

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Bombay Hook

National Wildlife Refuge



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Belted kingfisher - Julie Memmolo

About the refuge

Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge protects one of the largest remaining expanses of tidal salt marsh in the mid-Atlantic region. The refuge, located along the coast of Delaware, is mostly marsh, but also includes freshwater impoundments and upland habitats that are managed for other wildlife.

Bombay Hook NWR was established in 1937 as a link in the chain of refuges extending from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. It is primarily a refuge and breeding ground for migrating birds and other wildlife. The value and importance of Bombay Hook NWR for migratory bird protection and conservation has increased through the years, primarily due to the management of the refuge and the loss of high quality habitat along the Atlantic Flyway.

Directions

From **Dover** - Head north on Route 13 to Route 42, Fast Landing Road. Turn right (East) on Route 42 and follow it to Route 9 in Leipsic. Turn left (North) onto Route 9 and follow it for 2 miles to Whitehall Neck Road. Turn right onto Whitehall Neck Road and follow it to the refuge entrance.

From **Smyrna** - Follow Route 13 south to Road 12 (Smyrna-Leipsic Rd.). Turn left (East) and follow Road 12 for 5 miles. Continue for 0.25 miles after Road 12 merges with Route 9, then turn left onto Whitehall Neck Road and follow it to the refuge entrance.

