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Welcome to Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge

Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge is located in Idaho's Panhandle only 20 miles from Canada. The refuge is in Boundary County, near Bonners Ferry, where it is bounded by Deep Creek and Kootenai River on the east side and the Selkirk Mountains on the west side.

When to visit

The refuge is open to visitors daily during daylight hours only. Office hours are weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

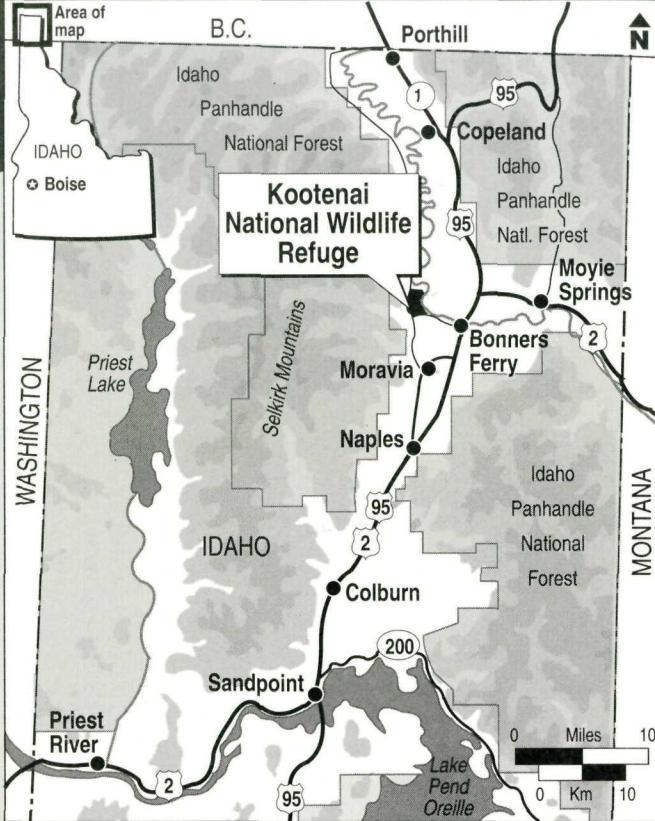
Wetlands preserved through duck stamp proceeds

Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge is one of a system of refuges administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and is dedicated to the preservation and conservation of wildlife. The financial base for this system was established in 1934 through the passage of the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act.

This Act requires every waterfowl hunter over age 16 to purchase and carry an annual Federal Duck Stamp. Proceeds from Duck

Stamps have contributed to preserving roughly 4 million acres of wetland habitat which sustain many species of plants and animals.

Nesting box used by ducks and many other birds



GENERAL INFORMATION



Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge

Come and visit

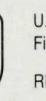
You can reach the refuge by taking Riverside Road, on the south bank of the Kootenai River, at Bonners Ferry. Drive west for 5 miles to the refuge entrance. The office is 2 miles beyond the entrance. Drive with caution! The county roads are narrow and used by logging trucks.

For Further Information Contact:

Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge

HCR 60, Box 283
Bonners Ferry, Idaho 83805
Telephone: (208) 267-3888 Fax: (208) 267-5570

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Activities at the refuge



Wildlife Observation and Photography

A total of 230 bird species and 45 mammal species have been observed on the refuge. See the refuge wildlife leaflet for a list of animals you might see.



Auto Tour Road

This 4½-mile one-way tour begins at the refuge office and exits on the county road near the mouth of Deep Creek. The Auto Tour Road is open year round, weather permitting, except during the waterfowl hunting season, in the fall months, when it is only open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.



Vehicles and Parking

Visitors may drive on county roads and the refuge Auto Tour Road. Parking is allowed in designated parking areas only and vehicles are not permitted off roads or on dike trails. Only vehicles registered for highway use are permitted on the refuge.



Foot Travel

Several foot trails provide views of wildlife habitats and access to observation points and photo blinds. Visitors should remain on designated trails, county roads and the Auto Tour Road. Some trails are open year round, while others are closed periodically.

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Open year round

Cottonwood Trail
Moose Overlook Photoblind

Myrtle Falls Trail

Chickadee Trail

Forest Trails

Island Pond Overlook

Area west of Westside Road

Open except on waterfowl hunting days during the fall

Auto Tour Road

Myrtle Pond Photoblind

Island Pond Trail

Deep Creek Trail

South Pond Photoblind

Waterfowl hunting area during the hunting season

On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, wildlife viewing and photography is allowed. On Saturdays, Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, waterfowl hunting is permitted.



Persons with Disabilities

The Chickadee Trail, Moose Overlook Photoblind, and refuge headquarters are all wheelchair accessible. Visitors are also encouraged to drive the Auto Tour Road.



Hunting and Fishing

Sport fishing and hunting of certain species are permitted in designated areas. A separate information leaflet is available showing open areas and regulations.



Weapons are permitted in designated hunting areas during hunting seasons. At other times, weapons may be transported through the refuge in vehicles if they are unloaded and cased, or dismantled.



Pets are allowed if on a leash April 1 through August 15, and under close control during the rest of the year (within 10 yards of owner).



Prohibited Activities

Sorry, but all activities not listed above are prohibited. Examples include removal of animals or plants without special permits, camping, fires, swimming, wading, horseback riding, fruit picking, and firewood gathering.



Conveniences
Food, gasoline, and motels are available in Bonners Ferry.



Information
The U.S. Forest Service manages the nearby Panhandle National Forest. Public campgrounds are available north of Bonners Ferry. A detailed map may be purchased for \$2 from:

Bonners Ferry Ranger District
Route 4 Box 4860
Bonners Ferry, Idaho 83805
Telephone: (208) 267-5561

