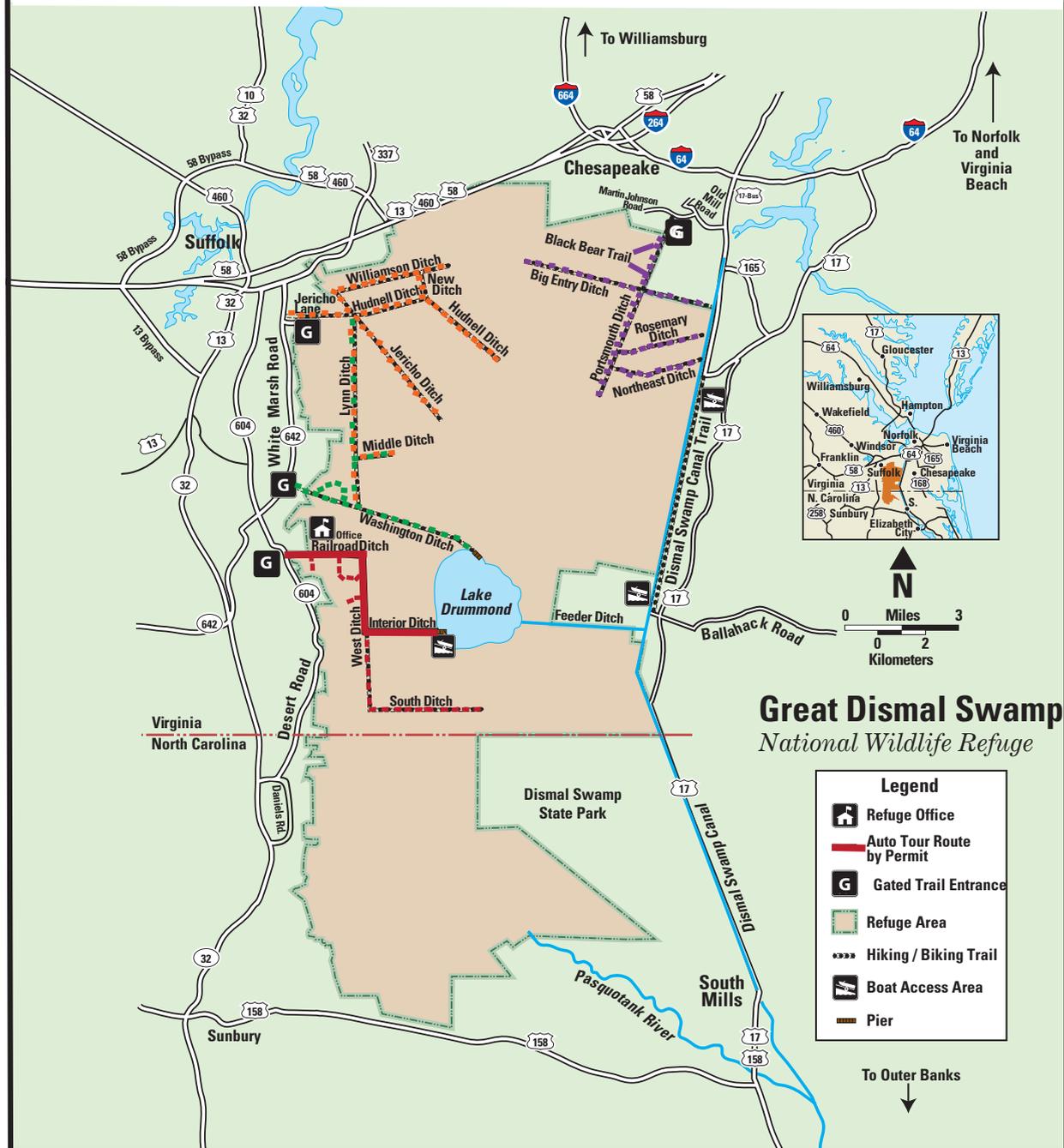


TRAIL INFORMATION



Enter color-coded trail networks at these gated trail entrances:

- Railroad Ditch Entrance, 3120 Desert Road, Suffolk, VA
- Jericho Lane Entrance, 1330 White Marsh Road, Suffolk, VA
- Washington Ditch Entrance, 3076 White Marsh Road, Suffolk, VA
- Portsmouth Ditch Entrance, 3457 Martin Johnson Road, Chesapeake, VA
- Feeder Ditch Entrance (by water only), Dismal Swamp Canal, Chesapeake, VA

Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge
 3100 Desert Road
 Suffolk, VA 23434
 757/986 3705
www.fws.gov/refuge/Great_Dismal_Swamp

Federal Relay Service
 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing
 1 800/877 8339

