



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Sherburne

National Wildlife Refuge

Public Use Regulations & Map



The "Blue Goose" Symbolizes the National Wildlife Refuge System, a Network of 560 refuges protected and managed for wildlife, habitat, and people.

Welcome to Sherburne

Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1965 to help protect and restore the habitats in the St. Francis River Valley for migratory birds and other wildlife. Today this 30,700 acre refuge encompasses wetland, oak savanna, and prairie opening habitats which are home to an astounding array of wildlife. Recreation is encouraged where it is compatible with wildlife and the land. The refuge is open to visitors during daylight hours within the guidelines listed in this document.



The 7 mile-long Prairie's Edge Wildlife Drive is located 1.2 miles north of Orrock on Sherburne County Road 5. It is open to vehicles late April through October. The drive is closed to all entry during wildlife sanctuary, until it opens in April. During the State firearms-deer season in November, it is open only to foot travel. The drive features four wildlife observation decks, and three short walking trails.



The refuge offers two scenic hiking trails, Mahnomen and Blue Hill, which are both open year round. They are located on County Road 9. The trails are for foot travel only. Bicycles are not permitted on trails. Pets must be on a leash at all times. From September 1 to February 28, most of the refuge is open to hiking, unless specified as closed to all public use. The Brande Road is closed to all public entry during the firearms-deer season.



Horses are not permitted on the refuge. Trails are available at nearby Sand Dunes State Forest.



Small game, waterfowl, and big game hunting is available on the refuge. For current regulations and a map showing open areas, consult the refuge hunting leaflet. Blinds for hunters with disabilities are available by reservation during waterfowl and firearms-deer season. A spring turkey hunt may be available for disabled and youth hunters by special use permit. Contact the refuge for details.

Collecting or removal of antler sheds is prohibited.



The refuge is open to mushroom and berry picking, for personal consumption only, within 100 feet of trails or public right of ways.



Two ungroomed trails are available on the refuge for cross country skiing. The Blue Hill Trail is open to cross country skiing only. The Mahnomen Trail is open to cross country skiing, snowshoeing and hiking. Both trails are located on County Road 9. From September 1 to February 28, most of the refuge is open to cross country skiing and snowshoeing, unless specified as closed to all public use.



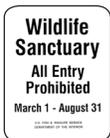
All fishing, including ice fishing, is confined to the St. Francis River and Battle Brook, identified on the map found in this leaflet. State regulations apply. From March 1 to August 31, during the wildlife sanctuary period, fishing is only permitted from non-motorized boats on the designated canoe route and bank fishing 100 yards upstream and downstream from designated access points. The taking of any mussel (clam), crayfish, frog, leech, and turtle species by any method is not permitted on the refuge. Use of dip nets, traps or seines for collecting bait is not permitted.



Canoeing is permitted only on Battle Brook south of Little Elk Lake and on the St. Francis River south of Battle Brook. Use is limited to daylight hours. Overnight camping and campfires are not permitted.



