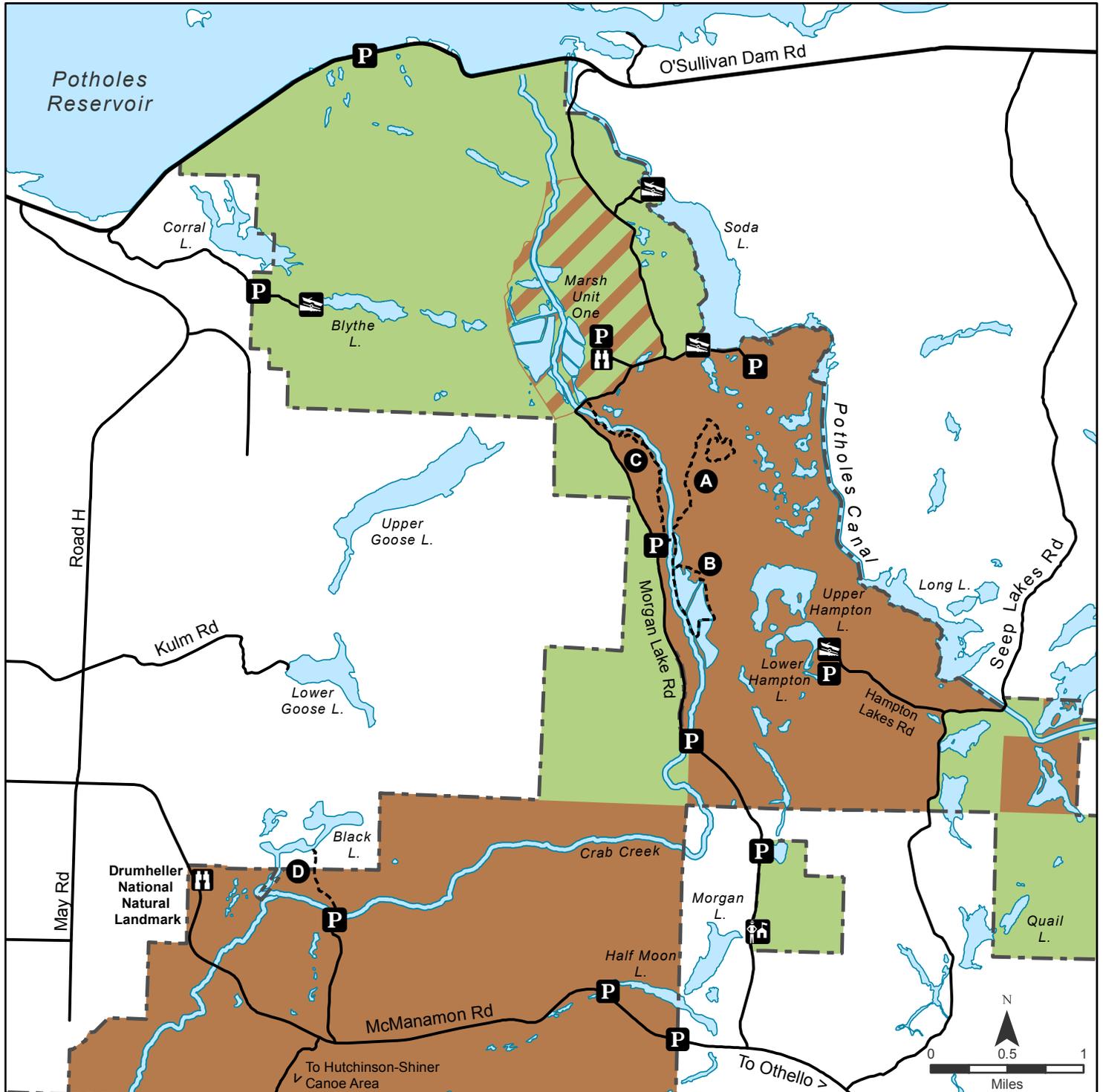




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Columbia National Wildlife Refuge



Hiking on the Refuge

A Frog Lake Interpretive Trail Difficulty: Moderate

The trail is 3.0-miles-long with an elevation gain of 200 feet. Although starting out near Crab Creek, this trail promptly leads into the drier shrub-steppe habitat. Don't look for Frog Lake—it no longer exists! After meandering past striking columnar basalt formations, the trail ascends, circling the top of a mesa and provides a beautiful view of the surrounding refuge landscape.

B Marsh Loop Difficulty: Easy

The Marsh Loop is about 1.8-miles-long and, except for a small incline down from the parking lot, has no elevation change. This trail follows Crab Creek and circles two marshes, remaining in the lowlands near wetland habitat.

C Crab Creek Trail Difficulty: Moderate

This 1.0-mile-long trail primarily follows Crab Creek. With scattered willows and large patches of wild rose and golden currant, this trail is a favorite among birders. For an extended hike, you may follow an additional 3/4-mile section of trail connecting the Crab Creek Trail to the Frog Lake and Marsh Loop trailheads. Caution: The primitive stairs that lead you out of the marsh to the top of the bluff are not always stable.

D Black Lake Trail Difficulty: Easy

This trail is about 3/4-miles in length one-way, but you must backtrack to return to your vehicle. The trail crosses a picturesque bridge over Crab Creek and then takes you on a dike to Black Lake, which is located off the refuge. You will find ant highways, as well as beaver paths crossing the dike.

Map Legend

- Overlook
- Parking
- Refuge headquarters
- Boat Launch
- Designated Hiking Trails
- Road
- Refuge boundary
- Closed Feb. 1 to Apr. 15
- Open Year-Round
- Closed Oct. 1 to Mar. 1