

TRAIL MAP



Trustom Pond National Wildlife Refuge

Welcome to Trustom Pond National Wildlife Refuge! This refuge is one of five national wildlife refuges in the State. In 1974, Mrs. Ann Kenyon Morse donated the first 365 acres to the refuge. Today, the refuge includes 787 acres of various wildlife habitats including fields, shrublands, woodlands, saltwater ponds and sandy beaches. Approximately 300 bird species, more than 40 mammals and 20 species of reptiles and amphibians call Trustom their home. Trustom Pond is the only undeveloped salt pond in the State, making it even more valuable to wildlife.

Hiking Trails

Otter Point Trail

This ½ mile gently winds through grasslands and upland forest to a wildlife viewing platform overlooking the pond.

Osprey Point Trail

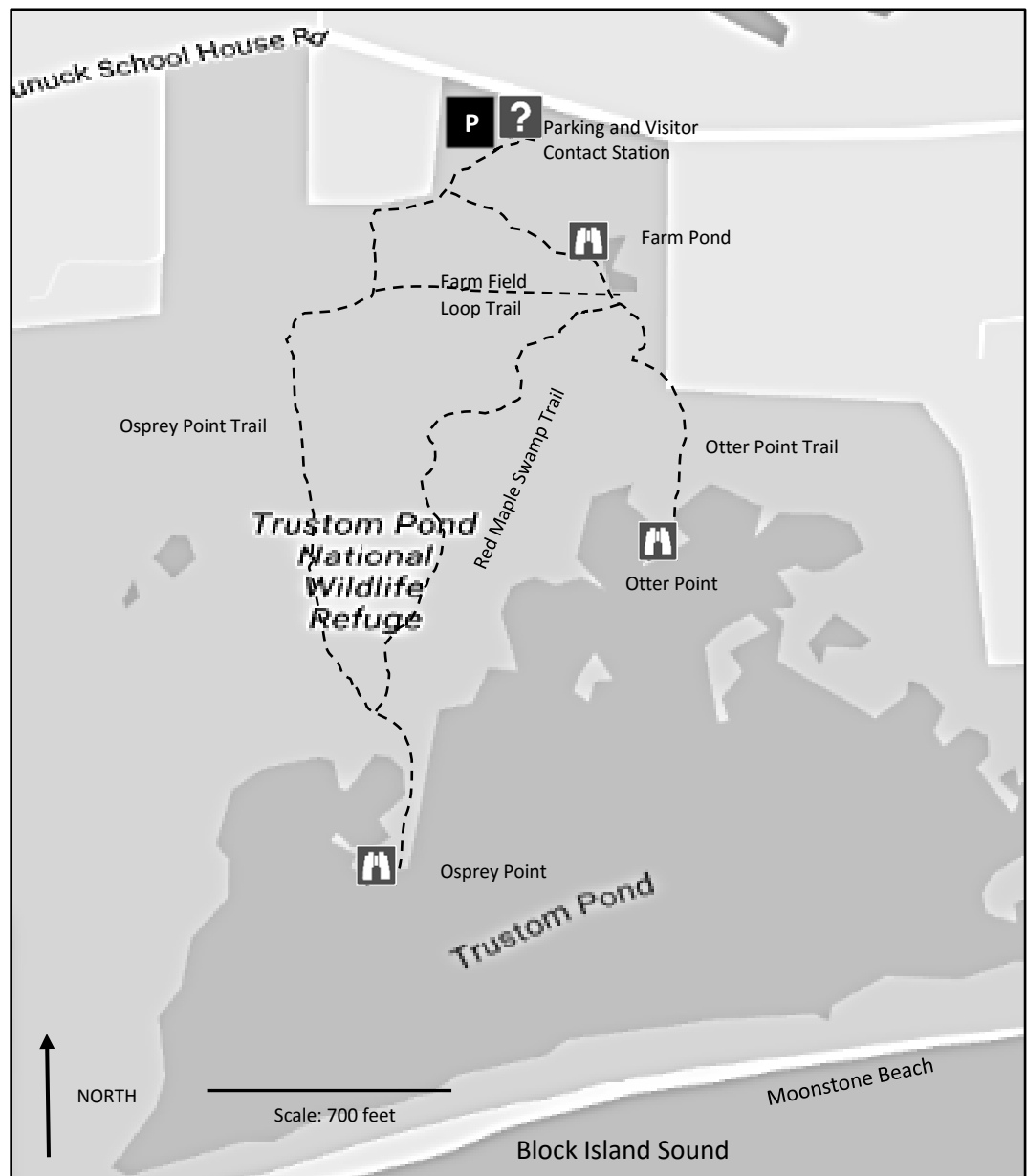
Enjoy this 1.3 mile long gentle trail which will bring you through grasslands and upland forest to the shore of Trustom Pond and a wildlife viewing platform.

Red Maple Swamp Trail

This ½ mile trail winds through a variety of habitats including a red maple swamp, grasslands and shrublands. An old windmill can be found along the trail.

Farm Field Loop Trail

This short 1/10 mile trail allows you to make a loop around the farm field. The field is filled with dragonflies during their migration. Take advantage of the two platforms overlooking the farm pond, and watch for snapping turtles laying eggs in late spring.



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The National Wildlife Refuge System

The National Wildlife Refuges in Rhode Island are part of a national system of lands and waters administered by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. The Refuge System is a network of lands and waters managed specifically for the protection of wildlife and wildlife habitat. It represents the most comprehensive wildlife management program in the world.

Public Use at the Refuge

Wildlife comes first on the national wildlife refuges. All human activities must be compatible with the needs of wildlife. Six priority public uses are encouraged when they do not interfere with the individual refuge's mission. These are: hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, environmental education, and interpretation.

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The refuge provides visitors with excellent opportunities for bird watching, hiking, photography and environmental education. Together with volunteers and Friends of the National Wildlife Refuges of Rhode Island, refuge staff manage these habitats, lead guided walks, and conduct environmental education classes.

Hours of Operation

Refuge trails are open sunrise to sunset



Your Cooperation is Appreciated

To protect the refuge's wildlife and habitats, please comply with the following:

- Stay on designated trails, no jogging allowed.
- There are no picnic areas or campsites on the refuge. Fires are not allowed.
- Dogs, horses and other pets are not permitted. Pets are not allowed on National Wildlife Refuges because they alter the natural behaviors of wildlife.
- Bicycles and roller blades are not permitted.
- Kite flying is not permitted. During bird nesting season, kites resemble larger birds that could prey on young chicks. This can frighten adult birds potentially causing them to abandon their nests.
- The disturbance, destruction, or removal of wildlife, vegetation, and facilities are prohibited.
- Please keep the refuge clean. Take your trash home with you.

Additional regulations may be in effect. Please contact the Refuge Headquarters for more information.

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