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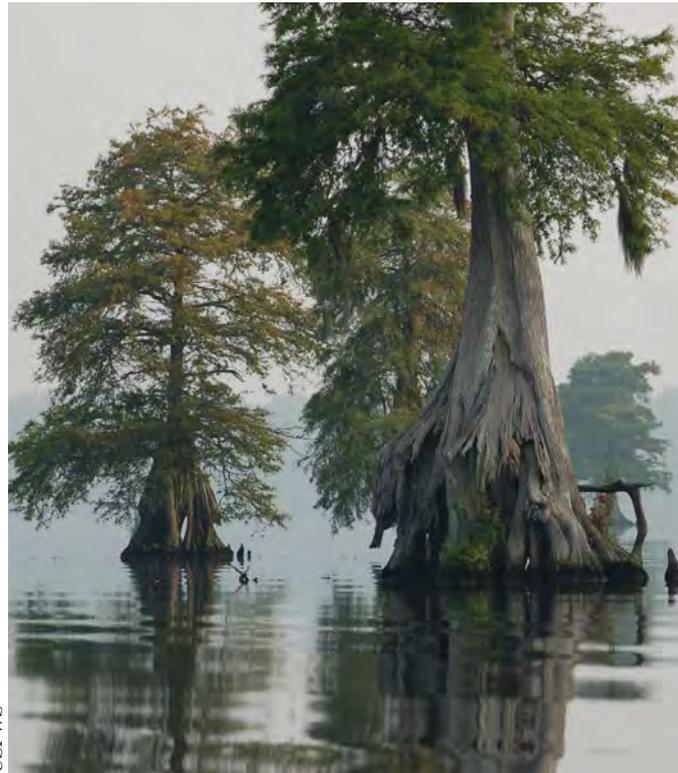


This blue goose, designed by J.N. "Ding" Darling, has become the symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Located in southeastern Virginia and northeastern North Carolina, Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge is a wonderful place to experience the beauty of nature. With more than 112,000 acres of forested wetlands and the 3,100 acre Lake Drummond at its center, the refuge contains some of the most important wildlife habitat in the mid-Atlantic region.

Visitor Opportunities

Refuge trails are open daily, sunrise to sunset, unless otherwise posted. Visitors may participate in a variety of activities including hiking, biking, nature photography, wildlife observation, hunting, fishing and boating. The refuge was established for the purpose of protecting and managing the swamp's unique ecosystem which includes wildlife and habitat. Therefore, portions of the refuge may be periodically closed to public use activities in order to accomplish this objectives.



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Lake Drummond



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Prothonotary warbler

Refuge Entrance Points

Washington Ditch Entrance

3076 White Marsh Road
Suffolk, VA

- The Washington Ditch Trail is the most often recommended trail for hiking and biking.
- ¾ mile boardwalk trail
 - 4 ½ mile dirt road for hiking and biking to Lake Drummond
 - Parking located 1 mile from entrance on White Marsh Road
 - Pier at Lake Drummond
 - Fishing from pier
 - Vault restrooms
 - Open daily, sunrise to sunset

Lake Drummond Wildlife Drive Entrance

Railroad Ditch Road
3120 Desert Road
Suffolk, VA

- This is the wildlife drive route to Lake Drummond.
- Self-serve permit required for auto access. Permits available at the entrance gate.
 - 6 miles of gravel road to Lake Drummond

- Underground Railroad Education Pavilion and boardwalk trail
- Cypress Marsh boardwalk trail
- West Ditch boardwalk trail
- Pier at Lake Drummond
- Fishing from pier or boat per terms of self-serve permit
- Boating access per terms of self-serve permit
- Wildlife Drive auto access with required self-serve permit. Gate opens every day with seasonal hours of April 1 through September 30, 7:00 am to 6:00 pm, and October 1 through March 31 as 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.
- Open daily for hiking and biking, sunrise to sunset

Jericho Lane Entrance

1330 White Marsh Road
Suffolk, VA

- Four dirt roads for hiking and biking
- Parking located 2 miles from White Marsh Road on Jericho Lane
- Vault restroom
- Open daily, sunrise to sunset

Feeder Ditch

Dismal Swamp Canal
Chesapeake, VA

- A by-water only access to Lake Drummond. The Feeder Ditch connects the Dismal Swamp Canal to Lake Drummond.
- Fishing and boating are permitted year-round on Lake Drummond. A Virginia freshwater license is required.
 - Vessels are limited to a maximum 25 hp on the lake.
 - Lake hours are from sunrise to sunset.



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Black bear

Portsmouth Ditch Entrance

3457 Martin Johnson Road
Chesapeake, VA

- Black Bear Trail accessed from entrance road.
- Vehicles are allowed to drive to the Big Entry Bridge, two miles from Martin-Johnson Road. Parking is allowed on the west side of the entrance. Do not block bridge or road. Additional trails for hiking and biking beyond Big Entry Bridge.
- Open daily, sunrise to sunset

Headquarters/Pines Trail

3100 Desert Road
Suffolk, VA

- Foot trail through pine forest surrounding headquarters complex. Trail connects to Railroad Ditch Trail; ½ mile to Underground Railroad Education Pavilion.
- Open daily, sunrise to sunset, for hiking
- Gate to parking area open during office business hours.

Be Aware

- Cell phone coverage is limited.
- Insect repellent is suggested during warm season.
- Off trail travel is prohibited.
- Pets must be on leash at all times.
- Collecting any plants or animals prohibited.
- Swimming is prohibited.
- Ditch fishing prohibited.
- Camping and camp fires prohibited.
- A complete set of regulations is available from the refuge website.

Refuge Office

3100 Desert Road
Suffolk, VA 23434
Offices hours: open Monday-Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, closed federal holidays.

Portions of the refuge may be temporarily closed to public use activities due to trail maintenance, prescribed burns, scheduled hunts, and other management activities. Check our website and Facebook page for special announcements.