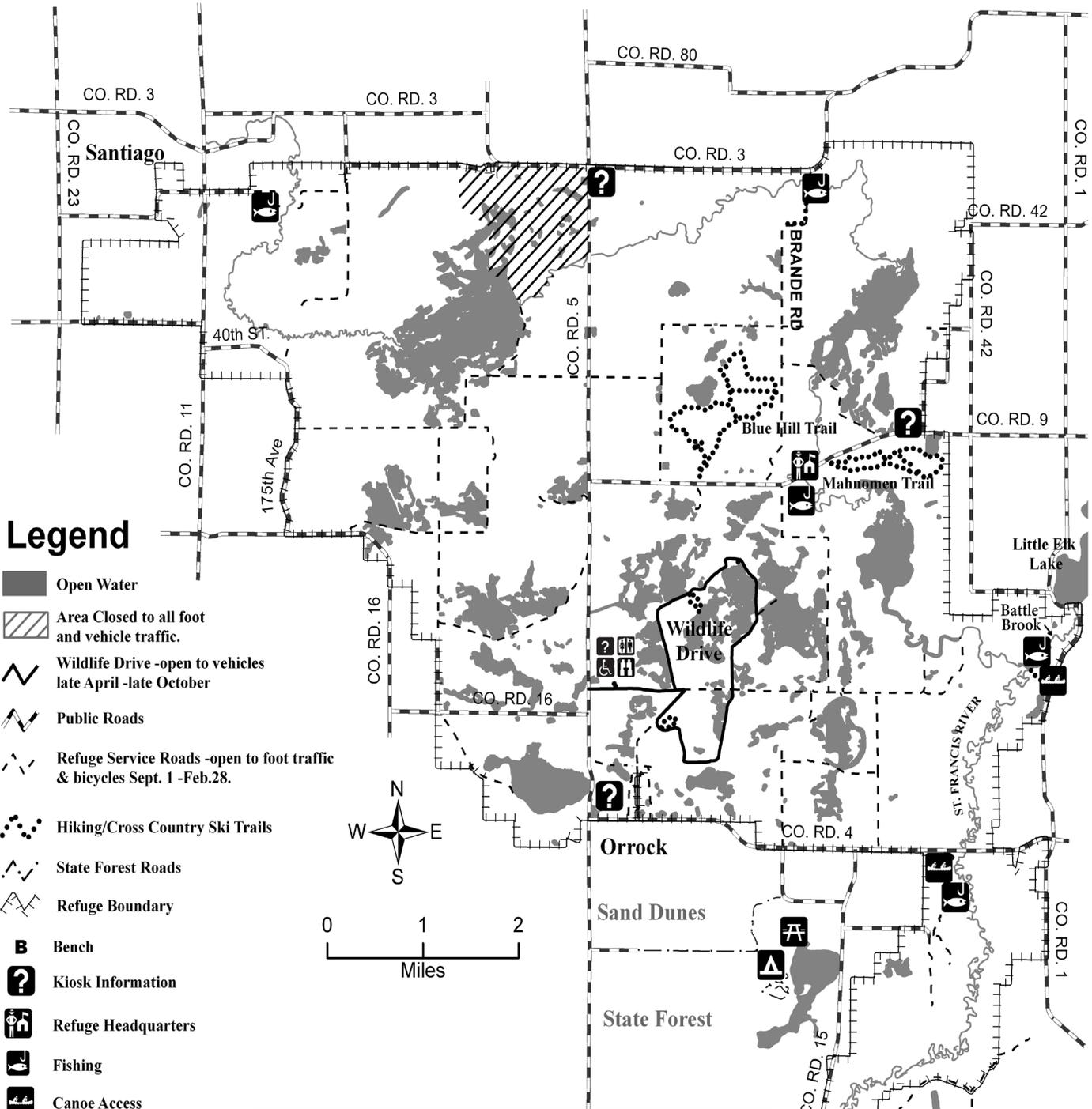
Bicycling is permitted on the Prairie's Edge Wildlife Drive and on county roads crossing the refuge. Hiking trails are closed to bicycling and no off-road travel is permitted. All traffic and directional signs must be obeyed. From September 1 to February 28, refuge service roads are also open to bicycling.



The majority of the refuge is designated a wildlife sanctuary and closed to all public access from March 1 to August 31 to allow wildlife to breed and raise their young free from human disturbance. During this time the only areas available for public use are the Wildlife Drive, after the road is opened in April, the hiking trails, the St. Francis River canoe route, and fishing access points.

