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Valentine

National Wildlife Refuge



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Valentine National Wildlife Refuge spans 72,000 acres in the scenic Sandhills region of Nebraska. The Refuge was established in 1935 “as a breeding ground for migratory birds and other wildlife” when the need to protect this portion of the Sandhills was recognized. Numerous lakes and marshes in the valleys, and tall grasses on the hills and in the meadows, provide habitat for many kinds of wildlife. The Refuge is home to more than 270 species of birds, 41 species of mammals, 16 species of reptiles, and 6 species of amphibians.

Early morning and just before sunset are the best times to observe wildlife. Look for sharp-tailed grouse, upland sandpipers, and Western meadowlarks in the prairie grasses. Shorebirds and waterfowl can be seen as they migrate through during spring and fall. Some birds stay to nest and rear their young. White-tailed deer and other mammals can be spotted year-round, while reptiles and amphibians can be seen from spring through fall.

Enjoy wildlife observation along the nature trails at both the Marsh Lake and Civilian Conservation Corps Fire Tower overlooks. Watch for wildlife along the 10 mile Little Hay Road Wildlife Drive. Learn more about Refuge activities, including hunting and fishing, by visiting www.fws.gov/refuge/valentine.

Valentine National Wildlife Refuge is located 24 miles south of Valentine, NE, on U.S. Highway 83.

