



# Detroit River *International Wildlife Refuge*

## Where Wildlife and People Meet

The Detroit River has long served the United States and Canada as a vital transportation corridor and center for industries that helped forge the economies of both nations. But the river and its ecosystem have paid a high price for human progress. Indeed, in our mind and in reality, most of what was natural in and around the Detroit River is gone. Yet special places exist alongside the concrete, steel, and groomed gardens of this vast metropolitan area; North America's only International Wildlife Refuge. A place where wildlife and humans can meet. Come and connect with nature!



USFWS Fisheries staff with child and Sturgeon

## Things to Do at the Refuge

The Refuge welcomes people with all levels of comfort in nature. Check out the exhibits in the Visitor Center. The Visitor Center will introduce you to the habitats and wildlife signs you may find out in nature. After your exhibit tour, you may enjoy sitting by the fireplace, with views of the Detroit River and backyard bird feeders.

If you are ready to jump right into nature, stop by the Visitor Center to borrow a fishing pole from the welcome desk to test your luck at the fishing pier. Or walk some of the nature trails winding through the forests of Humbug Marsh, where you can try to wrap your arms around 300 year old oak trees!

Refuge staff, volunteers, and partners are always planning interactive programs. Check out the latest schedule, enjoy the fun, and maybe even learn something new!

## For More Information Contact

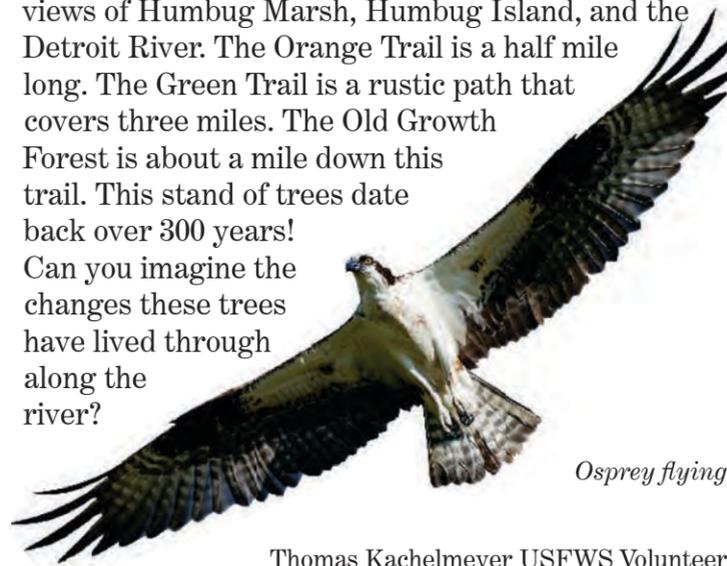
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## What to Expect

There are two trails located out the back door of the Visitor Center. The Orange Trail is wheelchair and stroller friendly, as it follows a solid path with views of Humbug Marsh, Humbug Island, and the Detroit River. The Orange Trail is a half mile long. The Green Trail is a rustic path that covers three miles. The Old Growth Forest is about a mile down this trail. This stand of trees date back over 300 years! Can you imagine the changes these trees have lived through along the river?



Osprey flying

Thomas Kachelmeyer USFWS Volunteer

## Visitor Center and Refuge Hours

The Refuge headquarters and Visitor Center is at 5437 West Jefferson, Trenton MI 48183.

Here you will find clean bathrooms, a water fountain, brochures, a nature store, and Refuge volunteers and staff to answer your questions. Don't have all the gear you need? Stop by the front desk to borrow binoculars, field guides, fishing poles, and other information to make your visit memorable.

## Enjoy Your Time Here!

The refuge is a fun and safe place to visit! Here are some suggestions to make your visit more enjoyable...

Bring a reusable bottle for water, you can fill it up at the water filling station located inside the Visitor Center.

When insects (such as mosquitoes) are out in large numbers, long sleeves and insect repellent can help protect you from bites.

