



The "Blue Goose" symbolizes the National Wildlife Refuge System, a network of over 550 refuges protected and managed for wildlife, habitat, and people.

Welcome to Sherburne
Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1965 to help protect and restore the habitats in the St. Francis River Valley for migratory birds and other wildlife. Today this 30,700 acre refuge encompasses wetland, oak savanna, and prairie opening habitats which are home to an astounding array of wildlife. Recreation is encouraged where it is compatible with wildlife and the land. The refuge is open to visitors during daylight hours within the guidelines listed in this leaflet.

Prairie's Edge Wildlife Drive



The Prairie's Edge Wildlife Drive is located 1.2 miles north of Orrock on Sherburne County Road 5. The drive is open to vehicles late April through October. During the State firearms-deer season in November, it is open only to foot travel. It then closes to all entry on January 1, or earlier if snow accumulates. This auto tour route features four wildlife observation decks, and three short walking trails.

Hiking Trails



The refuge offers two scenic hiking trails, Mahnomen and Blue Hill, both located on County Road 9. The trails are for foot travel only. Bicycles and horses are not permitted. Pets must be on a leash at all times.

Open Hiking



Most refuge lands are open to hiking, cross country skiing, and snowshoeing from September 1 to February 28. The Brande Road is closed to all public entry during the firearms-deer season.

Hunting



Small game, waterfowl, and big game hunting is available on the refuge. For current regulations and a map showing open areas, consult the refuge hunting leaflet. Blinds for hunters with disabilities are available by reservation during waterfowl and firearms-deer season. A restricted spring turkey hunt may be available for disabled and youth hunters. Contact the refuge for details.

Berry Picking



The refuge is open to mushroom and berry picking, for personal consumption only, within 100 feet of trails or public right of ways.

Cross Country Skiing and Snowboarding



Two ungroomed trails are available on the refuge for cross country skiing. The Blue Hill Trail is open only to cross country skiing. The Mahnomen Trail is open to cross country skiing, snowshoeing, and hiking. Hikers and snowshoers are asked to be respectful of tracks set by skiers and hike to the side of the trail.

Fishing



All fishing, including ice fishing, is confined to the St. Francis River at access points identified on the map found in this leaflet. State regulations apply.

Canoeing



Canoeing is permitted only on Battle Brook south of Little Elk Lake and on the St. Francis River south of Battle Brook. Use is limited to daylight hours. Overnight camping and campfires are not permitted.

Bicycling



Bicycling is permitted on the Prairie's Edge Wildlife Drive and on County roads crossing the refuge. Hiking trails are closed to bicycling and no off-road travel is permitted. All traffic and directional signs must be obeyed. From September 1 to February 28 refuge service roads are open to bicycling.

Wildlife sanctuary



The majority of the refuge is designated a wildlife sanctuary and closed to all public access from March 1 to August 31 to allow wildlife to breed and raise their young free from human disturbance. During this time the only areas available for public use are the Wildlife Drive (after the eagles hatch in April), the hiking trails, the St. Francis River canoe route, and fishing access points.

Signs To Know



Refuge Boundary *No Hunting* *Closed to All entry*

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Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge Public Use Regulations & Map



General Refuge Regulations

- Public use of refuge lands and facilities is permitted during daylight hours only.
- Camping and overnight parking are not permitted.
- Horses, dog sleds, skijoring, snowmobiles, motorized trail bikes, and all other off-road vehicles are not permitted.

- Dogs and other pets must be on a leash at all times.
- Firearms and bows are not permitted in closed areas and no hunting zones. (see hunting leaflet)
- Dog training and target shooting are not permitted.
- All property brought to the refuge must be removed each day.

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