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Sachuest Point National Wildlife Refuge Celebrates 50 Years of Conservation

Sachuest Point National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) will mark its 50th anniversary on November 3rd, 2020. The refuge was established in 1970 to provide an important stopover and wintering habitat for migratory birds. With a rich mosaic of habitats that supports a diverse array of wildlife and plant communities, this 242 acre refuge is a great place to observe wildlife, and experience breathtaking scenic views.

From the mid-1600's to the early 1900's, Sachuest Point was used for farming and sheep grazing. During World War II, the U.S. Navy used this site for a rifle range and communications center. Today, this national wildlife refuge works to improve salt marsh habitat and increase its resiliency to rising sea levels, protects endangered and threatened species, and provides wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities for visitors.

Join us in celebrating these 50 years of conservation at Sachuest Point NWR. We will be offering guided bird walks, Earth week celebrations, archery at the Point, history talks, and more.

Learn about these celebratory events at: www.fws.gov/refuge/sachuest_point and follow us on Facebook: Rhode Island National Wildlife Refuges. For questions please call the Sachuest Point Visitor Center in Middletown Rhode Island at 401.619.2680.