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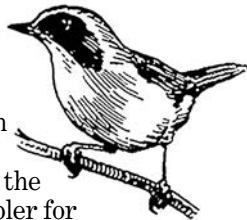
This goose, designed by J.N. "Ding" Darling, is the symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

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Yellowthroat Wildlife Management Area

About the Wildlife Management Area

Yellowthroat Wildlife Management Area (WMA) is managed as part of the National Wildlife Refuge System by the Fort Niobrara / Valentine National Wildlife Refuges complex staff. Yellowthroat WMA is a 480-acre area managed for migratory birds. Our goal is to restore this former cropland to native prairie by using management techniques such as prescribed burning, grazing, weed control, water level manipulations, and planting native grasses. A variety of wildlife can be seen in the wetlands and grasslands, including the yellow-throated warbler for which the place is named.



General Regulations

State of Nebraska hunting and fishing regulations, seasons, bag limits, and license requirements apply. Additional wildlife management area specific regulations are outlined in this leaflet.

Hours

Hunting hours are the same as those set in State regulations. Fishing and wildlife observation are permitted from ½-hour before sunrise to ½-hour after sunset.

Access

Motor vehicles are permitted only on access trails as shown on the map. Driving on the ice or off-road is prohibited.

Camping and Fires

Both camping and fires are prohibited on the WMA.

Regulations

Boats

The use of internal combustion boat motors is prohibited. Boats propelled with oars, paddles, or electric motors may be used.

Bait

The use of live or dead minnows and the possession of any fish not taken from Yellowthroat WMA waters is prohibited. Frozen or dead smelt may be used as bait.

Ice Fishing

Ice fishing is permitted on all waters of the WMA.

Open Water Fishing

Open water fishing is permitted on Yellowthroat Lake only. Yellowthroat Marsh is closed to open water fishing to protect nesting and migrating birds.

Turtles, Frogs, and Minnows

Turtles, frogs, and minnows may not be taken except for bullfrogs.

Hunting Regulations

Non-toxic Shot

Steel or other non-toxic shot is required for all bird hunting on the WMA. Possession of lead shot in the field is prohibited.

Firearms

Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on National Wildlife Refuge System lands must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (50 CFR 27.42 and specific refuge regulations in 50 CFR Part 32).

Other Permitted Activities

Wildlife Observation

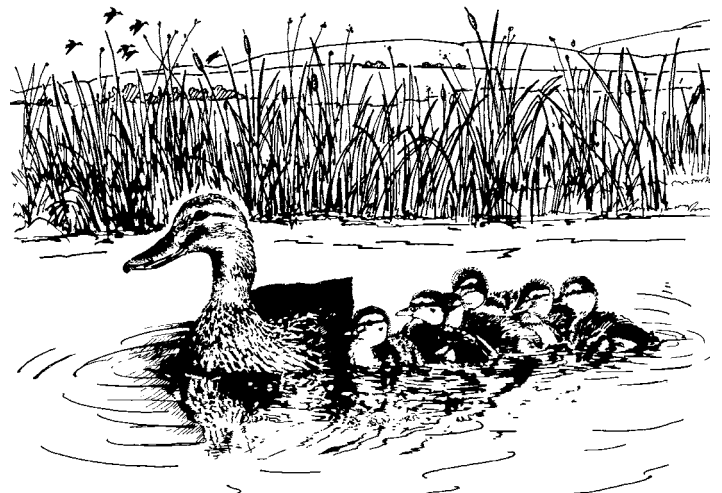
During spring and fall migrations, large numbers of waterfowl are sometimes present. Bald eagles and prairie falcons have been seen here and prairie chickens are common. Bring binoculars, and come early in the morning or in the evening for the best viewing.

Wildlife Photography

There are no photography blinds on the area, but natural vegetation can be used for concealment to get good photos, especially of marsh and water birds. Portable blinds are permitted if removed each day.

Accessibility

Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs and activities of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is available to all individuals regardless of physical or mental ability. Dial 711 for a free connection to the State relay service for TTY and voice calls to and from the speech and hearing impaired. For more information or to address accessibility needs, please contact the Refuge staff at 402 / 376 3789, or the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Equal Opportunity, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20240.



