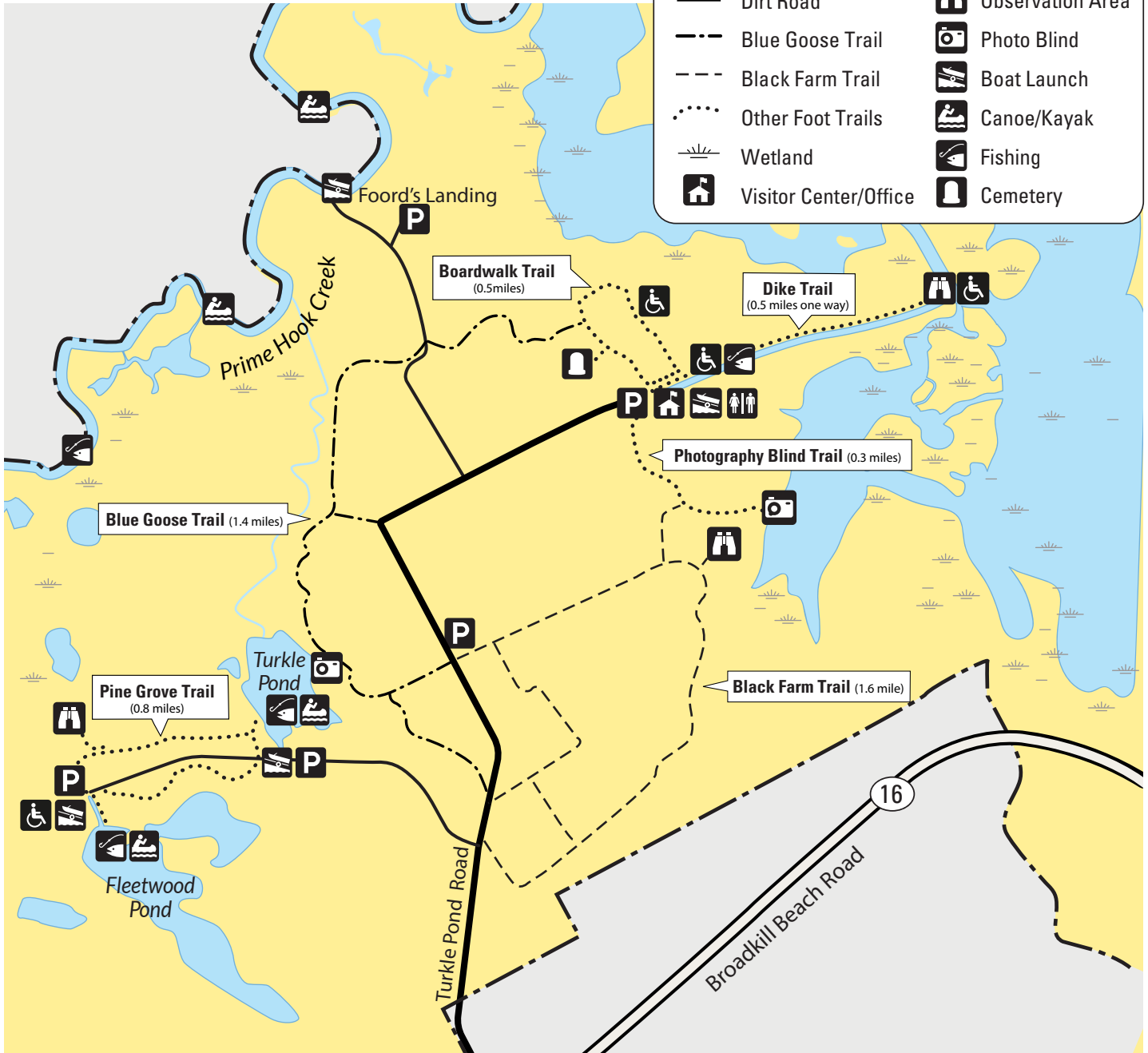


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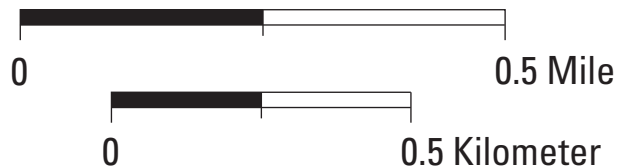
## National Wildlife Refuge Trail Map



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## Welcome to Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge

Prime Hook is one of more than 567 units in the National Wildlife Refuge System, which encompasses nearly 100 million acres of land and over 740 million acres of submerged lands and waters. Consisting of over 10,000 acres in Milton, Delaware, this refuge is a mosaic of fresh and saltwater wetlands, forests, fields, and Delaware Bay shoreline that provide habitat for a multitude of resident and migratory birds including the threatened piping plover, mammals, reptiles, fish, insects, and plants.

Visitors come to enjoy this wildlife and their habitat through fishing, hunting, environmental education programs, wildlife observation and photography, walking and canoe/kayak trails, and special events.

## Wildlife

**Spring** – migrating waterfowl, song birds, and shorebirds. Spring peepers and wood frogs are in full voice.

**Summer** – herons, egrets, avocets, black-necked stilts, bald eagles, birds of prey, wood duck and mallard broods.

**Fall and Winter** – Canada and snow geese, pintails, shovelers, teals, ruddy ducks, buffleheads, mallards, and black ducks.

Mammals, amphibians, reptiles, fish, and lush flora are prevalent from spring into late fall.

## Warning

Mosquitoes, ticks, and biting fly populations can be very high from June through September. Practice proper preventive care to assist in warding off ticks and mosquitoes. This includes tucking your pant legs into your socks and applying insect repellent. Please use caution to avoid poison ivy shrubs and vines because it can cause a serious skin rash.

## Trails

### Black Farm Trail (1.6 miles)

Walking: Trail meanders through wooded uplands adjacent to freshwater marshes.

### Blue Goose Trail (1.4 miles)

Walking: Includes uneven terrain. Features upland fields, forest, freshwater marsh and several wildlife observation areas.



### Boardwalk Trail (0.5 miles)

Walking (wheelchair accessible): Forest and brackish marsh.

### Dike Trail (0.5 miles one-way)

Walking (wheelchair accessible): Features a wheelchair accessible observation platform overlooking the marsh and opportunities for wildlife observation and photography.



### Pine Grove Trail (0.8 miles)

Walking: Loop winds through a pine and hardwood forest adjacent to Turkle and Fleetwood Ponds and features a viewing platform overlooking Turkle Pond.

### Photography Blind Trail (0.3 miles)

Walking: Visitors can photograph wildlife from a fully enclosed photography blind that is open on a first-come, first-serve basis.



**Obey closed area signs stay on named trails.**

## Permitted Activities:

- Dogs on a leash no more than 10-feet in length Pick up after your dog.
- Bicycling is permitted on main roads only.
- Vehicles are permitted on designated roads and parking areas.
- Public hunting permitted under special regulations.
- Visitor center open weekdays 8:00-4:00 and seasonally on weekends
- Wildlife observation
- Wildlife photography
- Environmental education

## Prohibited Activities:

- Camping/Overnight stays
- Fires
- Swimming
- Horseback riding
- Off road vehicles
- Collecting natural or historic objects
- Do not feed, disturb, capture or release any wildlife. The use of mechanical or electronic devices to lure or attract wildlife is prohibited.
- Drinking alcoholic beverages
- Littering
- Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drones)



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