

# J. Clark Salyer National Wildlife Refuge

## Fishing Information



### Welcome

J. Clark Salyer National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) is one of over 565 refuges and 38 wetland management districts in the National Wildlife Refuge System – a network of lands set aside specifically for wildlife. The Refuge System is a living heritage, conserving wildlife and habitat for people today and for generations to come.

The Refuge was established in 1935 as a breeding ground for migratory birds and other wildlife. The diversity of wetlands, native grasslands, and woodlands found on the Refuge provide excellent habitat for a variety of wildlife species.

### General Information

To help protect wildlife and their habitats and to ensure your safety, please familiarize yourself with the following information.

### Hours and Location

The Refuge is open daily from 5:00 am to 10:00 pm.

Headquarters, including the office and visitor center, is located 2 miles north of Upham, North Dakota, on State Highway 14. The building is open from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

### Vehicles and Parking

Vehicle travel is restricted to public roads and parking in recreation area parking lots. Vehicles are not allowed on the sides of levees or on ice and should not block gates.

### Accessible Facilities

An accessible fishing platform and restroom are located at Public Fishing Area 5 (Old Freeman Bridge and Dam 320).

### Firearms

Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on National Wildlife Refuge System lands must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (50 CFR 27.42 and specific refuge regulations in 50 CFR Part 32.)

### Fishing Regulations

Fishing is allowed in accordance with Federal regulations governing public use on national wildlife refuges as set forth in Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations, State regulations, and the Refuge-specific regulations in this brochure.

### Boat and Bank Fishing

Boat and bank fishing are allowed only on designated areas of the Refuge (see map). Bow fishing and open-water spear fishing are not allowed.

- Signs that say “Public Fishing Area” are posted at each area open to fishing. See the public fishing area descriptions and locations on the map.
- Boat fishing is allowed in Public Fishing Areas 2 and 14 from May 1 through September 30. Only non-motorized boats and boats with electric trolling motors are allowed.
- Bank fishing is allowed in Public Fishing Areas 1-14.

### Ice Fishing

Ice fishing is allowed on all Refuge waters from December 15 until the ice melts. Anglers are cautioned to be aware of thin ice, particularly near water control structures.

- Ice fishing access is walk-in only.
- Only portable ice fishing houses are allowed. Ice fishing houses and other equipment must be removed from the Refuge at the end of each day.

### Prohibited Activities

- Use of vehicles on ice.
- Use of ATVs, UTVs, ORVs, OHVs, snowmobiles, amphibious vehicles, and other off-road vehicles.
- Use of horses, mules, or similar livestock.
- Bow fishing and open-water spear fishing.
- Fishing from bridges.
- Entry to or fishing from water control structures.
- Use of permanent fish houses.
- Overnight camping and open fires.
- Littering. Please take your trash with you when you leave the Refuge.
- Entering areas closed to fishing.
- Intoxicated and disorderly conduct.
- Possession of controlled substances.
- Disturbing, harming, or collecting any animal or plant, except legally taken fish and game animals.
- Disturbing or removing artifacts and historic items.

**J. Clark Salyer National Wildlife Refuge**  
**681 Salyer Road**  
**Upham, ND 58789**  
**701-768-2548**

**[jlclarksalyer@fws.gov](mailto:jlclarksalyer@fws.gov)**  
**[www.fws.gov/refuge/j\\_clark\\_salyer](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/j_clark_salyer)**