Yellowthroat

Wildlife Management Area

Yellowthroat WMA boundary

Wetland

Boat ramp

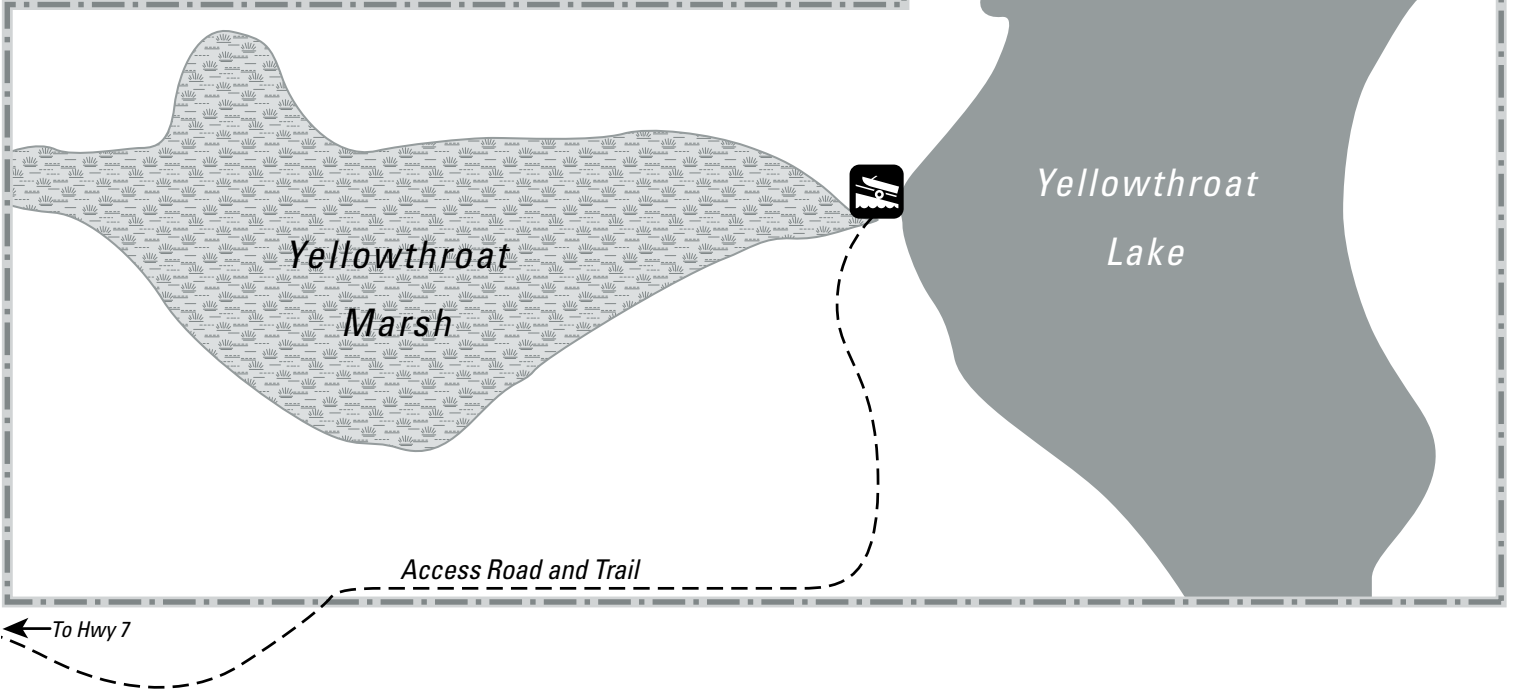
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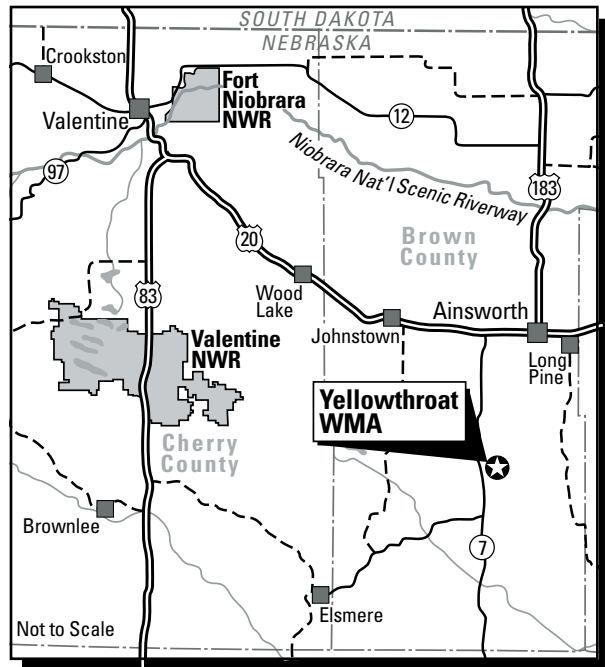


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Boundary Sign



This sign marks the boundary of the Yellowthroat WMA. Consult with the Refuge Manager for specific regulations.