



Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge

The Wildlife Drive

Welcome to Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge's Wildlife Drive! Built in 2010, the 6.5-mile, self-guided, one-way auto route meanders past forests, grasslands, marshes, open water pools, and the Shiawassee River. Along the way you will find observation platforms and parking areas to help you enjoy the refuge more. You also will have better opportunities to see large concentrations of waterfowl, shorebirds, herons, eagles, and a great diversity of other wildlife. In addition, you will be able to see the management practices the refuge uses to attract the wildlife.

Open June 1st – September 30th, Sunrise to Sunset

****Entry gate closes 1 hour before sunset.***

Please note the route may be closed due to flooding, soft road conditions, or special conditions such as events or wildlife needs. You may call the refuge at (989) 777-5930 for more information about closures or visit the refuge's website: <http://www.fws.gov/refuge/shiawassee>.

Wildlife First

- You are guests in the “core” of the refuge only during a portion of the year when the disturbance to sensitive wildlife is at a minimum. Please act responsibly.
- Speed limit is 15 mph. At this speed you are able to stop and avoid snakes, frogs, turtles, insects and other slow moving wildlife.
- The Refuge may place signage to exercise a “No Stopping Zone” to minimize disturbance to nesting eagles.
- Except at designated parking areas, stay in your vehicle along the route. Animals interpret vehicles as a “blind” and your threat is minimal. They tend to flee when you're outside your vehicle.
- Dogs and other pets are not allowed outside your vehicle at any time on the refuge.

In Case of Emergency – Dial 911

Please note that our departmental regulations do not allow refuge staff to assist visitors with their vehicles in the event of lock outs, flat tires, jump start, stuck, etc. Please contact a local towing service such as Rose Towing (989) 755-9790 or Mike's Wrecker Service (989) 755-1133 for assistance.

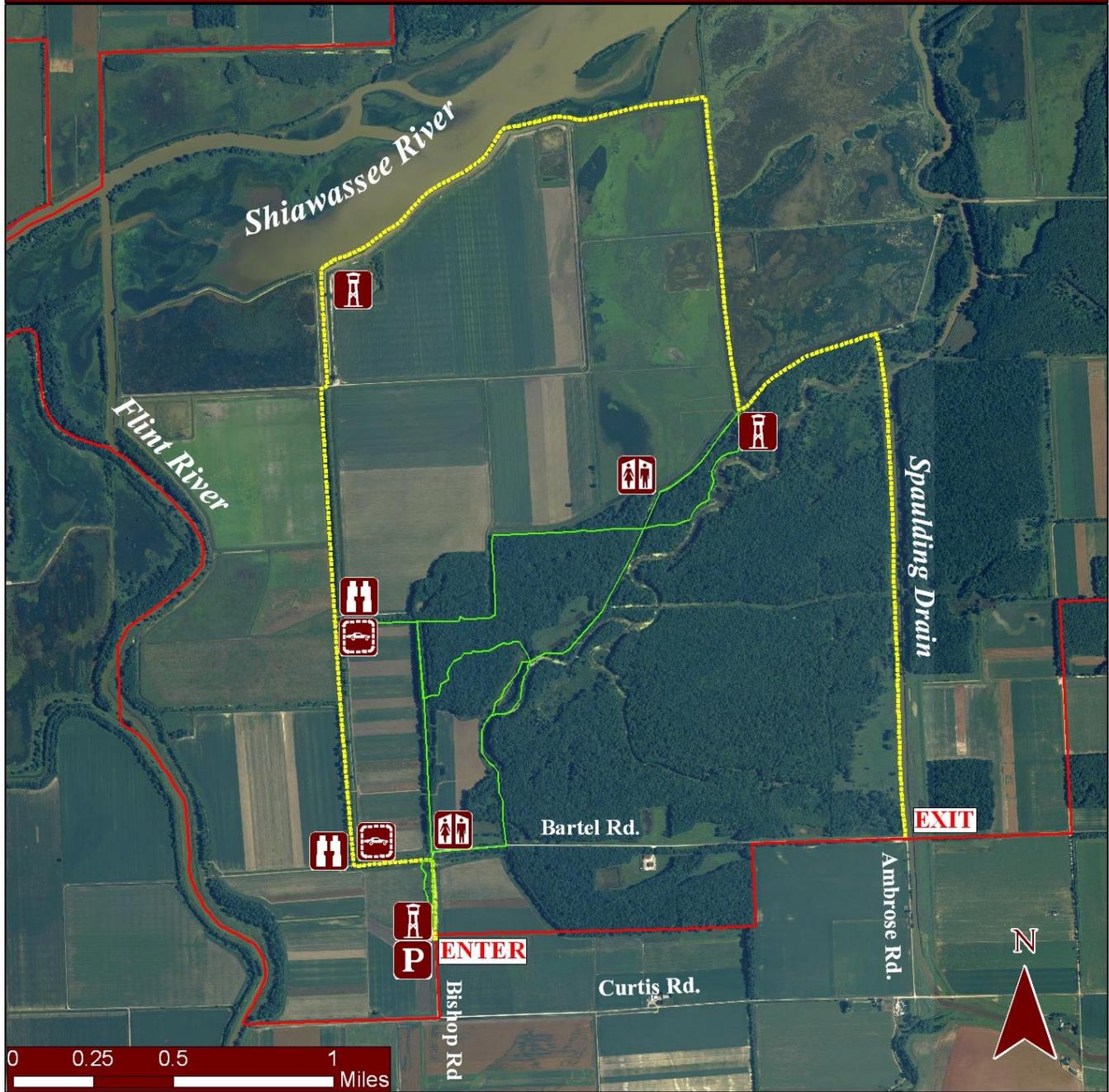
Join the Friends of Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge

Want to help the refuge? Consider joining the Friends of Shiawassee NWR. This non-profit group acts as the collective voice for the refuge in a variety of arenas to raise awareness of the refuge through outreach and environmental efforts. Friends help the Refuge thrive. To keep current with the Friends activities email the Refuge at shiawassee@fws.gov with subject line “Friends Email List”.

Refuge Quick Facts

- Established as a National Wildlife Refuge in 1953
- Shiawassee River State Game Area is refuge's next door neighbor
- Approximately 10,000 acres, including 18 miles of river
- 280 bird species, 32 mammal species, 10 reptile species, 10 amphibian species, and 48 fish species
- 10 permanent staff

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Legend

- Refuge Boundary
- Wildlife Drive
- Ferguson Bayou Trail
-  Observation Platform
-  Observation Point
-  Parking
-  Pull-off
-  Restrooms