**For State Relay Service**  
**TTY / Voice: 711**

**U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service**  
**[www.fws.gov](http://www.fws.gov)**

**For Refuge Information**  
**1-800-344-WILD**

**April 2021**



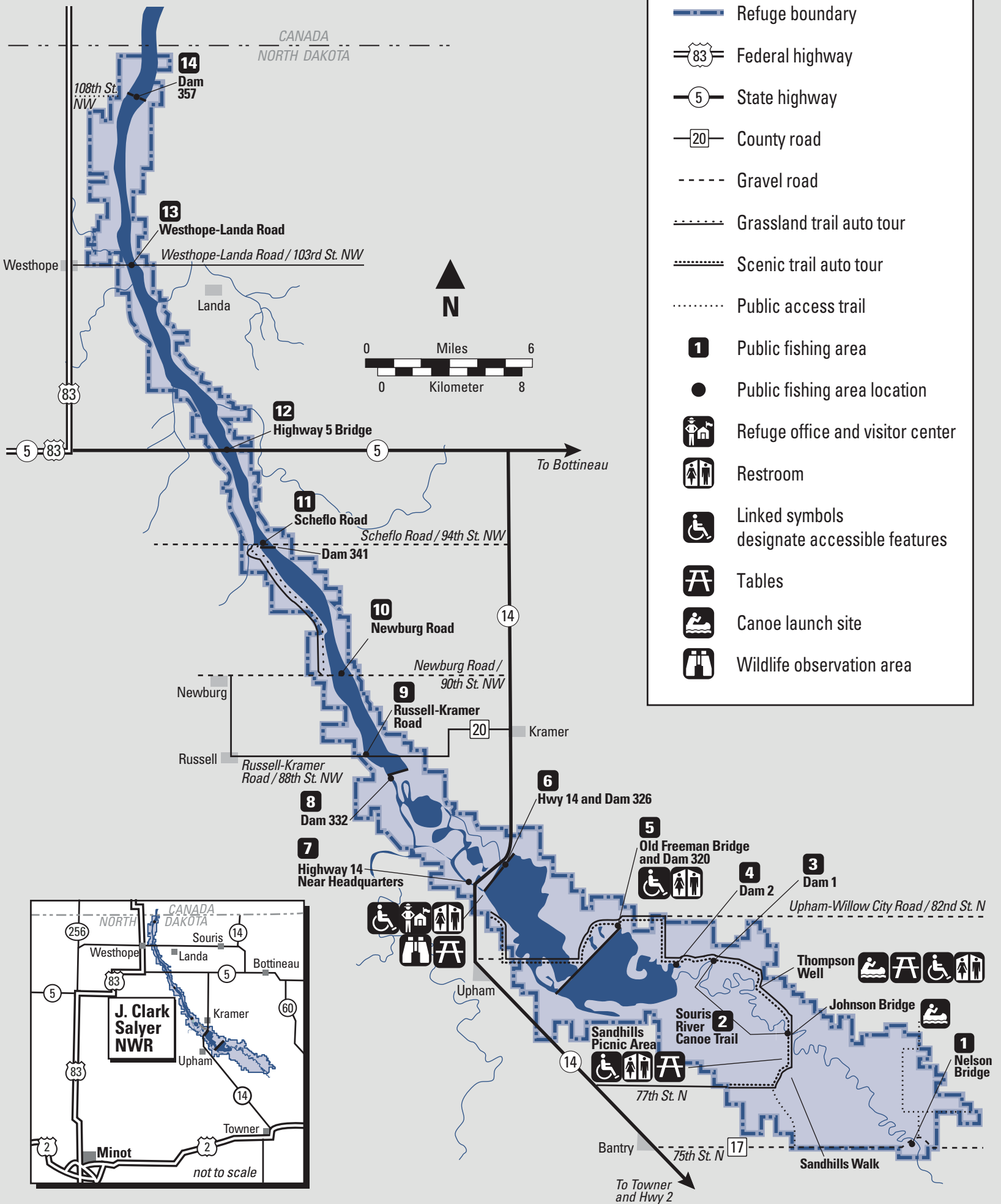
### Accessibility

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. For more information please contact the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Equal Opportunity, [www.doi.gov/accessibility](http://www.doi.gov/accessibility).

The Blue Goose is the symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System, a network of lands and waters managed for the benefit of wildlife and people.



# J. Clark Salyer National Wildlife Refuge



## Public Fishing Areas

Fourteen locations are designated as public fishing areas on the Refuge (see map). Fishing is allowed at these areas as described below:

- 1 Nelson Bridge** – Along either bank from 100 yards upstream to 100 yards downstream from the bridge.
- 2 Souris River Canoe Trail** – Along either bank or from a boat (non-motorized or with an electric motor) from 100 yards upstream of Johnson Bridge to Dam 1.
- 3 Dam 1** – Along the river stretching 100 yards downstream from Dam 1. Do not fish from or enter the river from the water control structure.
- 4 Dam 2** – Along either bank from 100 yards upstream to 100 yards downstream of the water control structure.
- 5 Old Freeman Bridge and Dam 320** – Along either bank from the Dam 320 water control structure to 100 yards downstream of the bridge on the Upham/Willow City Road.
- 6 Highway 14 Bridge and Dam 326** – Along either bank from the Dam 326 water control structure to 100 yards downstream of the Highway 14 bridge.
- 7 Highway 14 near Headquarters** – Along outlet structure under Highway 14 on both sides for 100 yards.
- 8 Dam 332** – On the downstream, west side of the water control structure for 100 yards.
- 9 Russell-Kramer Road** – From the edge of the roadway both east and west of the bridge for 100 yards.
- 10 Newburg Road** – From edge of roadway both east and west of bridge for 100 yards.
- 11 Scheflo Road** – From the edge of the roadway both east and west of the bridge for 100 yards and upstream on the eastern bank of the river to the Dam 341 water control structure. No fishing is allowed upstream of the Dam 341 water control structure.
- 12 Highway 5 Bridge** – From the edge of the roadway both east and west of the bridge for 100 yards.
- 13 Westhope-Landa Road** – From the edge of the roadway both east and west of the bridge for 100 yards.
- 14 Dam 357** – Along either bank or from a boat (non-motorized or with an electric motor) from the Dam 357 water control structure north to the Canadian border. The east bank is designated as walk-in only.