

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# Loess Bluffs

*National Wildlife Refuge*



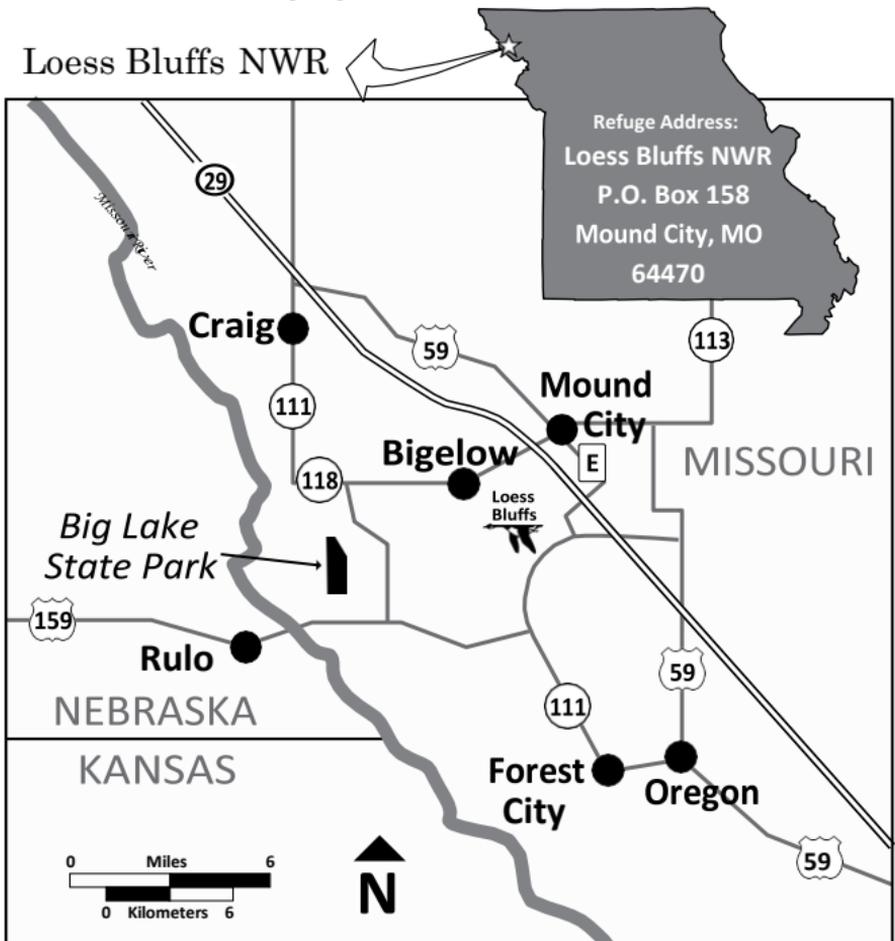
*Bald Eagle, Ken Bahr*

# Welcome to Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge!

Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge offers excellent opportunities to enjoy wildlife along a ten-mile auto tour route through 7,440 acres of wetlands, forests, and prairie. Along the route are observation towers, spotting scopes, and a viewing boardwalk. Four hiking trails in the loess hills offer scenic views of the refuge. The refuge is home for more than 30 species of mammals, almost 40 species of reptiles and amphibians, and over 300 species of birds. Resident wildlife includes coyote, fox, mink, raccoon, beaver, bobcat, white-tailed deer, and more.

The refuge is open daily, when conditions allow, 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset. *Camping is not permitted on the refuge, but is available at Big Lake State Park.* Refuge office hours are Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., excluding federal holidays. Weekend hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. during the spring and fall migration periods; mid-October through early December, and mid-March through early May.

For more information, contact the refuge at 660/442-3187. Persons with hearing impairments can contact Loess Bluffs NWR by calling the Federal Information Relay System at 1-800/877-8339.



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