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Trumpeter swans © Steve Henry

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Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge lies in the scenic, remote Centennial Valley of southwestern Montana. The Refuge protects the largest wetland complex in the Greater Yellowstone Area. Come spend the day exploring this 50,000-acre Refuge, and stay overnight at one of our primitive campgrounds. Hunting and fishing opportunities are also available during State seasons.

The best time to visit the Refuge is from May through October when the greatest diversity and abundance of wildlife can be seen. In the spring and summer, over 260 species of birds flock to the Refuge. Thousands of migrating trumpeter and tundra swans stop at the Refuge in late October to fuel up before continuing their journey south.

To reach the Refuge Visitor Information Center from the west, turn off I-15 at Monida, Montana (Exit 0), and drive 28 miles east over an improved dirt road. If approaching from the east, follow U.S. 20 southwest from West Yellowstone for about 17 miles to Red Rock Pass Road just south of Henry’s Lake River. Follow this road for 30 miles (22 miles of dirt road). Roads can be impassable from November through May. Please call the Refuge staff for road conditions.