



Note: Access to parking area is from northbound lane of parkway ONLY. Island open 8:00 a.m. till dark.

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Natural History of the Island
 Three major biological communities—swamp, marsh, and upland forest—provide a refuge for a variety of native plants and animals. The island is a wild vignette near the heart of metropolitan Washington, D. C.

Cattails, arrowarum, and pickerelweed in the marsh areas provide the habitat for marsh wrens, redwinged blackbirds, and kingfishers. Turtles, frogs, and muskrats abound in the waters below. Willow, ash, and maple trees root on the mudflats and create the swamp environment favored by the raccoon in his search for crayfish. The higher central spine of the island forms the upland forest with its characteristic elms, tulip trees, red maples, and oaks. Downy woodpeckers, chickadees, and wood thrushes share the treetops with gray squirrels, while cottontails and chipmunks find a haven on the forest floor below; red and gray foxes also have been known to inhabit the island.

The plants and animals, protected by law, may be observed in their natural environs on 2½ miles of foot trails.

About Your Visit
 The parking area is accessible from the northbound lanes of George Washington Memorial Parkway on the Virginia side of the Potomac. A pedestrian bridge connects the island to the Virginia shore. Bicycles are not permitted on the island. Telephone 202-426-6922 or 703-285-2598 for schedule of hours and services available. You do not need to use area codes if calling within the metropolitan area.

For Your Safety
 The memorial steps are unusually low and slanted. Be careful not to trip or fall while climbing the steps. They may be slippery when wet.

Administration
 Theodore Roosevelt Island is a part of the National Capital Region, which is administered by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. Inquiries should be addressed to Theodore Roosevelt Island, Turkey Run Park, George Washington Memorial Parkway, McLean, VA 22101.



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