



Location

Kettle Pond Visitor Center is located at 50 Bend Road, directly off Route 1 in Charlestown, Rhode Island. For additional directions and information visit: www.friendsNWR-RI.org

Hours – Open Daily

10:00am to 4:00pm, Monday - Sunday
Special events and meetings can be accommodated outside these hours with advance notice. Trails are open daily, from sunrise to sunset.

Free Admission

However, donations may be made to the Friends of the National Wildlife Refuges of RI.

School Groups

School visits encouraged, please schedule in advance. Teacher information packets with engaging lesson plans, designed to meet state science standards, are available upon request.

For More Information

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*“Connecting People
With Nature”*

National Wildlife Refuges
Of Rhode Island



EXPLORE

the life-like habitat dioramas and engaging and fun discovery drawers. Get an up-close view of the plants and animals that call Rhode Island's National Wildlife Refuges their home.



Exhibits

Step into our world and discover the many species that are all around you. Find out what the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service is doing to protect

wildlife and their habitat.

LEARN

from a variety of lesson plans designed to engage young scientists to explore and protect Rhode Island's coastal habitats.



Wildlife Recovery

Get to know the piping plover and find out where its name comes from. Discover what efforts are being made to ensure the survival of this

threatened shorebird.

VISIT

this multi-faceted education facility, located in Charlestown, Rhode Island, and join the many visitors who have experienced the diversity of wildlife and its habitats.



Large Classroom

A large, open classroom can accommodate your needs for educational field trips, meetings, retreats, and "conservation parties."

Discovery Station

Learn how kettle ponds were formed and what lives there. See the curious nine-spine sticklebacks looking back at you. The pond's tiny secrets are revealed through microscopes.



Habitat Diversity

Study six diverse habitats found on refuge lands: upland forests, salt ponds, coastal shrublands, barrier beaches, saltmarshes, and rocky shores.



Nature Trails

Look for plants and wildlife in an upland forest on a glacial moraine. Visit the vernal pool and listen to the chorus of the wood frogs in spring.



Migratory Bird Map

Many national wildlife refuges were established along ancestral flyways. Learn how Teddy Roosevelt founded the first refuge in 1903.



Habitat Management

Find out how refuge staff and partners manage lands for wildlife habitat. See how you can help as a volunteer.



Nature Store

The gift shop features a variety of nature books, maps, gifts, and educational materials. Your purchases help support refuges in Rhode Island.