

Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge

National Wildlife Refuge

Yours to enjoy...

Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge encompasses a broad expanse (160,000 acres) of mysterious wildlands and waters. Visitors are welcome to explore this unique upland swamp refuge. Designated wildlife drive and trails offer the best wildlife viewing opportunities. Black bear, deer, river otters, and red wolves, along with a variety of birds, reptiles, and amphibians may be seen. During the winter months, large numbers of waterfowl and other migratory birds are present. Wildlife viewing is best from a safe distance. If you plan to venture into areas not designated as roads or trails on this map, please inform a responsible person of your plans. Be aware that poison ivy, ticks, insect pests, venomous snakes (cottonmouths, copperheads, and timber rattlesnakes), and other natural nuisances and hazards may be encountered. This is your National Wildlife Refuge. Please enjoy your refuge experience, but handle with care.

Tips for Wildlife Viewing

- Wildlife are usually most active at dawn and dusk.
- Walk or drive slowly and quietly; stop frequently to watch and listen.

Be friendly to other visitors; often they will share information!

- Bring binoculars or spotting scopes and field guides.
- Bring insect repellent and water.

You Can Help

- by obeying regulations.
 - by respecting the refuge, wildlife, and other visitors.
 - by volunteering your time. Contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 252/473 1131.
 - by joining the Coastal Wildlife Refuge Society
P. O. Box 1808
Manteo, NC 27954
- 100% of your donations support refuge programs.

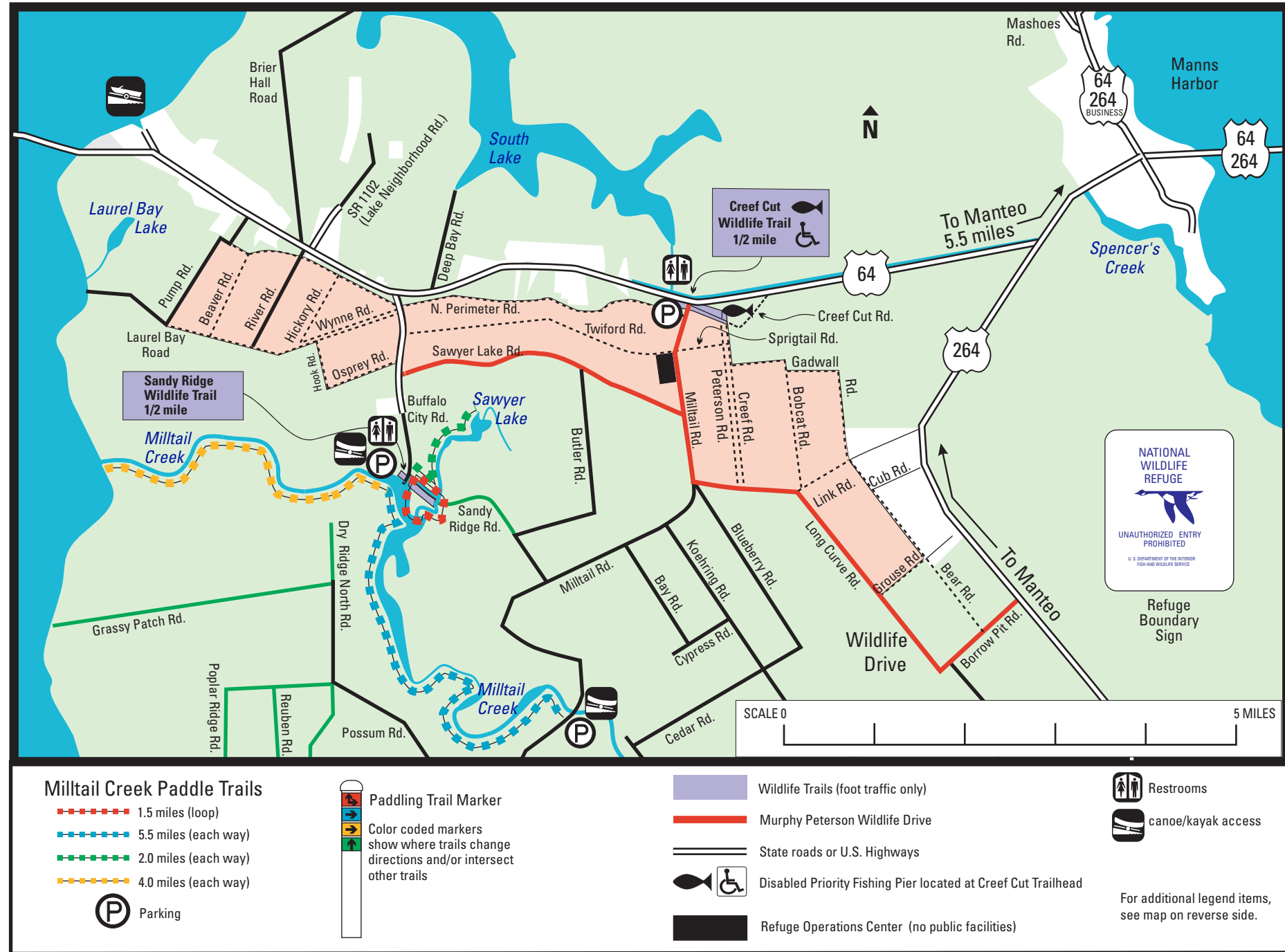
For More Information

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www.fws.gov/ncgatewayvc

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In addition to these provisions, all State laws, County codes, and Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations apply on the Refuge. If you have any questions about the legality of any activity, please contact the Refuge Manager.



