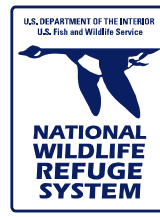


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Portions of Fowler Beach to Close for 2020 Beach-nesting Season

Portions of the Fowler Beach area of Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge which includes the bay beach, dunes and back-barrier portions will close beginning March 1st for the benefit of federally and state protected beach-nesting and migratory shorebirds, including red knot, piping plovers, oystercatchers, least terns and other species.

When visiting Prime Hook NWR beaches during beach-nesting bird season, please remember to obey all posted signs and barriers, keep your pets at home, and remain at the water's edge unless otherwise indicated via symbolic fencing.

- Dog walking is prohibited
- Entering the closed area for horseshoe crab flipping is prohibited
- These areas are subject to change and/or modification at any time
- The beach nesting habitat will re-open on October 1st for full use by wildlife dependent visitors
- Prime Hook is a carry-in/carry-out National Wildlife Refuge – please place all litter in trash receptacles

For more information, please call (302) 684-8419 or visit Prime Hook's website:

http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Prime_Hook/. Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge is located just off Route 16 near Broadkill Beach at 11978 Turtle Pond Road, Milton, DE.

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