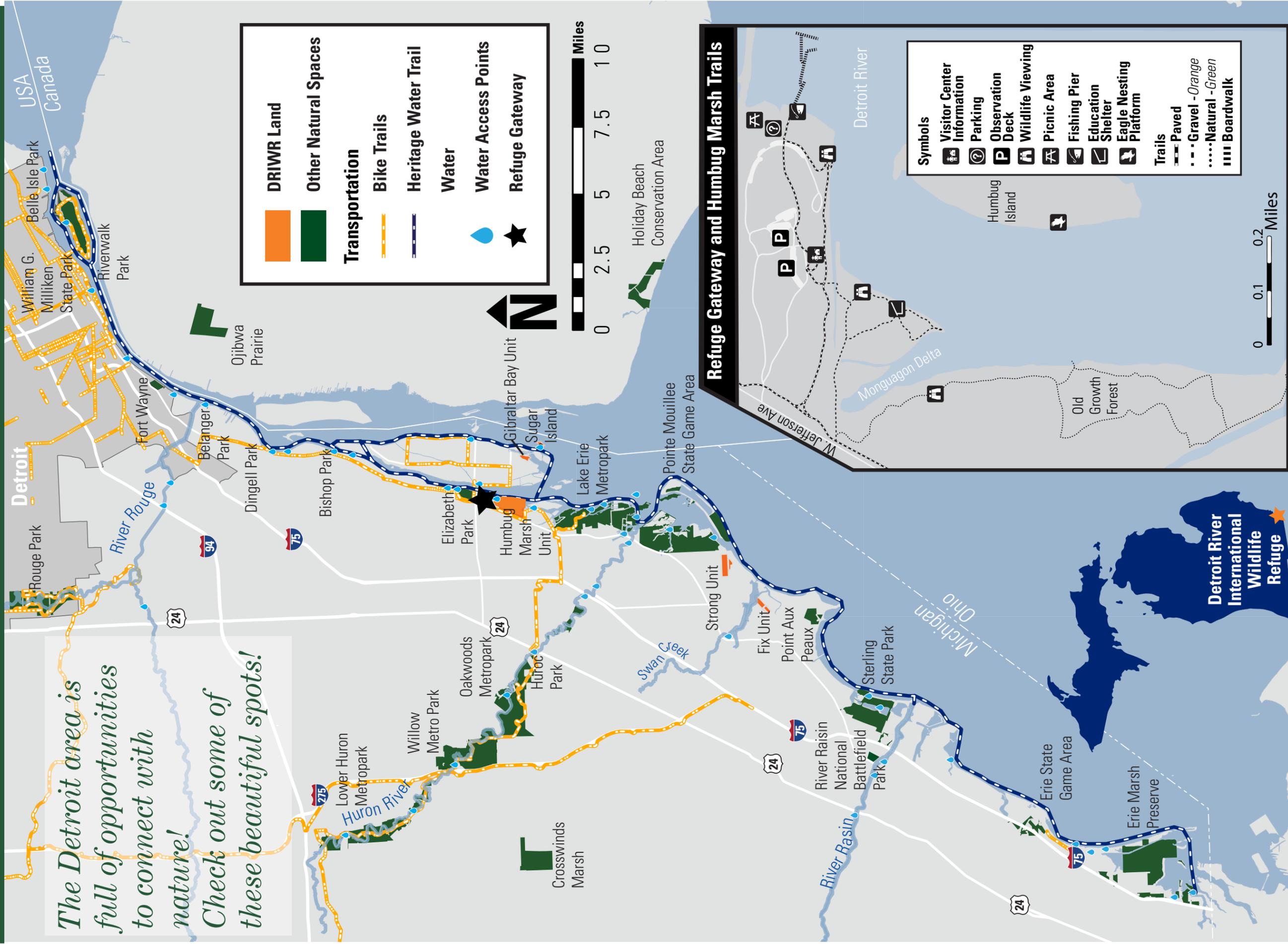
During the winter, be sure to dress warmly. The Refuge is located along the Detroit River where winds blowing off the water can be cold. After a walk in the winter woods, the fireplace at the Visitor Center is an inviting place to warm up and share stories of what you saw on the Refuge trails!

While the Refuge belongs to all of us, many types of wildlife call it home. Please respect the refuge and other visitors, and be sure to take out your litter. Take plenty of photos to share with your family and friends!

## Photo Credits

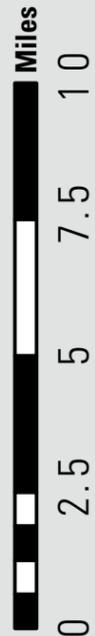
*Snapping Turtle*/Thomas Kachelmeyer USFWS Volunteer  
*Child peeking out from behind a tree* /Tandem,  
*USFWS Goldfinch*/Thomas Kachelmeyer USFWS Volunteer  
*A happy family after fishing on the Detroit River* / USFWS  
*Monarch butterfly on flower*/Thomas Kachelmeyer, USFWS Volunteer  
*Child climbing on tree*/Tandem, USFWS  
*Beaver in the water*/Thomas Kachelmeyer, USFWS Volunteer  
*A youth group using binoculars to observe nature* / USFWS

*The Detroit area is full of opportunities to connect with nature! Check out some of these beautiful spots!*

