

Trempealeau

National Wildlife Refuge Public Use Brochure and Map



Welcome

Trempealeau NWR was established by Executive Order in 1936, by President Franklin D. Roosevelt as a refuge and breeding ground for migratory birds and other wildlife. The refuge is nestled along the eastern edge of the mighty Mississippi River. Prairie oak savannas, marshlands and bottomland hardwood forests on refuge lands provide stop over habitat for birds during their migration journey. Visitors enjoy hiking, biking, photography, wildlife observation, fishing, hunting, environmental education and more!

Public Use Regulations

Refuge Lands

- The Refuge is open during daylight hours only.
- Certain portions of the refuge are closed to entry at all times.

Boating



Boats with electric motor and hand-powered craft on refuge pools are allowed. We do not prohibit the possession, but rather the use of other watercraft motors.

Bicycling



Bicycles are allowed on roads and trails established specifically for bicycle and foot traffic.

Electric Bicycles

Visitors may use e-bicycles equipped with a motor to provide assistance to the rider and may reach but not exceed 28 mph.

Collecting Wild Foods



Collecting mushrooms, nuts and berries for personal use is allowed.

Domestic Animals and Others



Dogs and other pets must remain on a leash and under control to prevent disturbing wildlife or visitors. Pet owners are responsible for disposing of their pet's waste.

Fishing



Wisconsin inland waters fishing regulations apply and other refuge specific regulations. Refer to the prohibited section.

- Fishing is only allowed from legal sunrise to sunset.

Hunting



There are two Hunting Zones on Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge, the North Zone and the South Zone.

South Zone: On Refuge land south of the main channel of the Trempealeau River and south of State Highway 35/54, a Refuge Permit is required for all hunting activities. Additional special conditions apply for permitted hunting in the South Zone.

North Zone: On Refuge land north of the main channel of the Trempealeau River and north of State Highway 35/54, refuge land is open to public hunting and a Refuge Permit is not required for hunting activities.

Parking



Parking should occur in designated parking areas.

Vehicles



Vehicles must remain on designated roadways.

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.)

Prohibited

By law, recreational activities on national wildlife refuges are prohibited unless expressly permitted.

- The possession of firearms in Federal buildings.
- Natural items such as antlers, plants, historic, and archaeological features, are protected by Federal law. Searching for or removal of any natural items such as these is prohibited.
- Horses and horseback riding.
- Camping and fires (Camping is available at Perrot State Park and other nearby areas.)
- Turtle harvest.
- Night-lighting, archery, spearing, or netting of fish.
- Off-road vehicles: Snowmobiles, trail bikes (motorized dirt bikes/non-electric) and all-terrain vehicles on any portion of the refuge.
- Access to Trempealeau Mountain from Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge is prohibited.

Hiking Trails



Trails are open year-round, and trails marked with (*) may or may not have winter snow removal, trails are not groomed. Trails are subject to high water events and are closed during flooding.

Delta Point*

Distance: 2 mi.
Surface: Gravel
Difficulty: Easy
Location: Located off the Marshland Road

Kiep's Island Dike*

Distance: 0.7 mi.
Surface: Gravel
Difficulty: Easy
Location: Trailhead located at the Kiep's Island Boat Landing.

Lower Diversion Dike

Distance: 2 mi.
Surface: Gravel
Difficulty: Easy
Location: East border of the refuge

Marshland Road

Distance: 1.2 mi.
Surface: Gravel
Difficulty: Easy
Location: Trailhead starts at the Marshland Access Parking Area located off Hwy 35/54.

Oxbow Dike*

Distance: 0.65 mi.
Surface: Gravel
Difficulty: Easy
Location: Located at River Bottoms off of Hwy 35/54 East of Bluff Siding, Wisconsin

