

National Elk Refuge

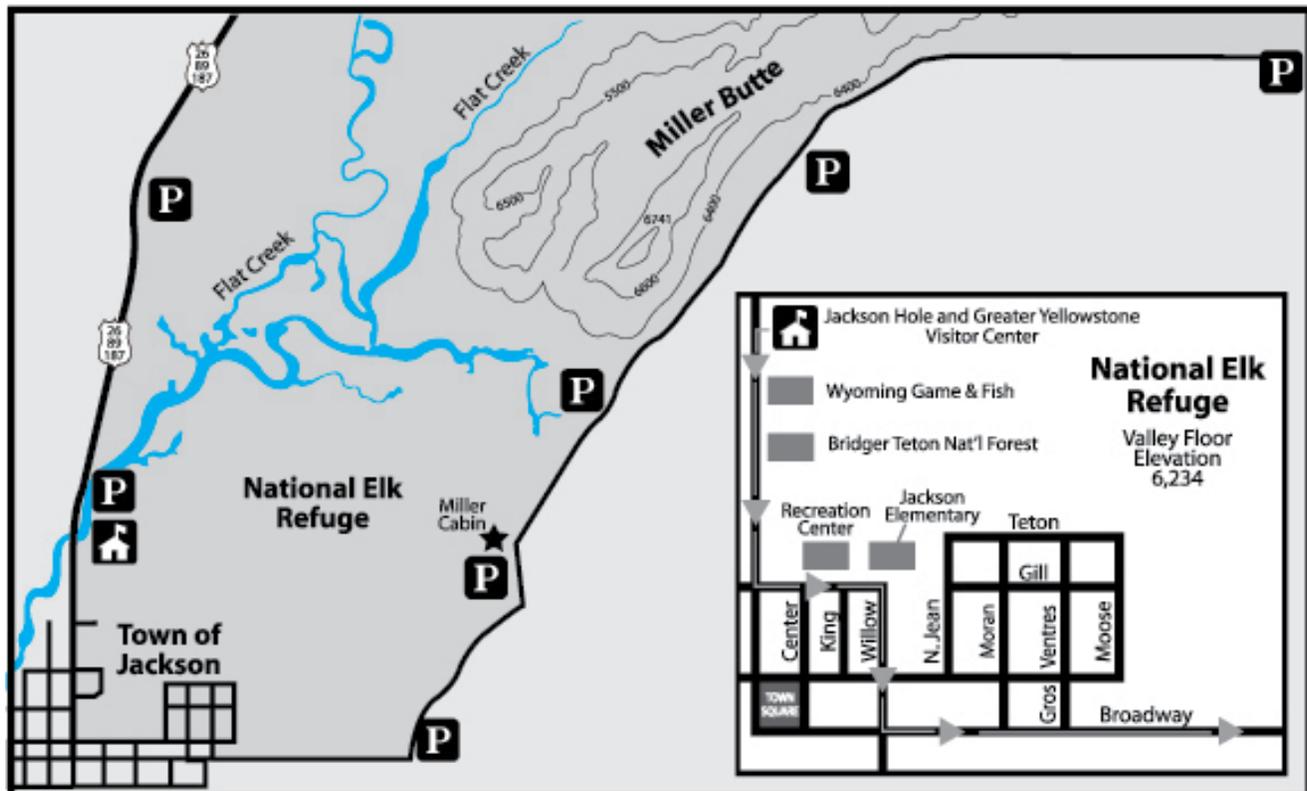
Winter Wildlife Viewing



The Refuge Road is a popular destination in the winter as elk, bighorn sheep, and other animals can frequently be seen close to the roadway. In order to accommodate the amount of multi-use on the secondary road, some important regulations are needed to lead to a safer wildlife viewing experience.

Driving Safety

- Drivers must not stop in the road when other vehicles are present. When oncoming traffic is approaching in either direction, vehicles must continue moving or use a pullout to keep the roadway clear.
- Drivers should note that in addition to recreational traffic, the Refuge Road is used by large vehicles including delivery trucks, service vehicles, plows, and refuge equipment which can not easily maneuver around vehicles stopped in the roadway.
- Vehicles must not interfere with other vehicle traffic or pedestrian use along the public roadway.
- Persons interested in viewing wildlife should use established pullouts to park safely off the roadway.
- Road shoulders drop off dramatically on either side of the road. Please use caution as this drop off may be hidden by snow.
- The maximum speed on the Refuge Road is 30 mph. Travel speeds should be adjusted to accommodate for winter driving conditions that may include ice, fog, drifting snow, or limited visibility due to inclement weather.



Wildlife Observation

- Do not stand in the roadway to view or photography wildlife. Please stand to the side to allow vehicles to pass.
- Bison and other wildlife are unpredictable and can be dangerous. Please do not approach wildlife.
- Obey all area closure signs.

