



Bald Eagle

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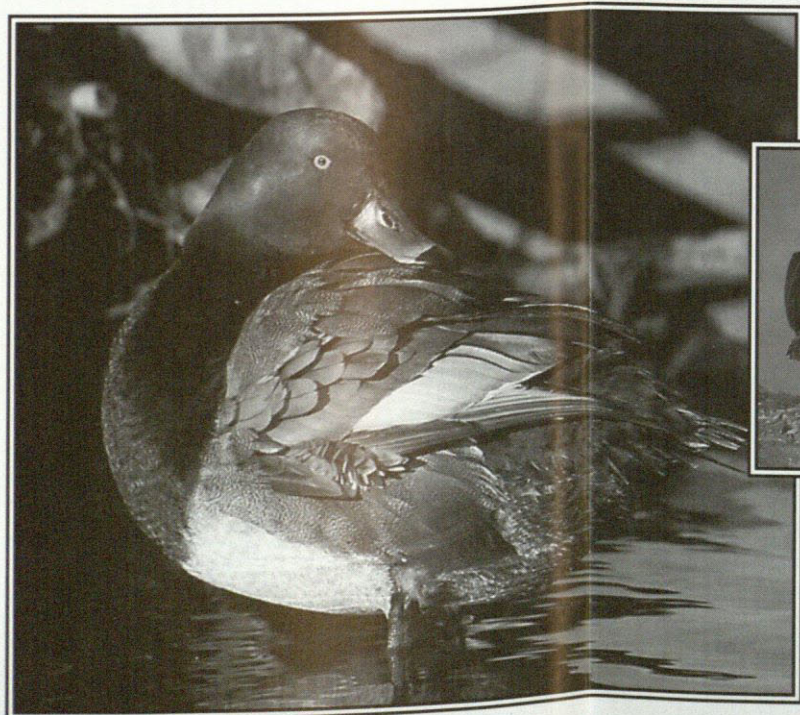
The North Platte National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) is located eight miles northeast of Scottsbluff in the Nebraska Panhandle. The four Refuge Units are superimposed over Bureau of Reclamation irrigation projects and consist of: Winters Creek, Lake Alice, portions of Lake Minatare, and Stateline Island (located south of Henry, Nebraska).

The North Platte NWR was established by Executive Order under President Wilson on August 21, 1916. This Executive Order set aside the area as "a preserve and breeding ground for native birds."

Wildlife Management

Many wildlife species use the Refuge. As many as 20 bald eagles and over 200,000 waterfowl may concentrate on the Refuge during fall migration. Well over 200 bird species have been observed on the Refuge since 1975. Mammals common to the Refuge include: raccoon, striped skunk, black-tailed prairie dog, eastern cottontail, and mule and white-tailed deer. Some of the fish species found in Refuge lakes include: walleye, crappie, yellow perch, goldeye, northern pike, white bass, catfish, and carp. A bird checklist is available through the Refuge Manager.

The Refuge is used primarily as a resting and feeding area for waterfowl and shore-birds and, to a lesser extent, for waterfowl production. The Refuge also provides habitat for migrating and nesting bald eagles and offers a recreational program compatible with the management of Refuge wildlife.



Redhead Drake



Blue-winged Teal

General Information

The following wildlife-dependent public use activities are permitted: • Nature Observation • Hiking • Photography • Fishing • Canoeing • Boating (internal combustion engines prohibited) • Mushroom and Berry Picking

To provide undisturbed habitat during critical migration periods, units of the Refuge will be closed to all public entry as follows:

Unit	Closed to Public Entry
Lake Minatare	October 1 to January 15
Winters Creek	October 1 to January 15
Lake Alice	October 1 to May 15
Stateline Island	Remains open

All Refuge units are open to public use during **daylight-hours only**.

To protect wildlife habitat, motor vehicles may be operated on designated roads only. Off-road/trail vehicle use is prohibited.

The possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited. All firearms, including bow and arrow, must be unloaded, and cased or dismantled. Pets must be confined to vehicles.

