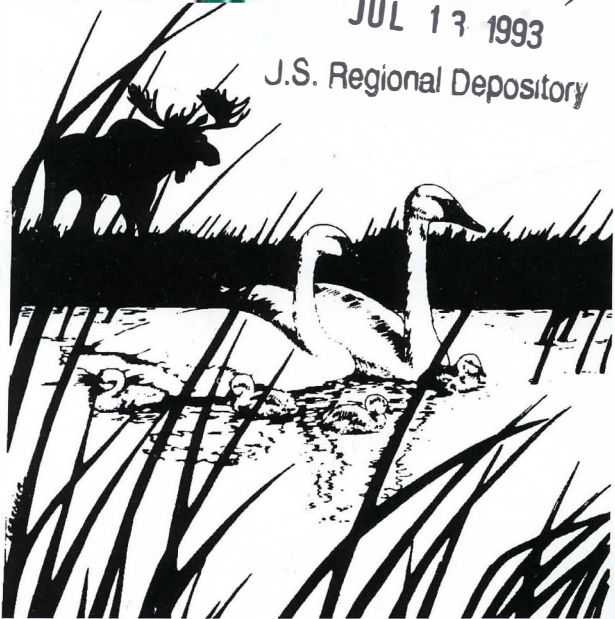


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Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1935 to protect the rare trumpeter swan. Today, the Refuge continues to be one of the most important habitats in North America for these majestic birds.

We hope that your visit will be enjoyable. Please familiarize yourself with the following regulations for your own protection, as well as for the protection of wildlife.

Visitor Regulations

General

Wildlife observation, hiking, and photography are permitted, except in areas designated as closed for the protection of swans and other sensitive wildlife. Commercial photographers must obtain a permit at Refuge headquarters.

Trumpeter swans are extremely sensitive to disturbance and may abandon nests or young if disturbed. Please do not approach nesting swans.

Pets must be kept leashed at all times.

Horses are permitted only for access into mountainous areas south of Red Rock Pass Road. Feed must be weed-free.

Be prepared for cool summer temperatures, frigid winters, and sudden rain or snow storms during any season.

Hazardous bogs and sinkholes are found throughout the Refuge. Caution is advised when traveling through wet areas.

Mosquitos are abundant from early spring through late summer.

Travel

Vehicles are restricted to maintained Refuge roads, parking areas, and "through" roads (roads that originate outside the boundaries and pass through the Refuge). Snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles are not permitted on Refuge roads; however, they are allowed on through roads, in accordance with State law. Gasoline is not available locally but can be purchased in West Yellowstone, or Lima, Montana.

Refuge Roads--Lower Lake Road is open May 15 through December 1; Culver Road is open July 15 through September 30; Idlewild Trail is open to vehicles September 1 through December 1 and for hiking only December 2 through August 31.

Through Roads--Red Rock Pass, North Side, and Elk Lake Roads are open all year, as weather permits.

Camping

Camping is permitted, free of charge, for a maximum of 14 consecutive days at the Upper Lake and River Marsh campgrounds. Camping is

not permitted outside established campgrounds. Grates and toilets are available at both campgrounds; tables and water are available at the Upper Lake Campground only.

Fires are permitted only in campground grates. Firewood is not provided; however, dead or downed timber can be collected. Chain saws are prohibited.

Please pack out your trash.

Boating

Boating is limited to canoes in designated areas, except as permitted during the waterfowl hunting season.

Boaters are urged to use caution on Refuge waters as sudden storms, high winds, cold temperatures, low water levels, and muddy conditions are common.

On-board, approved floatation devices are required for each occupant.

Fishing

State regulations apply to all Refuge waters.

Fishing is permitted from the third Saturday in May through the end of November on Odell Creek, Red Rock Creek, and Elk Springs Creek west of Elk Lake Road.

Wigeon Pond, Culver Pond, MacDonald Pond, Picnic Creek, and Elk Springs Creek east of Elk Lake Road are open July 15 through September 30.

Other Refuge waters are closed to fishing.

To prevent waterfowl poisoning, lead sinkers are prohibited.

