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Ninigret National Wildlife Refuge Celebrates 50 Years of Conservation

Ninigret National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) will mark its 50th anniversary on August 12, 2020. The refuge was established in 1970 to provide important stopover and wintering habitat for migratory birds. Ninigret NWR's diverse habitats include uplands, wetlands, grasslands, shrublands, wooded swamps, vernal pools, and three miles of undeveloped shoreline on Ninigret Pond. This coastal refuge consists of 883 acres and offers wild places to observe wildlife, hike, fish, hunt, learn about the environment, and connect with nature.

Ninigret NWR is also rich with history, from the glacial period with its headquarters located on the Charlestown Moraine, to its historic use as a seasonal home by the Narragansett Indian Tribe, to farm fields of the South County Farmers, and lastly as the Charlestown Naval Auxiliary Landing Field. Hike the "Trails Through Time" to experience the history of Ninigret NWR.

Today, this national wildlife refuge works to restore native plants, manage and protect endangered and threatened species, and continue to provide wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities for visitors.

Join us in celebrating these 50 years of conservation at Ninigret NWR. We will be offering guided bird walks, native plant garden tours, fly tying and fishing workshops, archery, wildlife talks, photo contest, historical walks, and more.

Learn about these celebratory events at: www.fws.gov/refuge/ninigret and follow us on Facebook: Rhode Island National Wildlife Refuges. For questions please call the Kettle Pond Visitor Center in Charlestown, Rhode Island at 401.364.9124.