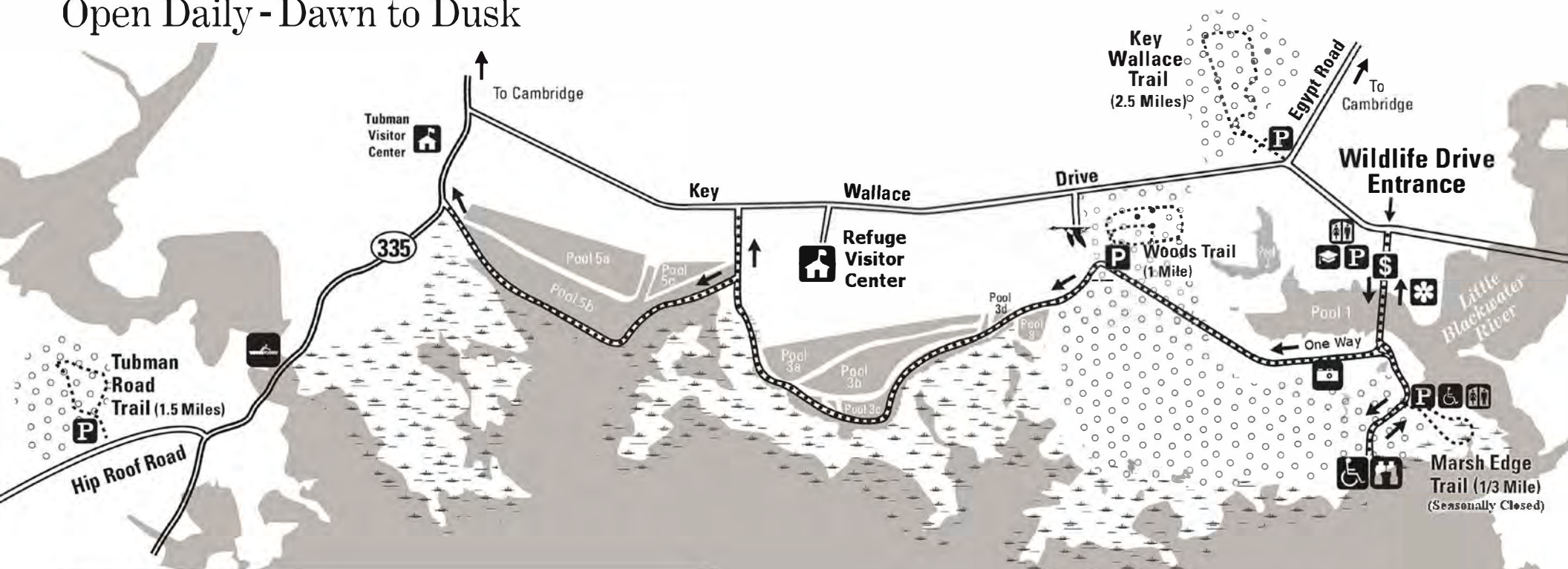


Wildlife Drive Map

Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge

Open Daily - Dawn to Dusk



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|  | Visitor Center |  | Parking Area |
|  | Auto Drive and Bike Trail |  | Accessible Area |
|  | Walking Trail |  | Observation Platform |
|  | Wooded Area |  | Pollinator Sanctuary |
|  | Marsh |  | Refuge Headquarters |
|  | Restroom |  | Soft Launch |
|  | Education Building |  | Photo Blind |
|  | Self Service Pay Station | | |

Do not block the flow of traffic. If stopping for extended periods of time, please use designated pull-offs.

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Welcome

Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1933 as a refuge for migratory birds, primarily ducks and geese. The refuge includes more than 32,000 acres of tidal marsh, mixed pine/hardwood forests, managed freshwater wetlands, and croplands. It serves as an important resting and feeding area for migratory waterfowl and is one of the chief wintering areas for Canada geese using the Atlantic flyway. The refuge supports large populations of two formerly endangered species, the Delmarva Peninsula fox squirrel and the bald eagle.

To protect this haven we ask that you follow these regulations:

General visitor activities:

- A daily permit is required for all visitors to the Wildlife Drive.

Private Vehicle - \$3.00
Pedestrian, Bicyclist - \$1.00
Federal Duck Stamp or federal pass holder - Free
Commercial Van or Bus:
Less than 20 passengers - \$50.00
20 or more passengers - \$100.00

All Wildlife Drive visitors should fill out an envelope at the self-service kiosk and keep the tear-off permit during the duration of their visit.

- The Wildlife Drive and associated facilities, walking trails, and paddling trails are open daily dawn to dusk. Walking and biking on the wildlife drive is permitted. Visitors must remain on designated trails and roads.
- Please obey all signs and do not feed or harass the wildlife.
- Pets are prohibited on the refuge, but are allowed inside vehicles on the Wildlife Drive.
- Camping is not permitted on the refuge.

Boating, fishing:

- Boating is permitted in refuge waters dawn to dusk. From October 1 to March 31, waters between Route 335 and Maple Dam Road are closed to prevent disturbance to wildlife. Consult the refuge Visitor Center or web site for more information on seasonally closed waters.

- Fishing and crabbing are restricted to boats and the Key Wallace Drive causeway across the Little Blackwater River. No fishing or crabbing is permitted along any other refuge shoreline or the Wildlife Drive.

- Canoes, kayaks and small boats can be launched at the Route 335 Bridge soft launch and the launch adjacent to the Little Blackwater River Bridge on Key Wallace Drive. County public boat launches are located on Egypt Road, Smithville Road, and at Shorters Wharf.

- Airboat use is not permitted.

Safety:

- April through October, poison ivy is common along the trails. Remember the saying "leaves of three, let it be".
- Biting insects and ticks are abundant from mid-April through mid-October. Protective clothing and insect repellent are recommended. You should check yourself carefully for ticks at the conclusion of your visit.

Visitor Center:

For more information please contact or stop by the Refuge Visitor Center. The Visitor Center is open Tuesday through Sunday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm; closed Mondays and federal holidays.

Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge is one of more than 560 refuges in the National Wildlife Refuge System administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, a federal agency. The National Wildlife Refuge System is a network of lands and waters managed specifically for the protection of wildlife and wildlife habitat for the continuing benefit of the American people. It represents the most comprehensive wildlife resource management program in the world.

The Service also manages national fish hatcheries and provides federal leadership in habitat protection, fish and wildlife research, technical assistance and the conservation and protection of migratory birds, certain marine mammals and threatened and endangered species.

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