



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

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

J. Clark Salyer National Wildlife Refuge

Fishing Information

Welcome

The Refuge was established in 1935 as a breeding ground for migratory birds and other wildlife. The diversity of wetlands, native grasslands, and woodlands found on the Refuge provide excellent habitat for a variety of wildlife species. J. Clark Salyer National Wildlife Refuge is one of over 560 refuges and 38 wetland management districts in the National Wildlife Refuge System – a network of lands set aside specifically for wildlife. The Refuge System is a living heritage, conserving wildlife and habitat for people today and for generations to come.

Fishing is permitted on specific areas of the Refuge in compliance with State fishing seasons and regulations. Northern pike and walleye are favorite catches. Ice fishing is permitted on all Refuge waters from December 15 until the ice melts.

General Regulations

To help protect wildlife and their habitats and to ensure your safety while you are on the Refuge, we ask that you please familiarize yourself with the following information.

Hours

The Refuge is open daily from 5:00 am to 10:00 pm.

Boat and Bank Fishing

- Boat and bank fishing are allowed only on specifically designated portions of the Refuge (*see map*)
- Signs designating “Public Fishing Area” are posted at each area of the Refuge that is open for fishing.
- Fishing from bridges is not allowed.
- Entry to or fishing from water control structures is not allowed.
- Boat fishing is allowed from May 1 through September 30 in two specific areas – Public Fishing Area 2 along the Souris River Canoe Trail from Johnson Bridge to Dam 1 and Public Fishing Area 12 north of Dam 357.
- Only non-motorized boats or boats with electric trolling motors are allowed.

- Fishing and boating must be in compliance with all State laws and Refuge regulations detailed in this leaflet.

Ice Fishing

- All Refuge waters are open to ice fishing.
- Ice fishing access is walk-in only.
- Only portable ice fishing houses are allowed. All ice fishing houses and equipment must be removed from the Refuge at the end of each day. No permanent ice fishing houses are allowed.
- Anglers are cautioned to be aware of thin ice, particularly near water control structures.

Vehicles and Parking

- Vehicle travel is restricted to public roads and recreation area parking lots. No vehicles are allowed on the ice. Do not drive on the sides of levees or block gates.
- The use of ATVs, UTVs, ORVs, OHVs, snowmobiles, amphibious vehicles, and other off-road vehicles is not allowed.

Prohibited Activities

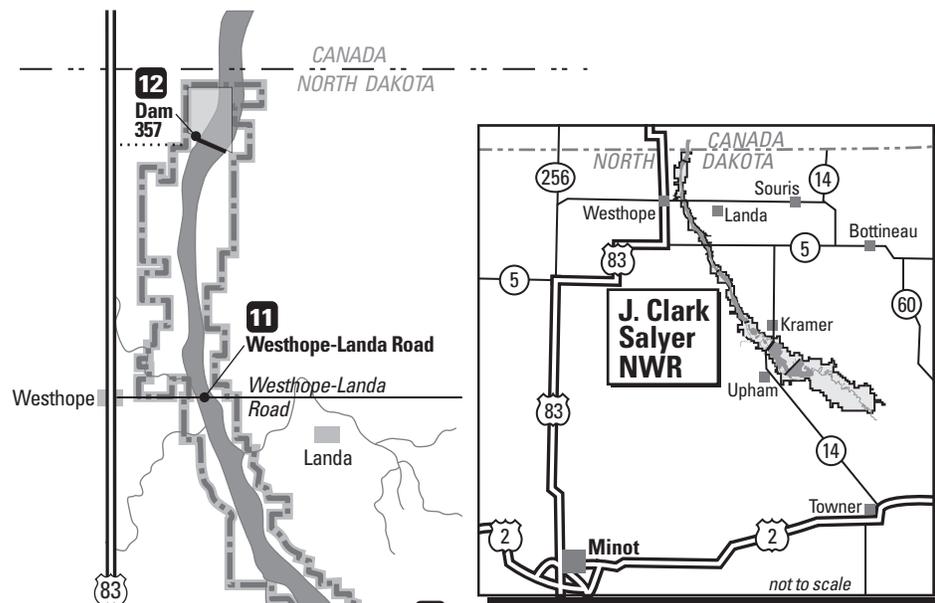
- The use of horses, mules, or similar livestock is not permitted on the Refuge.
- Overnight camping and open fires are not allowed on the Refuge.
- Littering is prohibited. Please take your trash with you when you leave the Refuge.
- Entering areas closed to fishing is not permitted.
- Intoxicated and disorderly conduct is not permitted on the Refuge. Possession of controlled substances is illegal.
- Collecting, injuring, disturbing, destroying, or harming any animal or plant, except legally taken fish and game animals, is not permitted.
- Artifacts and historic items are protected on Refuge lands by Federal laws. It is unlawful to search for or remove these objects from Refuge lands.