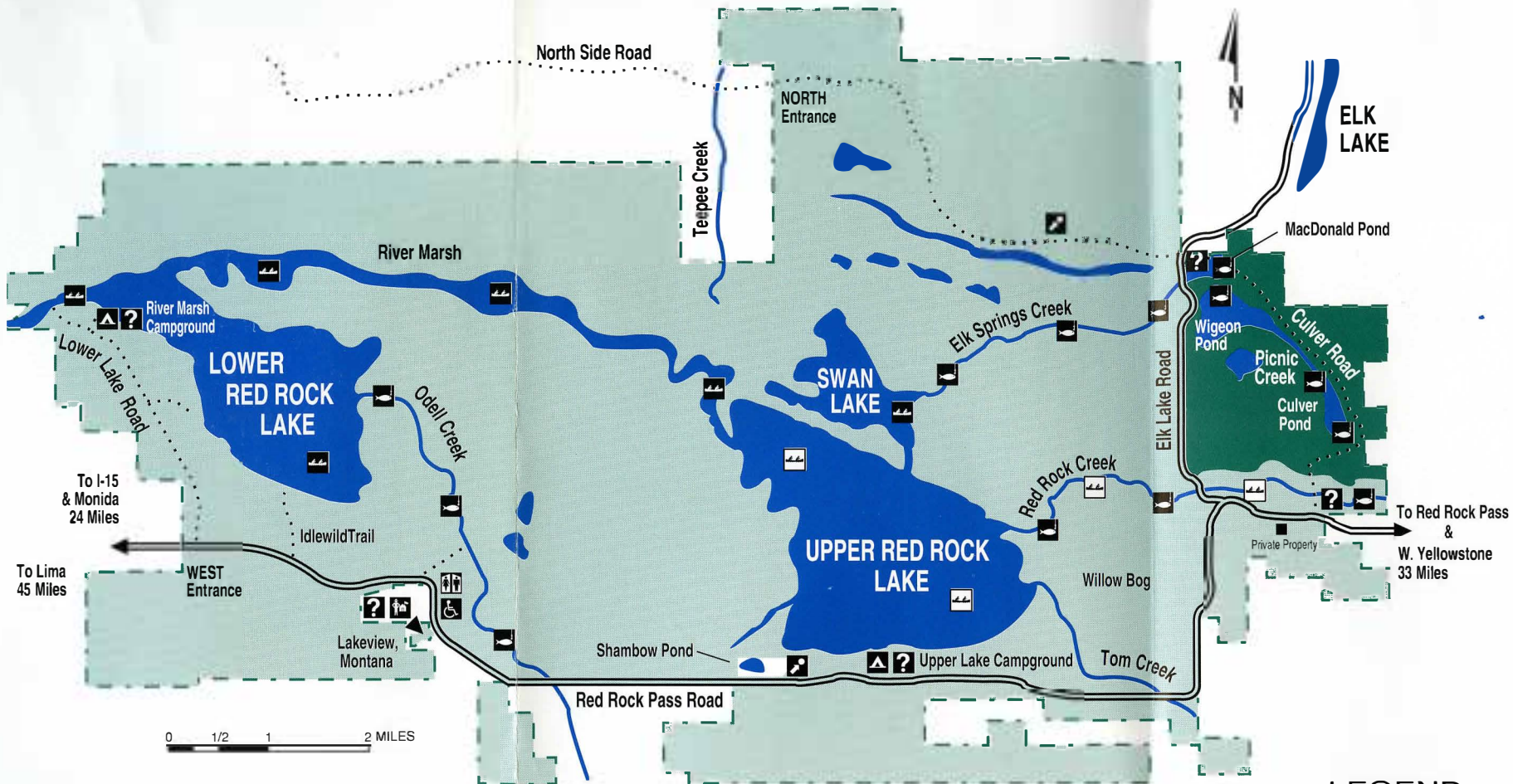
Tubes and other floatation devices are prohibited on Refuge waters unless specifically posted as open at parking areas.

Artificial lures and flies are required at Culver and MacDonald Ponds. Bait fishing is allowed on other Refuge waters opened to fishing.

Hunting

Please refer to the Refuge Hunting Brochure or inquire at Headquarters.





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- - - Refuge Boundary
- Water
- == Improved Dirt/Gravel Road
- ⋯ Fair Weather Dirt/Gravel Road, Caution Advised
- ♿ Restrooms
- ▲ Campground
- 🏠 Refuge Headquarters
- ❓ Information
- 🎣 Point of Interest
- 🎣 Fishing
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- Closed year round

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