

Eastern Shore of Virginia National Wildlife Refuge

Eastern Shore of Virginia NWR is located within one of North America's most important avian migration funnels. Each fall, a colorful drama unfolds as millions of songbirds and monarch butterflies and thousands of raptors converge here to rest and feed before resuming their arduous journey south. Nestled between the Atlantic Ocean and Chesapeake Bay at the tip of the Delmarva Peninsula, this 1,415-acre refuge was established in 1984 for migratory birds, endangered species management, and for wildlife-dependent recreation.

Hours

Refuge trails are open daily from 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.

Visitor Center hours vary by season. Call 757-331-2760 for current schedule.

Trails

- Butterfly Trail ½ mile
 - Trail between the Visitor Center and the Wildlife trail. Also accessible from the Eastern Shore of Virginia Welcome Center.
- Wildlife Trail
 - ½ mile trail with access to the Winslow Battery, an historic cemetery, and the Marsh Overlook.
- Southern Tip Hike & Bike Trail
 - 5 mile paved, linear trail (10-mile round trip) paved trail.
- Bull's Drive Trail
 - 1 ¼ -mile linear trail. Hunting and Fishing access. Wildlife Viewing opportunity.
 Connects with Magothy Bay Natural Area hiking trail.

Wise Point Boat Ramp

- Open year-round. Extended amenity fee area. Parking and boat launch permit required.
 - \$10 per day –see self pay station
 - \$120 annual pass available for purchase at the Refuge office
 - Office is open 8-4 Monday Friday

Fisherman Island NWR

Fisherman Island NWR is also part of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service lands and encompasses the southernmost barrier island along the Delmarva Peninsula. Location and diverse habitats make this island an important stopover for migratory birds and an incredible nesting area for shorebirds, waders, and marsh birds.

<u>Fisherman Island is closed to the public</u>. Guided tours may be offered on Saturdays from October Through February depending on staff and volunteer availability. Reservations are accepted after September 1st. Please call 757-331-2760 for more information.



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