

JAMESTOWN

Historically a salty marsh, in dry seasons, salt was collected by Native Americans, early settlers, and herds of bison and other wildlife.

Of the 3,549 acres of public hunting available on the area, approximately 1,300 acres are wetlands. There are three large marshes located on the area. Gamekeeper Marsh is roughly 750 acres, Gun Club Marsh is 500 acres, and Puddler Marsh is 150 acres.

A 475-acre waterfowl refuge is located at the south end of Gun Club Marsh. The refuge is closed to

all activity from Oct. 1 through Mar. 1. There are six other small marshes constructed cooperatively with Ducks Unlimited. One-half of these small wetlands are annually drained and re-flooded to provide food and cover for wetland species.

The marshes are very shallow and have accumulated silt from the Marsh Creek watershed. Shallow water and nutrient-rich silt provide a perfect environment for extensive cattail growth. Properly managed cattails provide good wildlife habitat and play an important role in the management of the marshes.

There are varieties of other wildlife habitats on the area. Upland birds and small game species use weeds, crop fields, grasses, and shrubs while big game prefer the timbered areas.

Agricultural fields are planted on the area using only sustainable agriculture methods. Land is leased annually to farmers for a share of the crop. The department's share of fall crops are left standing. Revenues generated by managing croplands for wildlife are used to operate and maintain the area.

HUNTING

Non-toxic shot is required for all upland and migratory game bird hunting. Puddler Marsh is a special hunt area. All hunting and trapping, with the exception of mourning doves, is by special permit only. Special hunt applications are available through the Lovewell Area Office.

BIG GAME

White-tailed deer populations provide limited archery and firearms hunting.

WILDLIFE VIEWING

White-tailed deer, bald eagles, pheasants, quail, ducks, geese, shorebirds and other wetland wildlife are all visible during most of the year from all-weather roads. Marsh Creek, Muskrat Landing, and Gun Club Marsh are among the best areas for viewing wildlife. A Canada goose restoration flock has been started on the area. During early spring and through the summer months, geese nesting on top of muskrat houses can be observed.

MIGRATORY BIRDS

This area is located in the Central Flyway. Good numbers of both bluewing and greenwing teal can be found during the early teal season.

Rail and snipe migrate through the area, but hunting opportunity is limited. Peak months for waterfowl are September through January. Some 7,000 ducks and 2,500 geese use the area weekly. Puddle ducks are the most common species, but diving ducks do frequent the area. Several thousand geese, mostly Canada geese, spend a good portion of the winter here. Good numbers of snow and white-fronted geese frequently stop during migration.

Most waterfowl feed off the area on the surrounding private croplands. Permission must be obtained from landowners before hunting. In spring, the refuge gives birds a resting-place.

UPLAND GAME

Pheasant hunting opportunities are usually good to excellent. Bobwhite quail are scattered throughout the area also, for a mixed bag hunting experience.

SMALL GAME

Cottontail rabbits are abundant throughout the area and offer a mixed bag while on an upland bird hunt or an excellent late winter hunt.

CAMPING

Camping is limited to two designated areas, Marsh Creek and Gun Club. A pit toilet is available at the Gun Club area. Drinking water is not available on the area. No trash receptacles are provided on the wildlife area. Please take your trash with you.

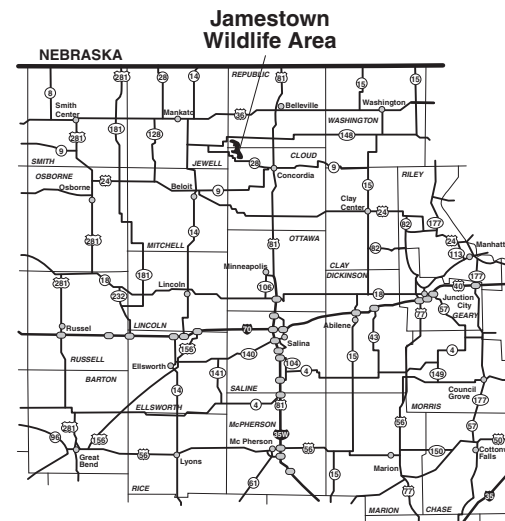
OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Numerous furbearers, primarily raccoon and muskrat, inhabit the area. Trapping is by permit only, from the Lovewell Area Office.

Jamestown's waters can provide bowfishing from late May through September.

Marsh Creek, North Dam, and Muskrat Landing are shallow landings for hunter access.

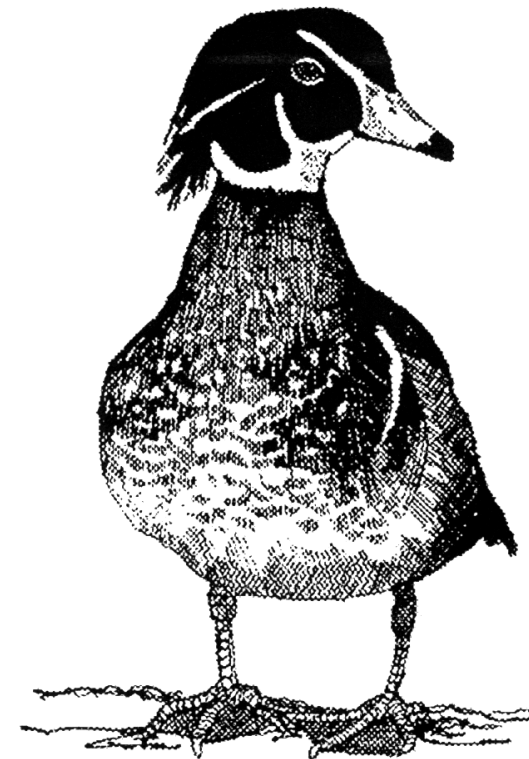
Hiking is permitted throughout the area, except in the refuge during the closed season.



