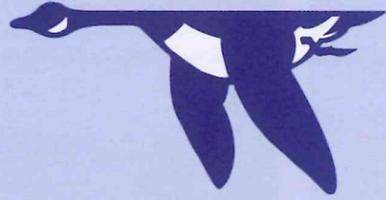


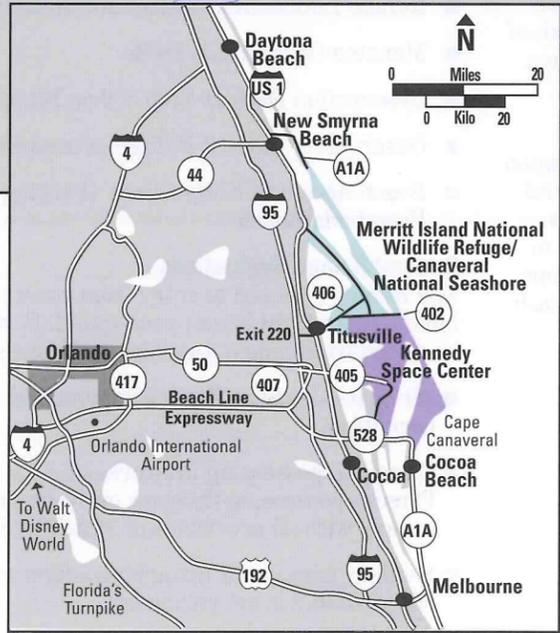
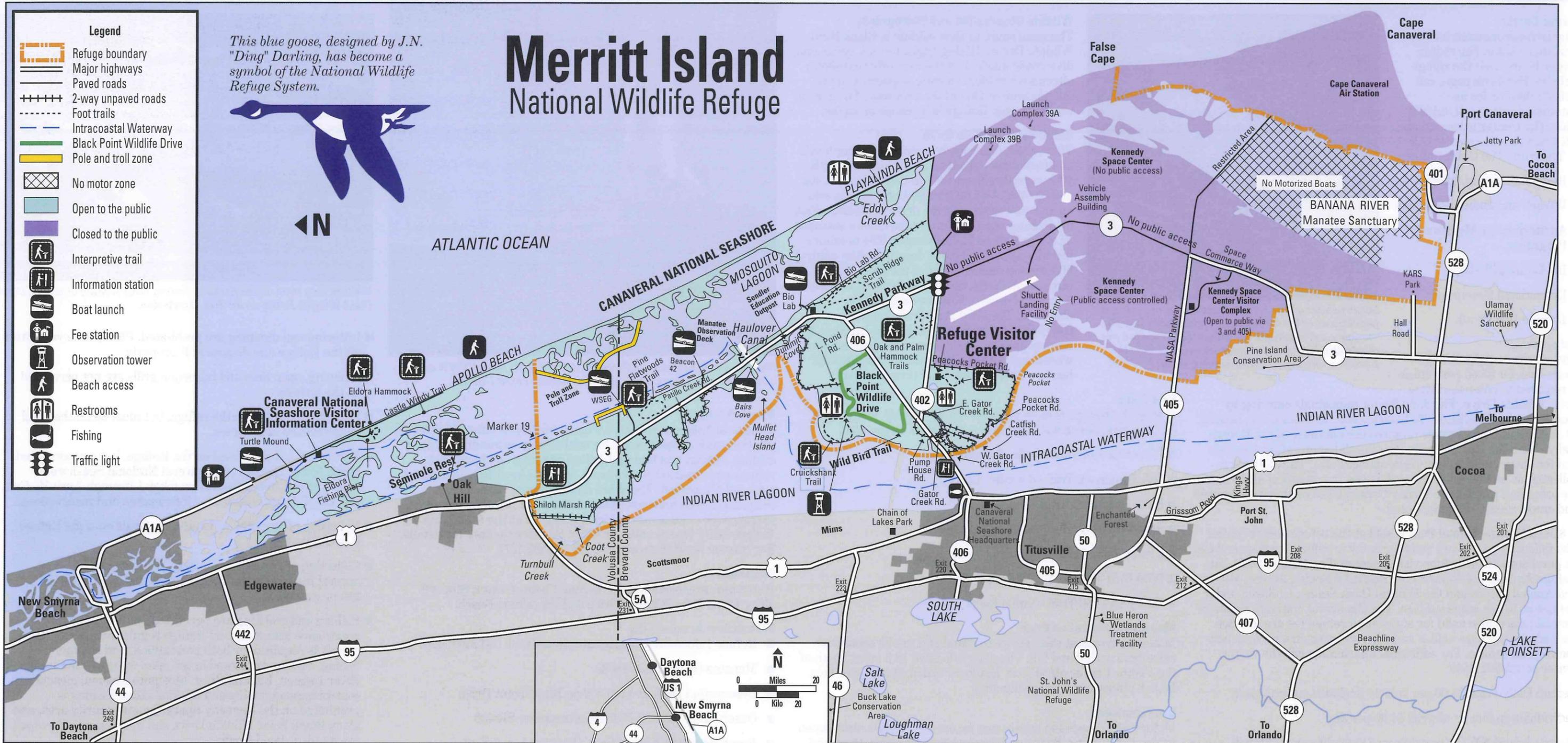
# Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge

This blue goose, designed by J.N. "Ding" Darling, has become a symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System.



**Legend**

- Refuge boundary
- Major highways
- Paved roads
- 2-way unpaved roads
- Foot trails
- Intracoastal Waterway
- Black Point Wildlife Drive
- Pole and troll zone
- No motor zone
- Open to the public
- Closed to the public
- Interpretive trail
- Information station
- Boat launch
- Fee station
- Observation tower
- Beach access
- Restrooms
- Fishing
- Traffic light



**Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge**

Merritt Island NWR is an overlay of NASA's John F. Kennedy Space Center where the world's most advanced technology launched man to the moon, and today, continues space exploration. However, there is another kind of "space" here, one that is set aside for over 500 different species of wildlife and 1000 species of plants.

Contained within this 35-mile long barrier island is a rich abundance of plants and animals from both the subtropical and temperate climate zones. The Refuge is strategically located on the Atlantic Flyway, a major bird migration corridor, and it is a key resting stop for many migrating bird species. Merritt Island NWR's habitats support one of the highest numbers of endangered and threatened species found within the refuges of the National Wildlife Refuge System. The unique relationship the Refuge shares with NASA bears testimony that nature and technology can coexist.

**Travel Distance (from the Refuge Visitor Center):**

- Black Point Wildlife Drive - 3.5 miles
- Hammock Trails - 1.5 miles
- Manatee Observation Deck - 10.5 miles
- Playalinda Beach - 7 miles
- Scrub Ridge Trail - 6.5 miles
- Pine Flatwoods Trail - 13 miles

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