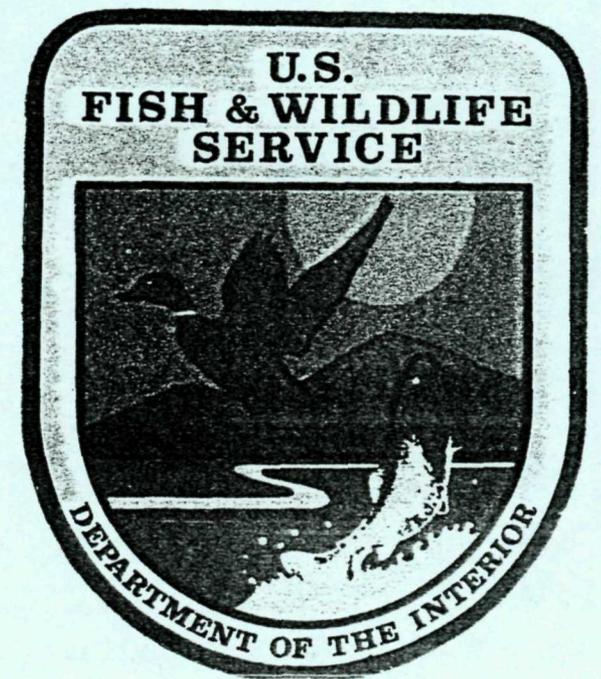
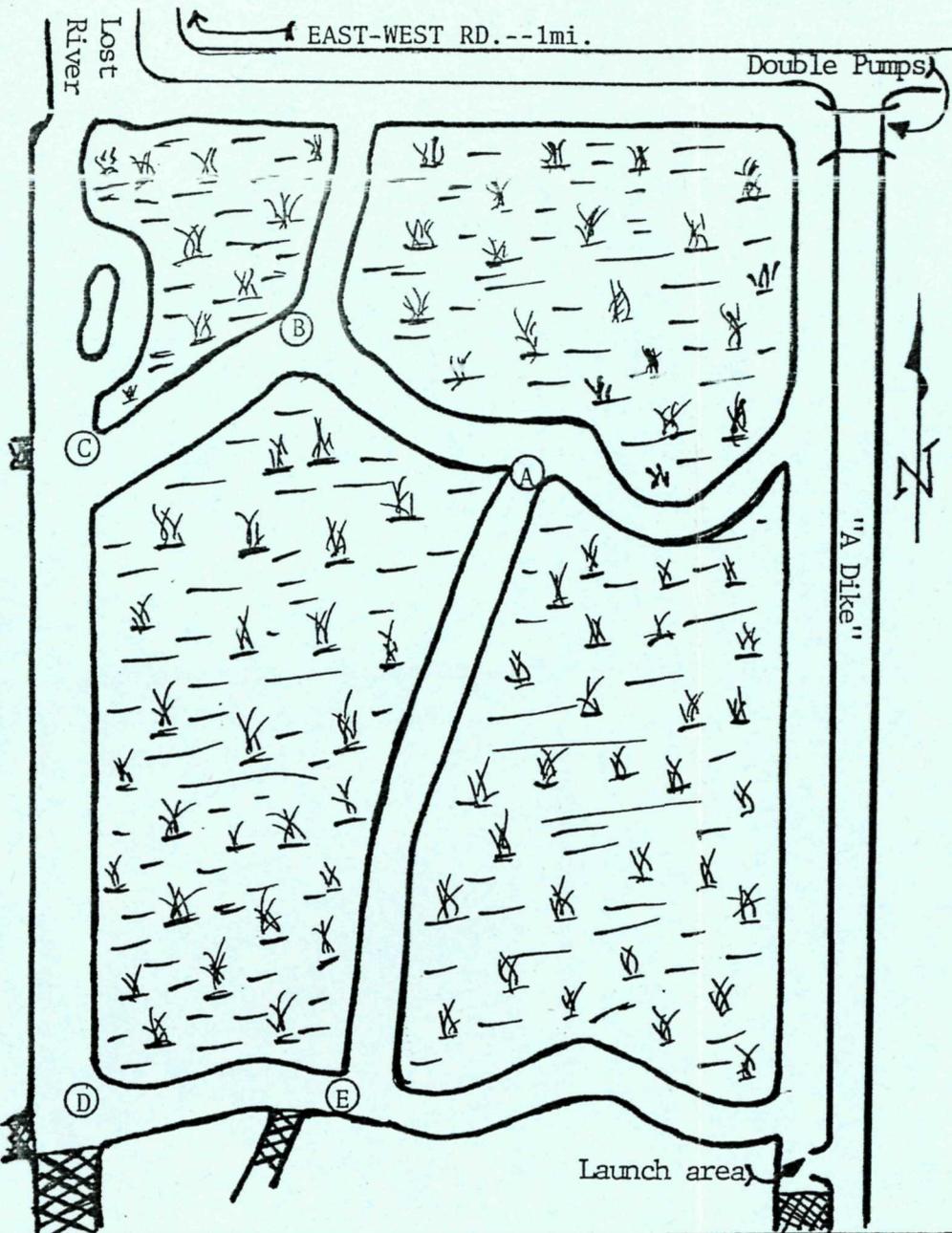


TULE LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

CANOE TRAIL





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The Tule Lake marsh is a sump...that is, there is no natural surface water outlet. In the early 1900's the Tule Lake basin included 85,000 acres of marsh and open water. Today 13,200 acres of marsh and open water remain as an irrigation source and return flow sump for agriculture and wildlife. Water levels are established by agreement with the Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Reclamation, and the Tulelake Irrigation District to preclude nest flooding in the spring, reduce avian botulism problems in the summer, and provide for winter drawdown for flood storage.

The 100 acre canoe area is part of a 2500 acre hardstem bull-rush/cattail marsh. Canoers paddle along recently dredged channels which improved water circulation and created open water areas in a silted and overgrown marsh. Spoil banks and islands provide nesting areas for waterfowl and other birds. Canoers may also see deer and other types of wildlife as they quietly paddle along the channels.

The canoe trail area may be closed at various times during the year due to fluctuating water levels and nesting wildlife. Generally, the trail is open for use from July through September. Please remember however, that the wildlife is the most important part of Tule Lake Refuge, and management requirements may cause the trail to be closed at times it would normally be open.

Contact refuge headquarters for information on trail opening and closing: 8:00am--4:30pm, Monday through Friday  
phone: 916/ 667-2231

Weekends/Holidays 8:00am - 4:00pm

\*\*\*Overnight camping is not permitted at any time\*\*\*

Canoe Trail Regulations: Trail open during daylight only

(A) Intersections

Outboard motors and fishing are not allowed  
Canoers must stay in the canoe, and in designated channels.

 Closed Channel:

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