Highlights

The environmental education program for school-aged children increased from 141 to an average of 6,000 students annually with the opening of the Kettle Pond Visitor Center.

The refuge has the statewide lead in the piping plover restoration program.

The refuge has an active and involved cadre of volunteers, and an award-winning friends group.

A newly built kayak launch site increases wildlife observation and fishing opportunities.

The refuge is part of a multi-refuge adaptive management project, monitoring habitat variables, birds and New England cottontails in a coastal maritime shrub community.

The refuge has a fully accessible trail, with viewing platform and scope.

Issues

Increasing public use and habitat management demands on reduced staff

Water quality is affected by multiple landowners

Reducing the spread of invasive species

Management of barrier beaches in high public-use areas

Eliminating incompatible public uses impacts from the adjacent town park

Lead contamination mitigation at former military gunnery station

Law enforcement issues with all-terrain vehicles

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