Any public access or activity not specifically described in this leaflet is not permitted. Prohibited activities include, but are not limited to:

- Open Fires • Camping • Hunting • Swimming



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Welcome

Welcome to North Platte National Wildlife Refuge. During your visit, you are invited to participate in several seasonal activities; however, certain regulations are necessary to protect wildlife and to preserve the beauty of the area. Please take a moment to review the regulations contained in this leaflet. Your understanding of Refuge regulations will make your visit a safe and enjoyable one.

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Lake Alice Unit

The public is invited to participate in permitted activities between May 15 and September 30 during daylight hours only. From October 1 to May 15, the Unit is closed to all public entry in order to provide an undisturbed sanctuary during the critical migration and much of the breeding season.

The west half of the Unit is closed year-round to all public entry to provide an undisturbed sanctuary of land and water for a variety of wildlife species.

The east half is open to licensed motorized vehicles on authorized trails only.

Winters Creek Lake Unit

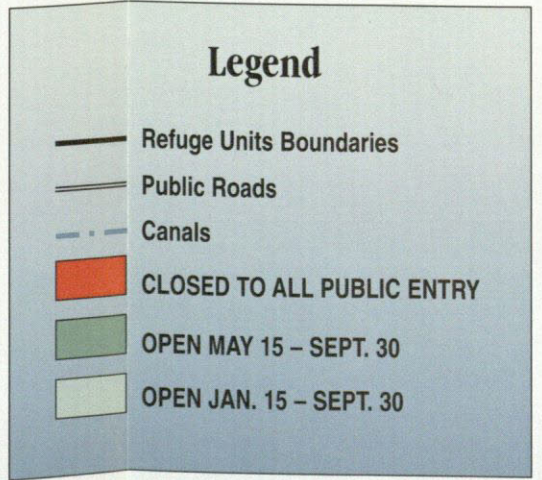
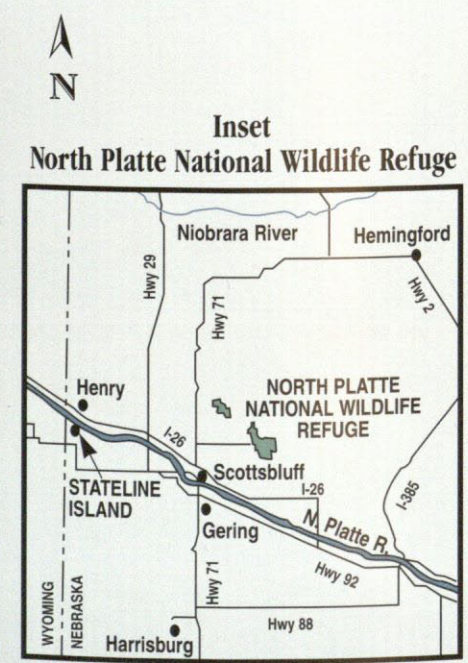
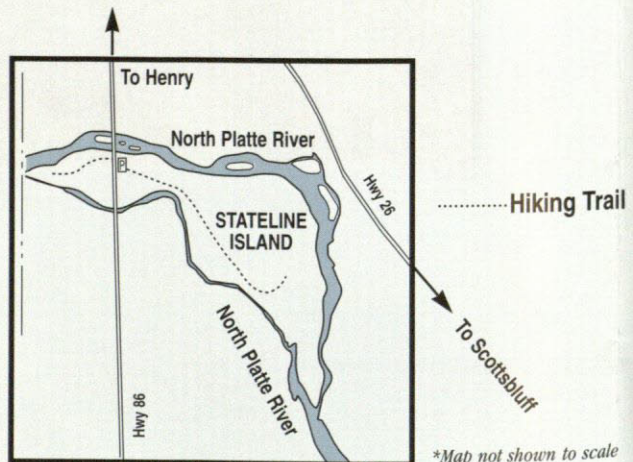
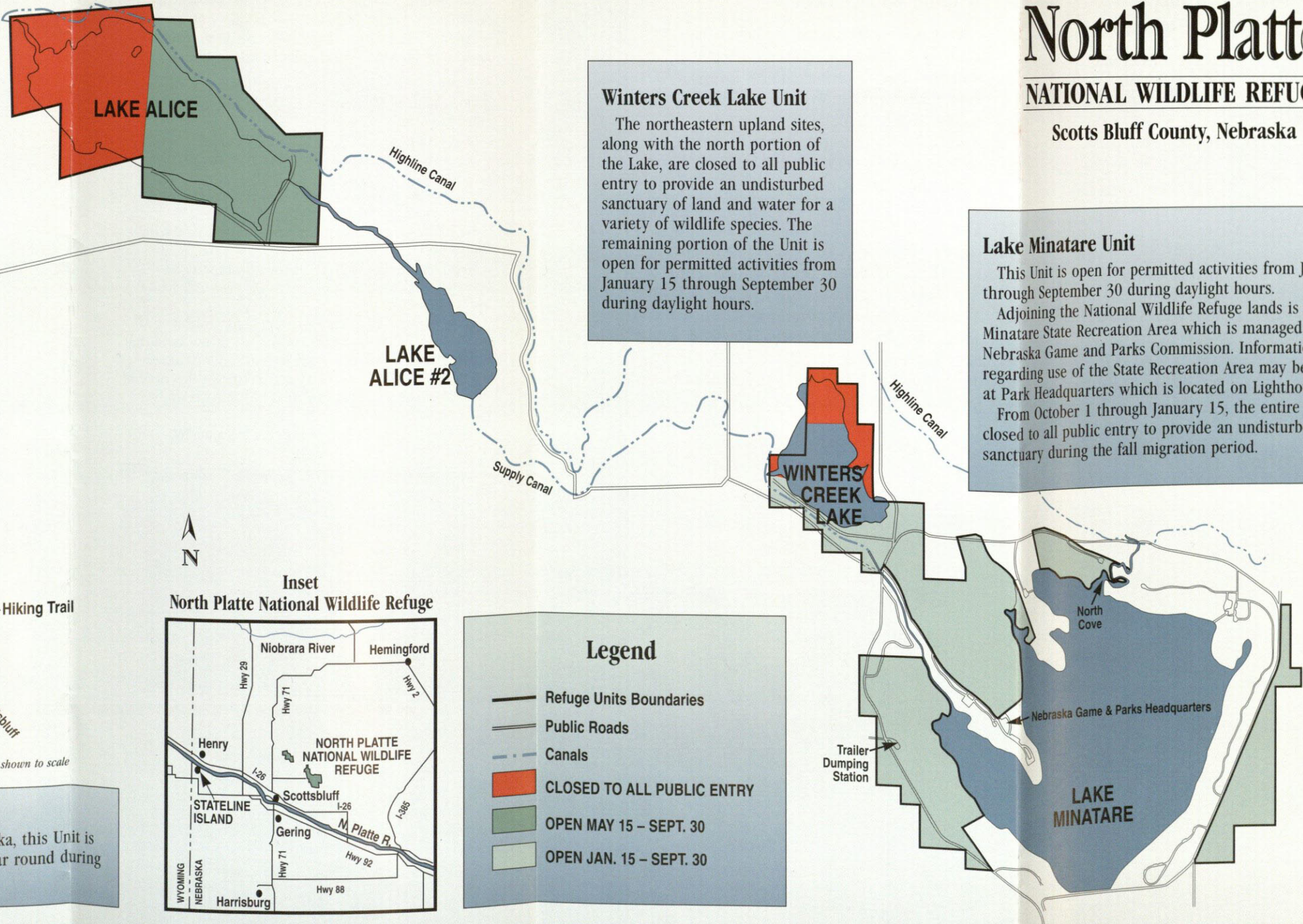
The northeastern upland sites, along with the north portion of the Lake, are closed to all public entry to provide an undisturbed sanctuary of land and water for a variety of wildlife species. The remaining portion of the Unit is open for permitted activities from January 15 through September 30 during daylight hours.

Lake Minatare Unit

This Unit is open for permitted activities from January 15 through September 30 during daylight hours.

Adjoining the National Wildlife Refuge lands is the Lake Minatare State Recreation Area which is managed by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. Information regarding use of the State Recreation Area may be obtained at Park Headquarters which is located on Lighthouse Point.

From October 1 through January 15, the entire area is closed to all public entry to provide an undisturbed sanctuary during the fall migration period.



Stateline Island Unit

Located one mile south of Henry, Nebraska, this Unit is open for permitted public use activities year round during daylight hours only.