Public Fishing Areas

There are 12 specific locations on the Refuge designated as “Public Fishing

Areas” (*see map*). Fishing is allowed at each location as delineated below:

- 1 Nelson Bridge – along either bank from 100 yards upstream to 100 yards downstream from the bridge.
- 2 Souris River Canoe Trail – along either bank or from a boat (non-motorized or with an electric motor) from 100 yards upstream of Johnson Bridge down to Dam 1.
- 3 Dam 1 – along a section of the river stretching 100 yards downstream from Dam 1. Do not fish from or enter the river via the water control structure.
- 4 Dam 2 – along either bank from 100 yards upstream to 100 yards downstream from the water control structure.
- 5 Old Freeman Bridge and Dam 320 – along either bank from the Dam 320 water control structure to a point 100 yards downstream of the bridge on the Upham/Willow City Road.
- 6 Highway 14 Bridge and Dam 326 – along either bank from the Dam 326 water control structure to a point 100 yards downstream of the Highway 14 bridge.
- 7 Russell/Kramer Road – from the edge of the roadway both east and west of the bridge for 100 yards.
- 8 Newburg Road – from the edge of the roadway both east and west of the bridge for 100 yards.
- 9 Schefflo Road – from the edge of the roadway both east and west of the bridge for 100 yards and upstream on the eastern bank of the river to the Dam 341 water control structure. No fishing is allowed upstream of the Dam 341 water control structure.
- 10 Highway 5 Bridge – from the edge of the roadway both east and west of the bridge for 100 yards.
- 11 Westhope/Landa Road – from the edge of the roadway both east and west of the bridge for 100 yards.
- 12 Dam 357 – along either bank or from a boat (non-motorized or with an electric motor) from the Dam 357 water control structure north to the Canadian border. The east bank is designated walk-in only.



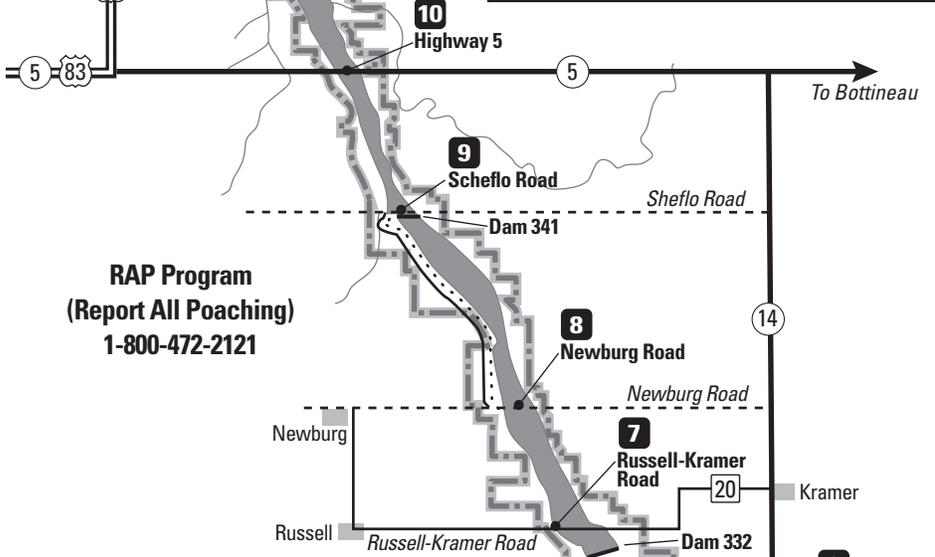
Getting there

The Refuge office and visitor center are located 2 miles north of Upham, North Dakota on State Highway 14. Hours of operation are from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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 711 for a free connection to the State relay service for TTY and voice calls to and from the speech and hearing impaired. For information or to address accessibility needs, please contact the Refuge staff at 701 / 768 2548, or the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Equal Opportunity, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20240.

An accessible fishing platform and restroom are located at Public Fishing Area 5 – Old Freeman Bridge and Dam 320.



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