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Fire Restrictions in Effect



Fire restrictions start July 14, 2023, in Southern Nevada. While fire restrictions are in effect, fires are not allowed anywhere on the Desert National Wildlife Refuge outside of the Desert Pass Campground. Use of the fire rings at the Desert Pass campground is required while restrictions are in force. No rock rings or ground fires are allowed. You can find more information about current fire restrictions in Southern Nevada at www.nevadafireinfo.org/restrictions.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service manages an unparalleled network of public lands and waters called the National Wildlife Refuge System. With more than 560 refuges spanning the country, this system protects iconic species and provides some of the best wildlife viewing opportunities on Earth.

What We Do



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Our Services

Each unit of the Refuge System — whether it is a wildlife refuge, a marine national monument, a conservation area or a waterfowl production area — is established to serve a statutory purpose that targets the conservation of native species dependent on its lands and water. All activities on those acres are reviewed for compatibility with this statutory purpose.

The Refuge System deploys a host of scientifically sound management tools to address biological challenges. These tools, which range from active water management to wilderness character monitoring, all are aimed at ensuring a balanced conservation approach that enables wildlife and people to thrive.

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Through partnerships, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service leads the way in developing community-driven conservation solutions that reap ecological and economic benefits for fish, wildlife and people. Within the Refuge System, we work with landowners, Friends groups and local communities.

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Recreation

Up the Poop Night

National Elk Refuge is offering a themed event at Teton County Park, Jackson branch on Friday, July 20th at 6pm in the Grand Teton Auditorium focusing on responsible recreation with pets. The focus for the evening will be on waste, which let's be honest, is a problem in Jackson...

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Land Management

Seeking Public Comment at Bill Williams River

Bill Williams River National Wildlife Refuge is requesting public comment on nine Compatibility Determinations, including the proposed uses: wildlife observation and photography, fishing, boating, research, environmental education and interpretation, picnicking, bicycling, and rights-of-way (2).

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Our Services

The National Wildlife Refuge System offers services to recreational visitors, neighboring private landowners and local communities.



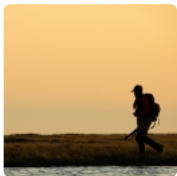
Grassland Easements

In the United States, the Prairie Pothole Region is located within the northern Great Plains in parts of Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota. Characterized by thousands of shallow, glacially formed wetlands known as potholes, the Prairie Pothole Region provides habitat for...



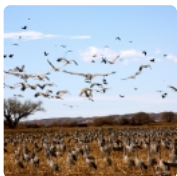
Federal Recreation Passes

Some 30 national wildlife refuges charge visitors a nominal entrance fee (generally \$3-\$5 daily) to cover road and facility maintenance. If you are a regular visitor or would like to visit other public lands, you could save by buying an America the Beautiful Federal...



Apply for a Special Use Permit on National Wildlife Refuges

Some commercial, recreational and research activities are allowed on national wildlife refuges only with a special use permit issued by the local office, and are subject to specific conditions and fees. This permit requirement is meant to ensure that all activities at the federal site are...



Cooperative Agriculture

Cooperative agriculture — partnering with farmers and ranchers to meet wildlife management objectives — is a long-standing practice on national wildlife refuges (50 CFR 29.2). Cooperative agreements between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and farmers or ranchers may permit grazing by cattle...



National Wildlife Refuge System GIS Data and Mapping Tools

The National Wildlife Refuge System provides a variety of geospatial web tools for researchers, cartographers, partners, recreational visitors and others who want to incorporate our authoritative data layers into their map products or spatial analyses. Each layer includes metadata...



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The Every Kid Outdoors program allows 4th-graders to see America's natural wonders and historic sites for free.

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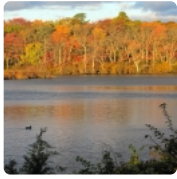


Public Lands and Waters

The National Wildlife Refuge System protects some of the country's most iconic ecosystems and the fish and wildlife that rely on them: prairies of the heartland, teeming with native pollinators and bison; hardwood forests of the Southeast, a source of regional and cultural pride; and desert...

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Seasons of Wildlife

Because wildlife behavior and plant characteristics change with the seasons, time of year is important when planning a visit to a national wildlife refuge. Learn about those seasonal variations and how best to enjoy them at wildlife refuges.

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