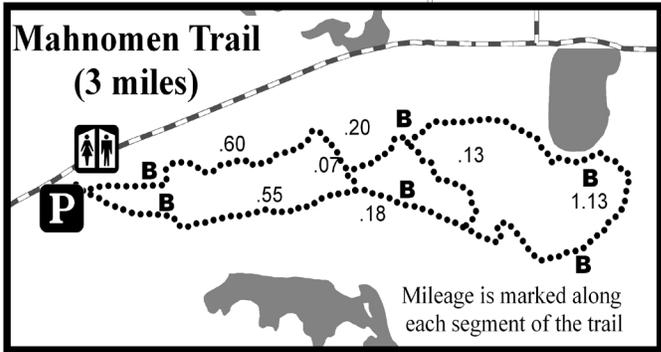
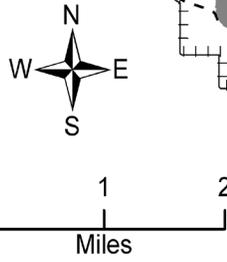
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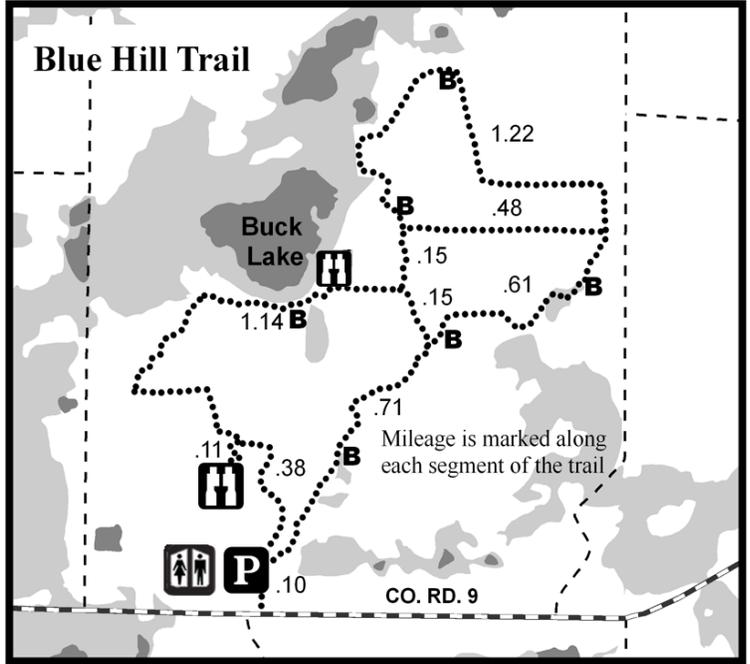
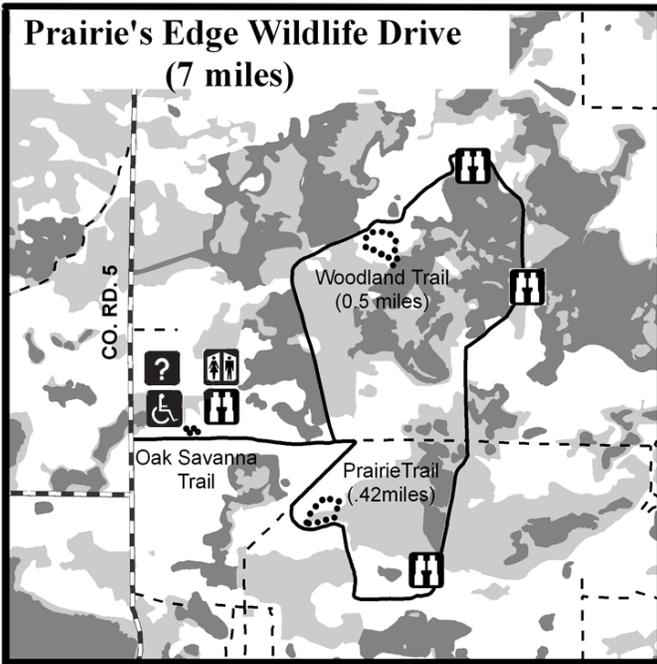
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Legend

- Open Water
- Area Closed to all foot and vehicle traffic.
- Wildlife Drive -open to vehicles late April -late October
- Public Roads
- Refuge Service Roads -open to foot traffic & bicycles Sept. 1 -Feb.28.
- Hiking/Cross Country Ski Trails
- State Forest Roads
- Refuge Boundary
- Bench
- Kiosk Information
- Refuge Headquarters
- Fishing
- Canoe Access
- Ann Lake Campground
- Wildlife Observation Deck
- Restroom
- Picnic Area
- Parking
- Accessible Trail





General Refuge Regulations

- Public use of refuge lands and facilities is permitted during daylight hours only.
- Camping and overnight parking are not permitted.
- Horses, dog sleds, skijoring, snowmobiles, motorized trail bikes, and all other off-road vehicles are not permitted.
- Dogs and other pets must be on a leash at all times.
- Hunting firearms and bows are not permitted in closed areas and no hunting zones. (see hunting leaflet)
- Dog training and target shooting are not permitted.
- All property brought to the refuge must be removed each day.
- Collecting or removal of antler sheds is prohibited.

Signs to Know



Refuge Boundary



No Hunting



Closed to All Entry

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