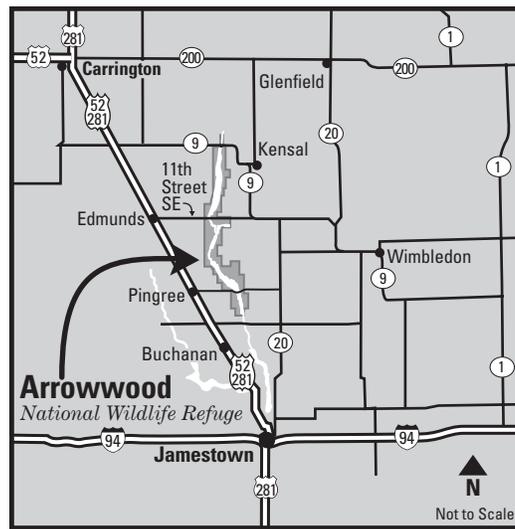
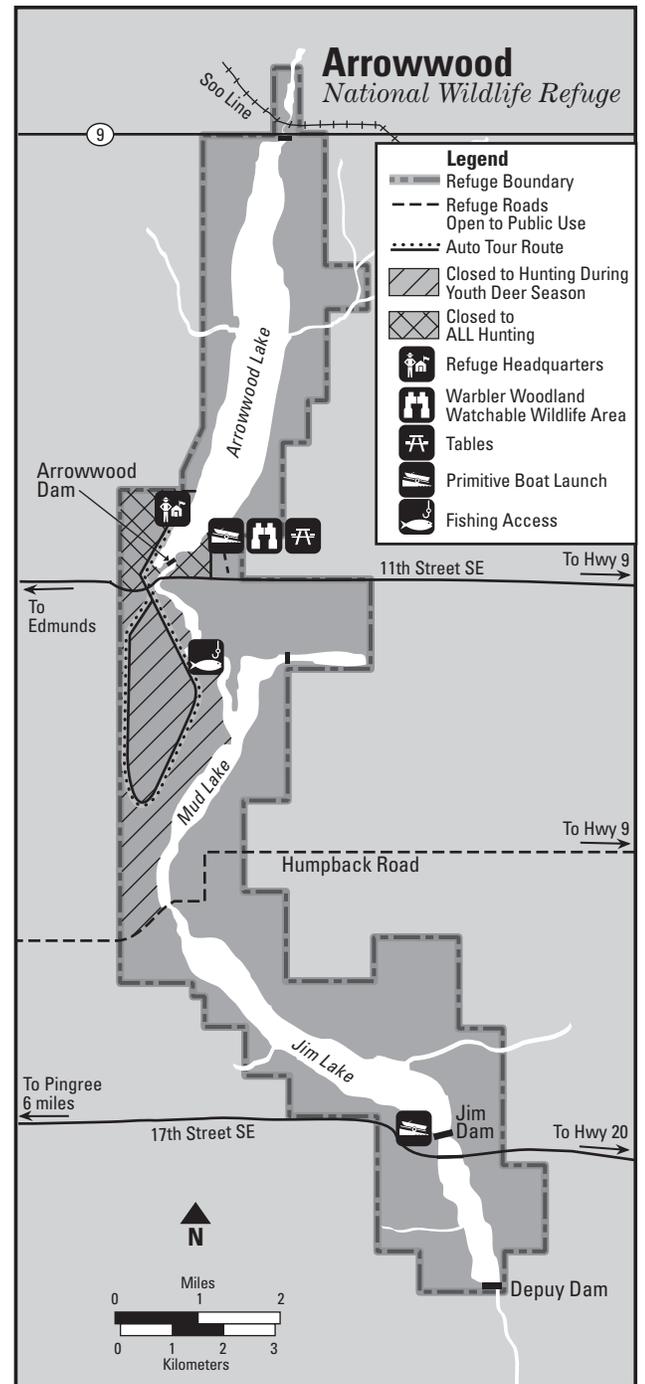
Refuge Boundary
Areas beyond this sign are open to permitted activities only. Regulations and further information are available at the Refuge headquarters.



Public Fishing Area
Areas beyond this sign are open to public fishing under State regulations.



Area Beyond this Sign Closed
These areas are closed to all public entry.



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