Regulations

General

- The Refuge is open during daylight hours only (1/2 -hour before sunrise to 1/2 -hour after sunset).
- Camping, open fires, feeding or baiting of wildlife, swimming in Refuge canals, or entering any area posted with "Area Closed" signs is prohibited.
- All domestic pets (dogs, cats, horses, etc.) must be properly confined, leashed (10-foot maximum), or haltered and under owner control at all times.
- Littering or dumping of garbage, refuse, sewage, debris, or other wastes or poisons is prohibited.
- The use of a spotlight, automotive headlight, or other artificial light to spot, observe, locate, or take any animal is prohibited.
- Taking, possessing, injuring, disturbing, damaging, destroying, or collecting any plant or animal (or attempting these actions) is prohibited, unless allowed by permit.

- Destroying, defacing, damaging, disturbing, or removing any private or public property, including any natural object or artifact, is prohibited. The use or possession of metal detectors or similar devices is prohibited.
- Disturbing, molesting, or interfering with any person engaged in an authorized activity is prohibited. Engaging in any act of indecency or disorderly conduct (as defined by State or local laws) is prohibited.
- Entering or remaining on the Refuge when under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance is prohibited.
- Begging or soliciting in any form or conducting a commercial enterprise on the Refuge is prohibited, unless allowed by permit.
- Refuge visitors are reminded that the Wildlife Drive (see map) is adjacent to several hunting areas. Please be aware that hunting is allowed during specific seasons, and be cautious and courteous when visiting areas shared with other refuge users.

- Motorized vehicles are allowed only on designated roads. Operating any vehicle or boat that does not bear valid license plates or identification numbers and that is not properly lighted, certified, registered, or inspected according to State laws is prohibited. ATVs (3-wheelers, 4-wheelers, dirt bikes, etc.) and non-registered UTVs are prohibited.
- Refuge roads closed to motorized vehicles are open for walking and bicycle riding, unless posted as closed to all entry. Horseback riding is allowed only on roads open to motorized vehicles. Groups of 6 or more horses must have a Refuge Special Use Permit.
- Stopping or parking a vehicle (either attended or unattended) on a road, trail, or firelane such that it blocks gate access or the free movement of other vehicles is prohibited.

Hunting/Trapping/Fishing/Weapons

- Taking or possessing of bear, turkey, bobcat, any furbearer, or any part thereof, is prohibited, except when transporting same along an NC State road or U.S. highway. Game legally taken on the Dare Range must be transported to U.S. Highway 264 or 64 by the most direct route possible.
- Carrying, possessing, or discharging fireworks or explosives is prohibited.
- Firearms may be discharged only by persons engaged in public hunting.
- Possession of firearms is permitted in accordance with State law.
- Hunting and fishing are subject to State and local regulations, seasons, and bag limits. A Refuge permit is required for hunting. Please refer to the most recent refuge hunt brochure, available online or at refuge visitor center.

Vehicles/Roads/Trails

- The speed limit on all Refuge roads, unless otherwise posted, is 35 miles per hour. State traffic laws that govern the use and operation of vehicles apply on the Refuge.



Coastal North Carolina National Wildlife Refuges Visitor Center (open 9-4 daily, except 12-4 on Sundays)

Detailed Map of Walking, Driving, and Paddling Trails on Back



- Refuge property
- Refuge property - farm fields (access changes seasonally - see Refuge hunt brochure for specific details)
- Refuge property (public access is by water only, roads leading to this section are private and closed to the public)
- Private property
- Wildlife trails
- Murphy Peterson Wildlife Drive (auto tour route)
- Refuge roads (open to the public and motorized vehicles)
- Refuge roads (closed to all motorized vehicles)
- Refuge roads (seasonally open to the public)
- Public or private roads (open to the public as indicated by signs)
- State roads or U.S. Highways



NC Wildlife Resources Commission Boat Ramp

Refuge Roads

- Please use good judgement and caution when driving on any refuge road. Please drive carefully to avoid wildlife.
- Refuge roads, including the Murphy Peterson Wildlife Drive, are unpaved.
- Roads may become impassable at certain times, even for 4-wheel drive vehicles.
- Refuge roads closed to motorized vehicles are open for walking and bicycle riding, unless posted as closed to all entry.
- Only roads open to motorized vehicles are open for horseback riding. Groups of more than 6 horses riding together must have a Refuge Special Use Permit.
- Unless otherwise posted, the speed limit on all refuge roads is 35 mph.
- Refuge is open only during daylight hours, half an hour before sunrise to half an hour after sunset.
- Refuge roads may connect to those on non-refuge lands, such as the Dare County Bombing Range. The refuge does not control access or road conditions off-refuge.
- Red wolves roam free on Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge. Please report sightings to 252-475-8259. The maximum penalty for harassing, harming, taking, possessing, or attempting to harass, harm, or take a red wolf is 1 year in jail, \$100,000 fine, or both.

To Columbia, 15 miles

To Engelhard 4.2 miles

Dare County Bombing Range (roads may be temporarily closed because of military aircraft use of the range)

Tyrrell Dare County

Gum Neck Landing

Grapevine Landing

The Frying Pan