

Whittlesey Creek

National Wildlife Refuge | Wisconsin



The "Blue Goose" Symbolizes the National Wildlife Refuge System, a Network of 560 refuges protected and managed for wildlife, habitat, and people.

Welcome to Whittlesey Creek

Whittlesey Creek National Wildlife Refuge is located in northern Wisconsin and encompasses several important tributaries and shoreline along Lake Superior. The refuge was established in 1999 in an effort to restore coaster brook trout, a native trout that spawns in Whittlesey Creek and spends its adult life in Lake Superior. Another important role of the refuge is to provide environmental education in the local community through a partnership with other agencies in the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center.

Wildlife Observation



If you enjoy getting outdoors and looking for wildlife, consider a visit to the refuge, especially during spring and fall migration seasons to coincide with peak bird migration periods. Refuge lands are important habitat for migrating warblers and other neotropical migrants. Chequamegon Bay, immediately adjacent to the refuge is a prime resting area for migrating waterfowl and other waterbirds including shorebirds.

Hiking Trails



A short interpretive trail can be found at the visitor center. All the roads and trails in the Visitor Use Area are also open for hiking year round.

Fishing



Fishing is allowed on Whittlesey Creek Refuge in accordance with

state regulations. For more information, contact the refuge office.

Hunting



Whittlesey Creek National Wildlife Refuge allows archery deer hunting and waterfowl hunting in designated portions of the refuge. Archery deer hunting is allowed in units larger than 20 acres and waterfowl hunting is allowed on refuge land east of State Highway 13. It is important to note that additional special regulations are in effect for hunting on the refuge. For more information, contact the refuge office.



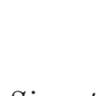
■ Permanent blinds or permanent tree stands are prohibited



■ Hunting over bait is prohibited. This includes salt and minerals.



■ Dogs must be on a leash unless engaged in a legal waterfowl hunting activity



■ Motorized vehicles are limited to parking lots

■ Horseback riding is not allowed

Signs to know



Closed to All Entry

Refuge Boundary



No Hunting

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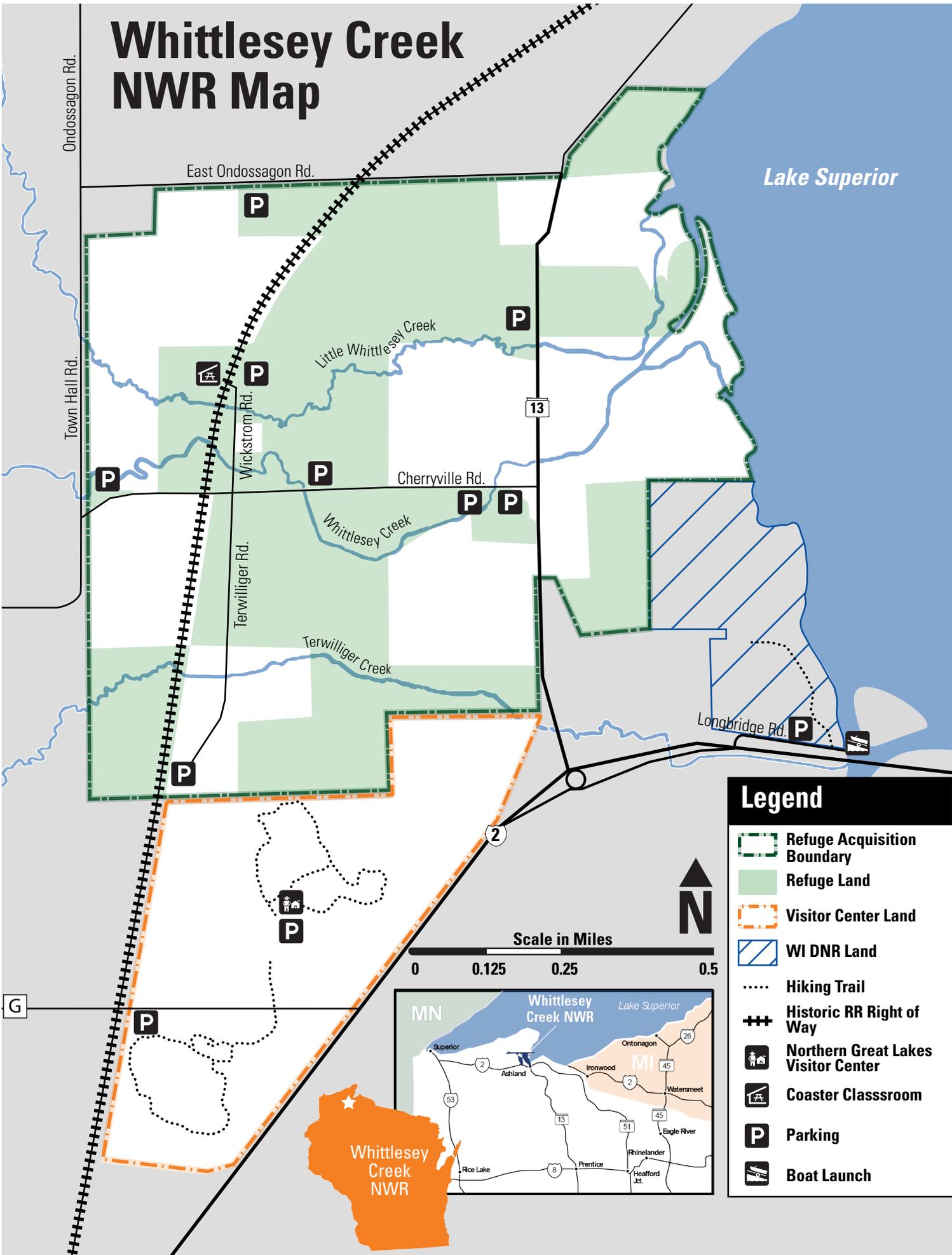
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Coaster Brook Trout
USFWS

Whittlesey Creek NWR Map



Legend

- Refuge Acquisition Boundary
- Refuge Land
- Visitor Center Land
- WI DNR Land
- Hiking Trail
- Historic RR Right of Way
- Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center
- Coaster Classroom
- Parking
- Boat Launch