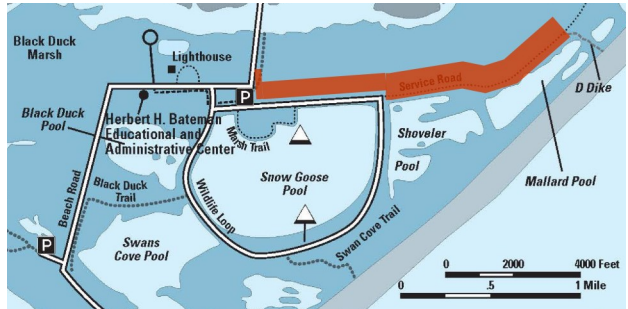


Spring Tree Cutting Project

February - April, 2018

From February 2, 2018 through mid-April, a refuge contractor will be using heavy equipment to cut and chip trees from Beach Road to the D-Dike



area. This will impact areas north of the Wildlife Loop Parking Lot and along the west side of the Service Road, to D-Dike.

Why now? Recently, a limited amount of money was made available to the refuge from the Department of Interior’s Hurricane Sandy coastal resiliency fund. This work will create a road corridor to the potential new beach relocation site. While actual construction of the road and associated parking for the new beach is not funded at this time, we did receive enough money to remove trees along a potential route.

Removing the trees will allow the design engineers to continue testing the route and planning a path for the new road. This management action also has the added benefit of grinding up many of the fallen trees within the refuge and removing dead snags that pose a safety hazard (especially along the Service Road).

All forestry equipment requires a 500 foot safety radius to prevent injury from flying debris. We will attempt to do this with minimal disruption to visitor access. However, there may be short-term closures in the project area.

Be aware of your surroundings and weather conditions. High winds increase the danger of falling limbs. Maintain a safe distance from heavy equipment and always observe area closures. We apologize for the noise and inconvenience of temporarily closing trails.