

TRAIL MAP

Trustom Pond National Wildlife Refuge U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Welcome to Trustom Pond National Wildlife Refuge! This refuge is one of five national wildlife refuges in Rhode Island. In 1974, Mrs. Ann Kenyon Morse donated the first 365 acres to the Refuge. In 1982, the Audubon Society of Rhode Island donated 151 acres. Today, the Refuge includes 787 acres of various wildlife habitats including fields, shrublands, woodlands, fresh and saltwater ponds and sandy beaches and dunes. Approximately 300 bird species, more than 40 mammal species, and 20 species of reptiles and amphibians call Trustom Pond Refuge home during the year. Trustom Pond is the only undeveloped coastal salt pond in Rhode Island, making it even more valuable to wildlife. On the southern boundary is found a barrier beach which remains one of the few Rhode Island nesting sites for two species of concern, the Least Tern and Piping Plover.

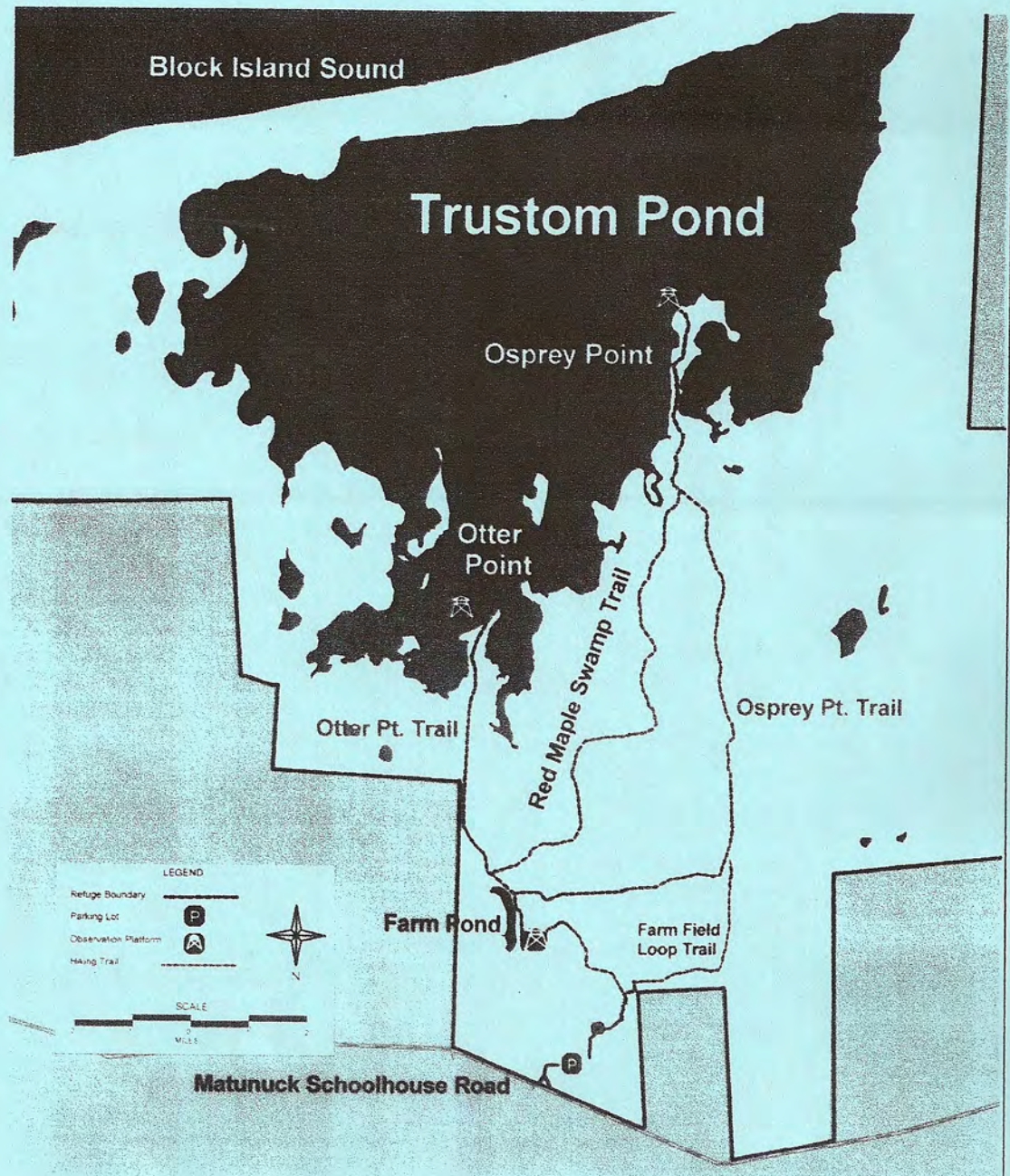
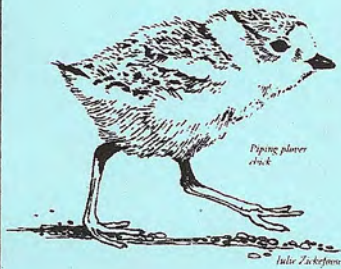
Hiking Trails

Otter Point Trail
terrain: Mild

Osprey Point Trail
distance: 0.8 miles (one way)
terrain: mild

Red Maple Swamp Trail
distance: 0.6 miles (one way)
terrain: Mild

Farm Field Loop
distance: 0.5 miles
terrain: Mild



Rhode Island National Wildlife Refuge Complex

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The National Wildlife Refuge System

Rhode Island National Wildlife Refuge Complex consists of five refuges which are part of the National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS) administered by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. The NWRS is a network of lands and waters managed specifically for the protection of wildlife and wildlife habitat. It represents the most comprehensive wildlife management program in the world.

Public Use at the Refuge

Wildlife comes first on the national wildlife refuges. All human activities must be compatible with the needs of wildlife. Six priority public uses are encouraged when they do not interfere with the individual refuge's mission. These are: hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, environmental education, and interpretation.

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Provides visitors with excellent opportunities for bird watching, hiking, photography and environmental education.

Refuge staff, along with volunteers and the Friends group manage these habitats, lead guided walks, and conduct environmental education classes. For more information, please contact the refuge.

Hours of Operation:

Refuge Trails: sunrise to sunset

Directions: From U.S. Route 1 North, take the Trustom Pond National Wildlife refuge exit (right) onto Moonstone Beach Rd. Follow 1 mile South to Matunick Schoolhouse Rd. and turn right. Follow 0.7 miles to the refuge entrance on the left. From U.S. South, make a u-turn across the median and proceed north to Moonstone Beach Rd. exit.

Your Cooperation is Appreciated

To protect the refuge's wildlife and habitats, please comply with the following:

- Stay on designated trails.
- There are no picnic areas or campsites on the refuge. Fires are not allowed.
- Dogs, horses and other pets are not permitted.
- Bicycles are not permitted.
- Kite flying is not permitted. During bird nesting season, kites resemble larger birds that could prey on young chicks. This can frighten adult birds potentially causing them to abandon their nests.
- The disturbance, destruction, or removal of wildlife, vegetation, and facilities are prohibited.
- Please keep the refuge clean. Take your trash home with you.

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