

If you travel much in the wilder sections of our country, sooner or later you are likely to meet the sign of the flying goose—the emblem of the national wildlife refuges.



Wherever you meet this sign, respect it. It means that the land behind the sign has been dedicated by the American people to preserving, for themselves and their children, as much of our native wildlife as can be retained along with our modern civilization.

*—Rachel Carson
from "Conservation in Action"*



For additional information on the Federal Lands Highway Program, visit the web site at <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/fh/>.



For further information on Byways, visit the America's Byways web site at <http://www.byways.org>.



For further information on refuges, go to the National Wildlife Refuge System web site at <http://refuges.fws.gov>.



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Byways to America's Wildest Places

*Discover Your
National Wildlife Refuges*



Follow America's Byways™ into the heart of remarkable landscapes to see national wildlife refuges (NWR). Catch a firsthand glimpse of soaring bald eagles, herds of bison, and snoozing alligators. Travelers can find a refuge within an hour's drive of most major cities and along many of America's Byways. We invite you to visit and have a wild experience.

Right: Walk the Centennial Trail at Pelican Island, on the Indian River Lagoon National Scenic Byway in Florida, to view the birds on the nation's first refuge.



Above: Volunteers interpret the unique birds and geology of Haystack Rock, at Cannon Beach, Oregon, part of the Oregon Islands NWR, along the Pacific Coast All-American Road, to thousands of visitors annually.

America's Byways™ provide opportunities to experience the beauty, history, and natural heritage of our country. The mission and goals of the National Scenic Byways Program are consistent with those of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Byways and Refuge System programs help protect the integrity and diversity of natural areas, as well as benefiting communities economically. The Fish and Wildlife Service supports well-planned, sustainable economic development by providing travelers with opportunities to experience our natural world first-hand.



Above: Wild geese fill the winter sky at the Lower Klamath Refuge on the Volcanic Legacy All-American Road in California and Oregon.



Left: Kayakers explore the marshes near the Eastern Neck Refuge along the Chesapeake Country National Scenic Byway in Maryland.



Below left: The paddlewheeler Bertand sank in 1865 in the Missouri River. Its cargo is now on display at Desoto NWR, just off the Loess Hills National Scenic Byway in western Iowa.



Above: Bosque del Apache Refuge, along the El Camino Real National Scenic Byway in New Mexico, offers world class birding, in addition to its annual Crane Festival each November.

Right: The chance to see alligators at Sabine and Cameron Prairie NWRs, along the Creole Nature Trail All-American Road in southwest Louisiana, lures visitors off the Interstate 10.



Below right: Refuges offer varied wildlife-dependent recreational activities in scenic, natural settings like this marked canoe trail at Upper Klamath NWR along the Volcanic Legacy All-American Road in southern Oregon, one of the prime birding spots in North America.



Above: Missisquoi NWR, in Vermont, along the Locks to Lakes Passage All-American Road corridor, welcomes visitors in all seasons.

National wildlife refuges contribute to the intrinsic qualities that qualify a road as one of America's Byways: a National Scenic Byway or an All-American Road. Local residents and visitors benefit from national wildlife refuges being included in Byway corridor management plans and projects.

The Fish and Wildlife Service seeks to work closely with local community groups on initial byway designations, as well as proposals to elevate byways to National Scenic Byway or All-American Road status.

Refuges have resources available to contribute to the preparation of the documents required for State, National, or All-American Road designation.