

Rocky Mountain Arsenal

National Wildlife Refuge

Trails & Wildlife Drive



Welcome

Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) is one of the largest urban refuges in the country. This 15,000-acre Refuge is managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. We invite you to enjoy the sights and sounds of the Refuge. More than 330 species of wildlife, including bald eagles, bison, black-footed ferrets, deer, coyotes, burrowing owls, and prairie dogs call the Refuge home. The Refuge also provides important feeding and nesting grounds for resident and migratory song birds.

Wildlife Viewing

- Best viewing times are at dawn and at dusk.
- Practice good wildlife viewing ethics by observing wildlife from a safe distance. Use binoculars or a camera for close up viewing.
- Park in designated areas shown on the map.
- Quietly observe wildlife.
- Assistance dogs are welcome and must be under leash control.
- Avoid stopping under birds and bird nests - this is stressful to hawks, owls, and young or nesting birds.



This goose, designed by J.N. "Ding" Darling, is the symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Wildlife Drive

- The Wildlife Drive is open to motorized vehicles and closed to bicycles and foot travel. Motorcycles and scooters are not recommended. The Drive is 11 miles long and takes about 45 - 60 minutes to drive.
- Please take a Wildlife Drive/Hiking Trail Map with you and follow all Wildlife Drive symbols and directional arrows. Do not drive on or walk on staff area roads.
- Maximum speed limit is 30 miles per hour on the Wildlife Drive.
- Wildlife Drive surfaces are paved or gravel.
- Stay in your vehicle while driving through the bison area. Signs and cattle guards mark entrance and exit of bison area. Bison are wild, unpredictable animals – do not try to attract their attention.
- Keep at least a 50 to 100 yard distance between your vehicle and the bison. If bison are blocking the road, wait until they move.
- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is not responsible for damage to vehicles caused by wildlife.

Wildlife to Watch for Along the Way

- Resident Wildlife -- Bison, mule and white-tailed deer, red-tailed hawks, prairie dogs, and rabbits.

- Migratory Wildlife -- Waterfowl, shorebirds, wintering bald eagles, ferruginous and Swainson's hawks, and burrowing owls.

Hiking Trails

- The Refuge has 10 miles of trails open year-round for hiking, cross country skiing, and snowshoeing. Trail surfaces are crushed gravel or dirt, and are accessible, except for the Prairie Switchback and Woodland Trails.
- Stay on marked trails and observe all posted signs and regulations.
 - Hiking trails are for foot travel only.

Grassland Trails

- Explore the trails that meander through native shortgrass prairie habitat. Throughout the seasons you may observe mule and white-tailed deer, prairie dogs, migrating songbirds, and coyotes.
- Army Historic Trail (0.3 mi)
 - Bluestem Loop Trail (1.3 mi)
 - Bluestem Southwest Loop Trail (0.5 mi)
 - Discovery Trail (0.4 mi)
 - Gateway Trail (0.3 mi)
 - Legacy Trail (1.0 mi)
 - Locust Loop Trail (0.8 mi)
 - Prairie Trail (1.0 mi)
 - Rattlesnake Hill (1.5 mi)

Wetland Trails

Stroll along lakes, marshes, and ponds, and walk on a floating boardwalk at Lake Mary or Lake Ladora to catch a closer glimpse of wildlife. These trails provide excellent opportunities to see migrating waterfowl, shorebirds, white pelicans, double-crested cormorants, and amphibians.

- Havana Ponds Trail (0.2 mi)
- Lake Ladora Loop Trail (1.8 mi)
- Lake Mary Loop Trail (0.6 mi)

Woodland Trails

- Wander through scenic trails lined with cottonwoods, willows, and locust thickets, which provide shade and habitat for wildlife. Watch for hawks, eagles, and owls perched in the branches, while deer can be found browsing under the trees.
- Rod and Gun Club Trail and Wildlife Viewing Blind (1.2 mi)
 - Woodland Trail (0.4 mi)

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Accessible Opportunities

Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs and activities of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is available to all individuals regardless of physical or mental ability. Dial 711 for a free connection to and from the speech and hearing impaired. For more information or to address accessibility needs, please contact the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge staff at 303/ 289 0930, or the U.S. Department of the Interior; Office of Equal Opportunity, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, CD 20240.

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| Refuge boundary | Visitor center |
| Wildlife drive | Contact station |
| Other visitor road | Refuge headquarters |
| Gravel road | Historic interpretive site |
| Staff road (No visitor access) | Information kiosk |
| Hiking trail | Wildlife viewing site |
| Perimeter Trail | Restroom |
| Lake / wetland | Fishing fee station |
| Stream | Parking |
| Floating boardwalk | Accessible facilities |
| Sensitive wildlife habitat area (Closed to all entry) | Parking area |
| Bison and prairie restoration area | |
| Visitor and environmental education area | |

