

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Rocky Flats

National Wildlife Refuge





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

Welcome to Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge). This 5,237-acre site was established in 2007 to protect xeric tallgrass prairie, a globally rare ecosystem, and habitat for threatened and endangered species. The Refuge has more than 630 species of plants and provides habitat for more than 239 wildlife species, including the prairie falcon, deer, elk, coyote, songbirds, and the Preble’s meadow jumping mouse.

Trails



- Enjoy 11 miles of trails open year-round for hiking, bicycling, horseback riding, cross country skiing, and snowshoeing.
- Follow all posted signs to protect wildlife and habitat.
- Park only in the designated areas shown on the map.
- Hikers yield to horses.

Bicycles



- Bicycles and Class 1 e-bikes are permitted on Refuge trails.
- Follow all posted signs to protect wildlife and habitat.
- Cyclists yield to hikers and horses.

Refuge Hours and Regulations

The Refuge is open daily from sunrise to sunset and closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Day, unless otherwise noted. Visitor access is limited to designated trails only. All other Refuge lands and staff roads are closed to visitors. Know all Refuge rules and regulations for the protection of wildlife and visitors.

Prohibited Activities

The following is a list of prohibited activities on the Refuge:



Pets (dogs, cats, etc.)



Fishing.



Swimming, wading, and bathing in all Refuge waters.



Use of boats, canoes, kayaks, float tubes, paddle boards, and other flotation devices.



Use or possession of alcohol.



Use or possession of drugs, including marijuana and any illegal controlled substance.



Drones.



Sleeping, camping, and overnight parking.



Grilling or fires.

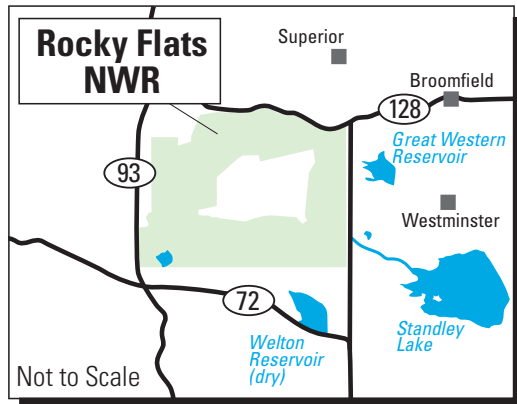


Searching for, collecting, or removing any natural (antlers) or historic objects, wildlife, or plants.

History

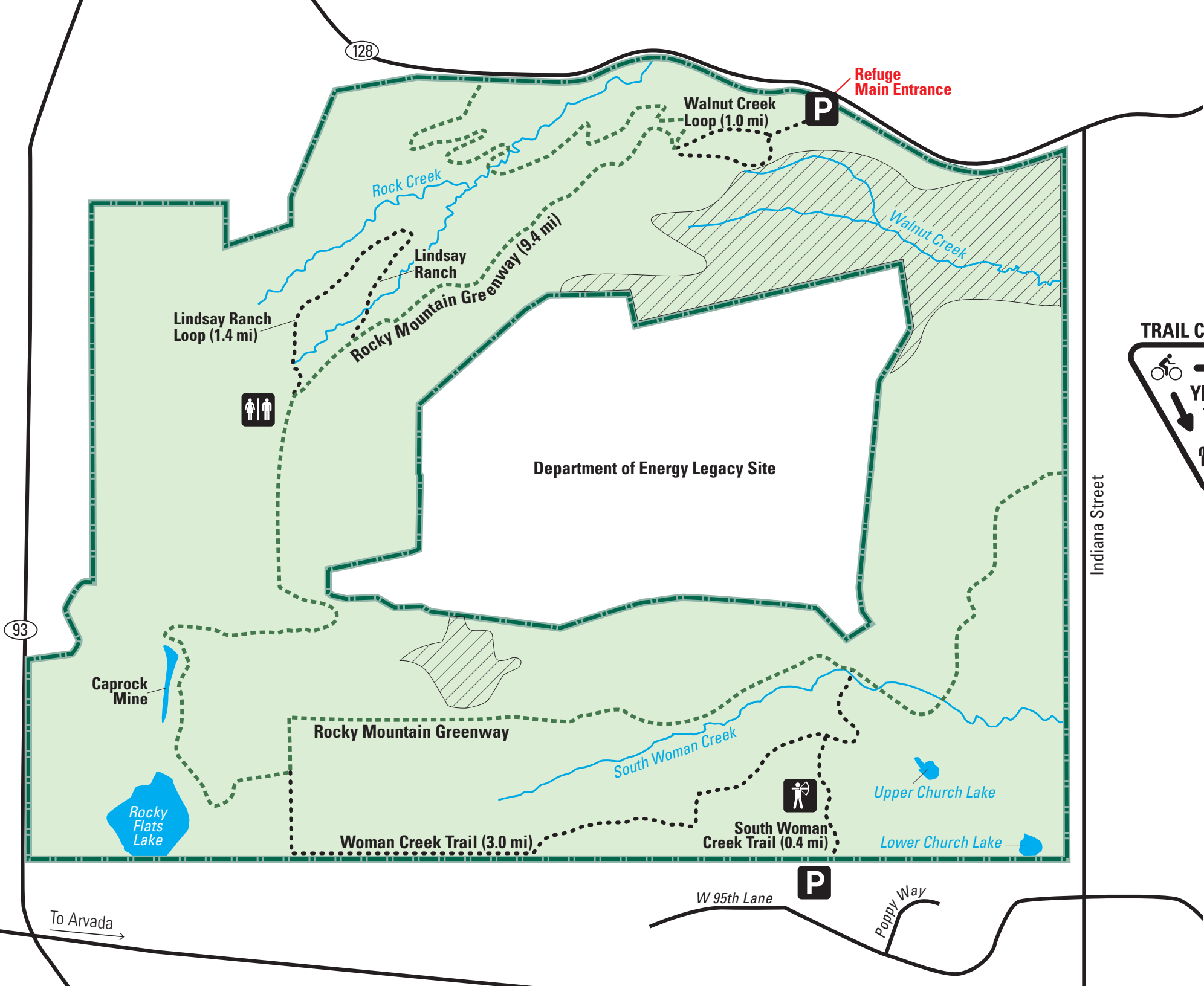
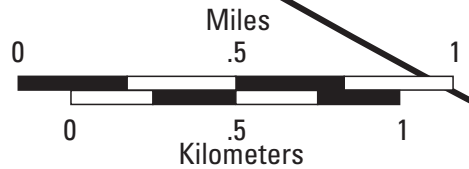
Prior to becoming a Refuge, the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission Department produced plutonium triggers for nuclear weapons in the central portion of the site from 1952-1989. Most of the area was undisturbed, preserving the habitats now protected by the Refuge.

The site was cleaned up by 2005, with oversight from the Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Energy, and Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.



Rocky Flats *National Wildlife Refuge*

- Refuge boundary
- Highway / road
- Trails
- Rocky Mountain Greenway Trail
- Lake
- Creek
- Sensitive wildlife habitat area (closed to visitor access)
- Department of Energy Legacy Site (closed to visitor access)
- Parking
- Restroom
- Archery



Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge

Physical Address:

16500 W. 120th Avenue, Superior, CO 80027

Mailing Address:

Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge

6550 Gateway Road – HQ

Commerce City, CO 80022

303 / 289 0232

rockyflats@fws.gov

www.fws.gov/refuge/rocky-flats

For State Relay Service

TTY / Voice: 711

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

www.fws.gov

For Refuge Information

1 800 / 344 WILD

June 2024



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.

Photography by:
M. Klosterman / USFWS