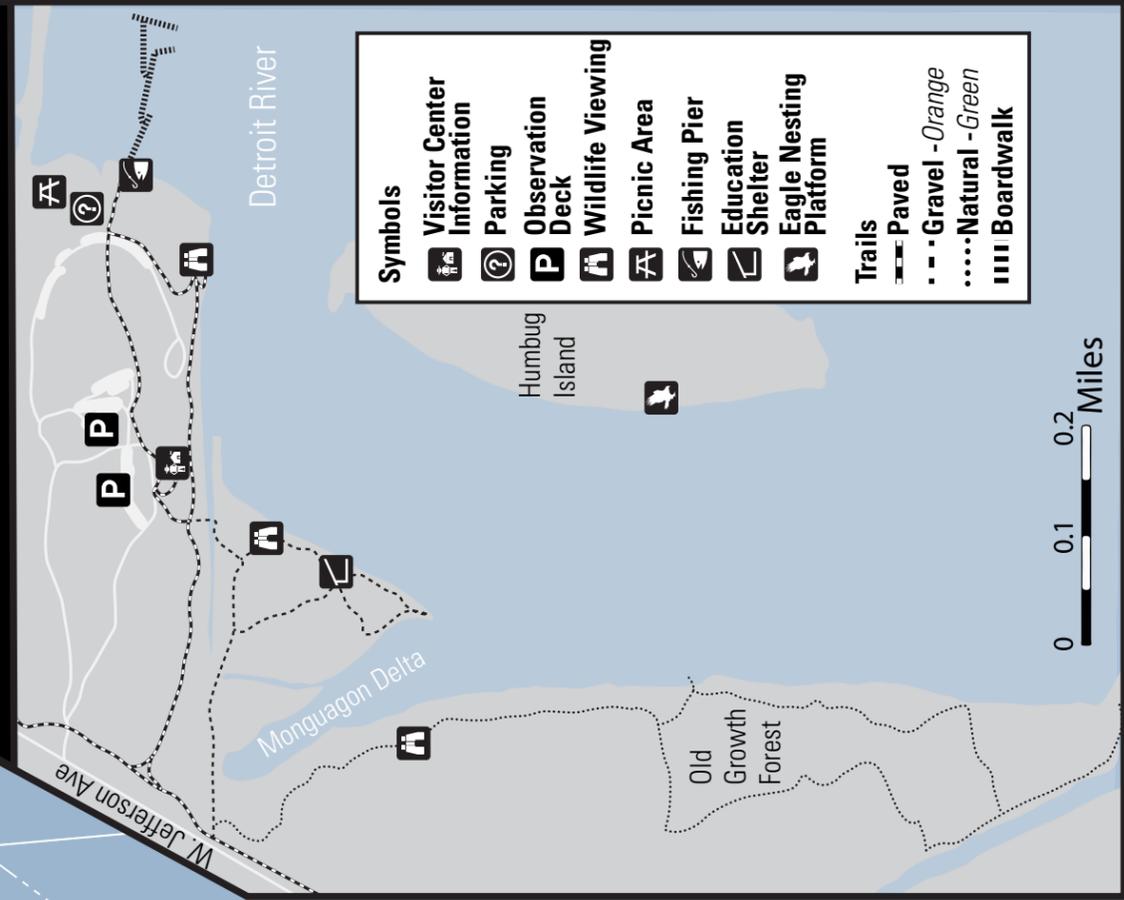


**Legend**

- DRIVR Land** (Orange square)
- Other Natural Spaces** (Green square)
- Transportation** (Yellow dashed line)
- Bike Trails** (Blue dashed line)
- Heritage Water Trail** (Blue solid line)
- Water** (Blue circle)
- Water Access Points** (Blue star)
- Refuge Gateway** (Black star)



**Refuge Gateway and Humbug Marsh Trails**



Activity	Location
Wildlife Viewing	Rouge Park
Hiking	Belle Isle
Fishing	Milliken State Park & Harbor
Kayaking	Fort Wayne
Hunting	Riverwalk Park
	Belanger Park
	Dingell Park
	Bishop Park
	Elizabeth Park
	Huron-Clinton Metroparks
	Huroc Park
	Crosswinds Marsh
	Gibraltar Bay Unit
	Humbug Marsh Unit
	Sugar Island
	Pointe Mouillee State Game Area
	Strong Unit
	Brancheau Unit
	Fix Unit
	Pointe Aux Peaux
	Sterling State Park
	River Raisin Battlefield
	Plum Creek Bay Unit
	Erie State Game Area
	Erie Marsh Preserve
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	Ojibway Prairie Complex
	Holiday Beach Conservation Area

Please follow local hunting rules and regulations when participating in hunting. For locations that permit hunting please take caution when visiting during the hunt season.

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