



U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge

Pardon Our Noise!

Closure of Woodland Trail

January - Late March 2016

In December of 2015 a USDA Forest Service health evaluation confirmed a heavy infestation of southern pine bark beetles on the refuge. Various locations along the Woodland Trail were dramatically impacted by this increased activity in 2015. This presented an opportunity to relocate the South Pony Corral to a more desirable area without cutting any living trees. From January through March, a contractor will be cutting trees adjacent to the Woodland Trail parking lot, some of which will be left on-site, while others will be removed.

For your safety, the trail will remain closed until late March. You may hear loud noises such as heavy equipment and chainsaw cutting near the Woodland Trail. We apologize for this noise and the inconvenience of the closure. Please bear with us and enjoy your exploration of the rest of the refuge.