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Trempealeau, WI 54661

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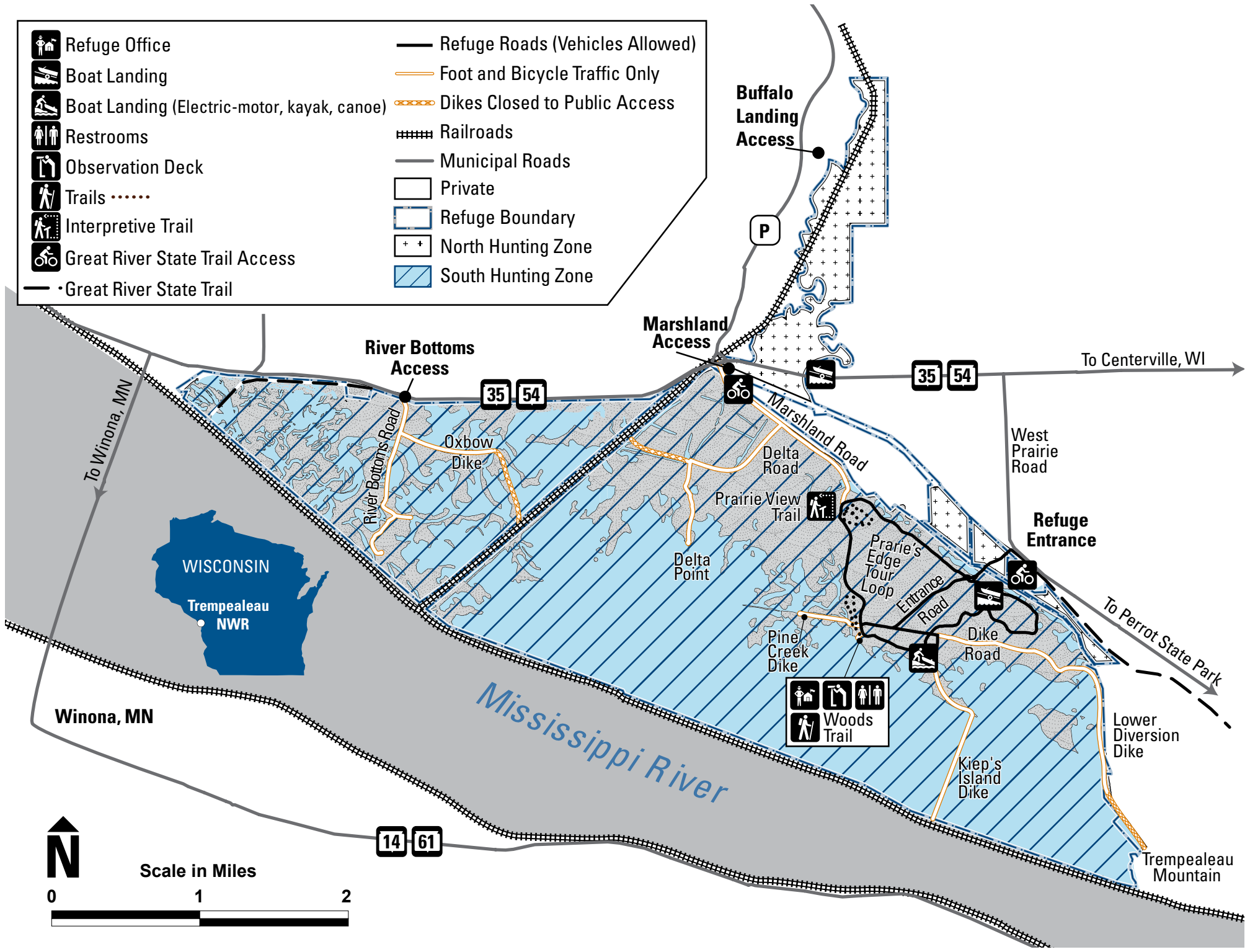
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	Refuge Office		Refuge Roads (Vehicles Allowed)
	Boat Landing		Foot and Bicycle Traffic Only
	Boat Landing (Electric-motor, kayak, canoe)		Dikes Closed to Public Access
	Restrooms		Railroads
	Observation Deck		Municipal Roads
	Trails		Private
	Interpretive Trail		Refuge Boundary
	Great River State Trail Access		North Hunting Zone
	Great River State Trail		South Hunting Zone



- Pine Creek Dike**
 Distance: 0.5 mi.
 Surface: Gravel and Natural
 Difficulty: Easy
 Trail Width: 7 ft.
 Average Slope: 1%
 Average Cross Slope: 3%
 Location: Trailhead is located next to visitor contact station
- Prairie View Trail**
 Distance: 0.5 mi.
 Surface: Gravel
 Difficulty: Easy
 Trail Width: 3 ft.
 Average Slope: 2%
 Average Cross Slope: 2%
 Location: Parking area off westside of auto tour loop
- River Bottoms Road ***
 Distance: 1.2 mi.
 Surface: Gravel
 Difficulty: Easy
 Location: Located off of Hwy 35/54 East of Bluff Siding, Wisconsin
- Woods Trail**
 Distance: 0.6 mi.
 Surface: Natural and Gravel
 Difficulty: Easy
 Trail Width: 8 ft.
 Average Slope: 3%
 Average Cross Slope: 3%
 Location: Trailhead is located next to visitor contact station
- Prairie's Edge Tour Loop**
 Distance: 4 miles
 Self-guided auto tour loop will take you through three major plant communities on the refuge sand prairie, backwater marsh and hardwood forest.