General Area Map

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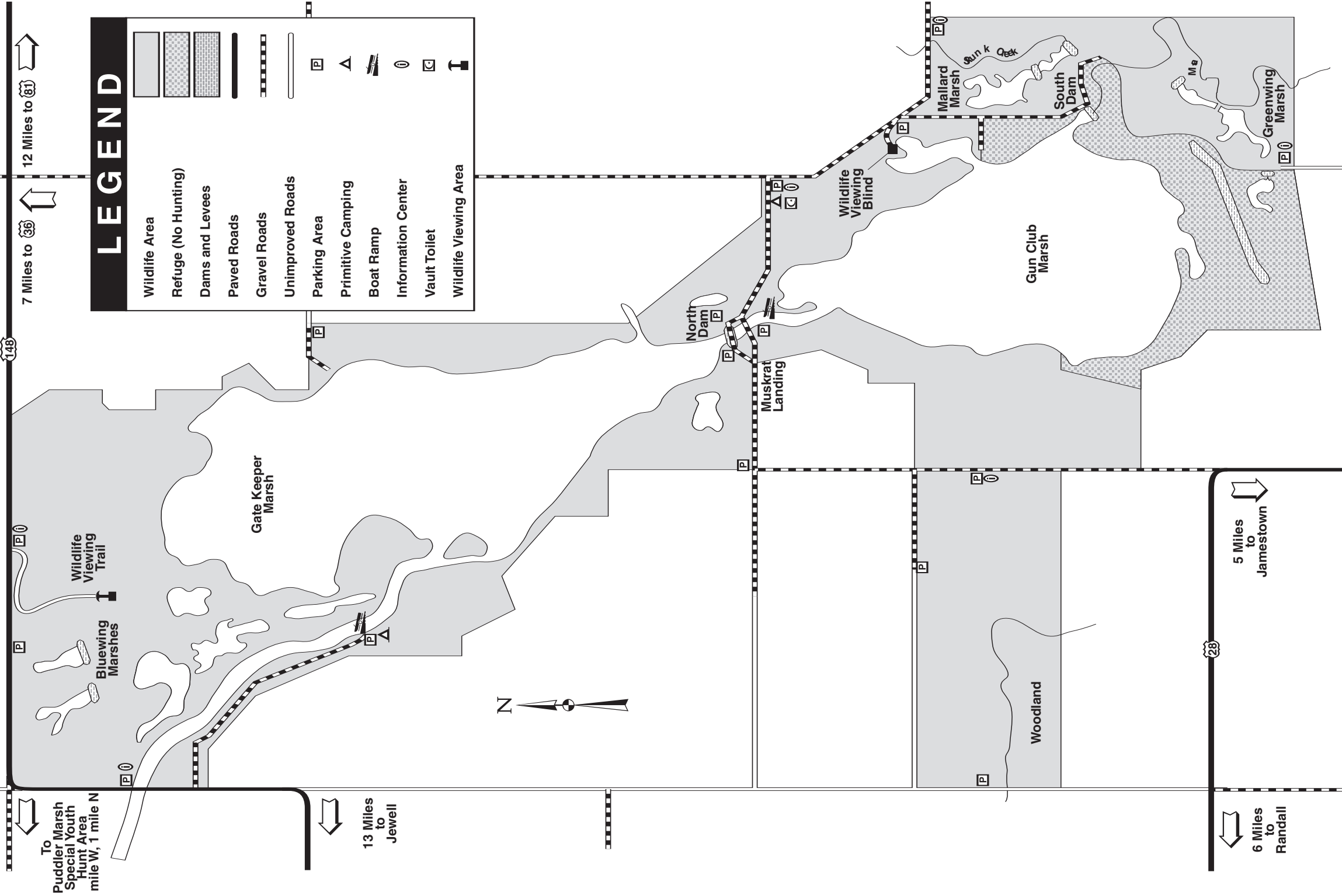
Jamestown Wildlife Area



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JAMESTOWN WILDLIFE AREA



LEGEND

	Wildlife Area
	Refuge (No Hunting)
	Dams and Levees
	Paved Roads
	Gravel Roads
	Unimproved Roads
	Parking Area
	Primitive Camping
	Boat Ramp
	Information Center
	Vault Toilet
	Wildlife Viewing Area

12 Miles to 81

7 Miles to 36

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To Puddler Marsh Special Youth Hunt Area 1 mile W, 1 mile N

13 Miles to Jewell



North Dam

Muskrat Landing

Wildlife Viewing Blind

Gun Club Marsh

South Dam

Mallard Marsh

Greenwing Marsh

Woodland

5 Miles to Jamestown

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6 Miles to Randall