

How Do I Visit These Refuges?

The Migratory Bird Refuges — Nisqually and Dungeness



Refuge Hours — These Refuges are open to the public daily from sunrise to sunset. The office at Nisqually is open from 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Wildlife Observation — Fall migration (Oct.-Nov.) is the best time to see large numbers of birds, and many stay throughout the winter. Nisqually has an observation deck and three photo blinds; Dungeness has an overlook with spotting scope.

Boating — Boaters are welcome at Dungeness and outside the Brown Farm Dike at Nisqually. There are two boat launches near Cline Spit at Dungeness. At Nisqually the closest launch is at Luhr Beach where a hunting or fishing license or a Washington Department of Game Conservation license is required to park.

Fishing — Anglers must comply with Washington State fishing regulations. Visitors may fish by boat or from the shore at Dungeness, and by boat or from two designated bank fishing areas at Nisqually.

Clamming — Visitors may dig for clams at Dungeness but are subject to Washington State shellfish regulations. (Shellfish may be toxic from red tides from May through October. Inquire locally about conditions.) All oysters are privately owned and may not be harvested by the public.

Horseback Riding — Riding is permitted on designated trails at Dungeness daily from October 16 to April 14. From April 15 to October 15 they are open only on weekdays and closed on weekends and holidays. Access trails through Dungeness Recreation Area are closed to horses from October 13 to January 15. Nisqually is not open to horseback riding.

Drinking Water — No drinking water is available at these refuges. Please bring your own.

Litter — Please carry out what you bring in.

Pets, fires, jogging, or camping are not permitted on these refuges. Bicycles and motorbikes are not permitted on refuge trails.



The Seabird Refuges — Washington Islands, San Juan Islands, and Protection Island



Go ashore only at the Marine State Parks on Matia and Turn Islands in the San Juan Islands.

All of Turn Island and five acres on Matia Island are also managed as Marine State Parks. They provide boat mooring areas and facilities for camping and picnicking. Toilets are provided but no water is available on these islands. The rest of Matia Island except the designated Wilderness Trail is closed to the public.

STAY AT LEAST 200 YARDS AWAY FROM ALL OTHER REFUGE ISLANDS — THEY ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.

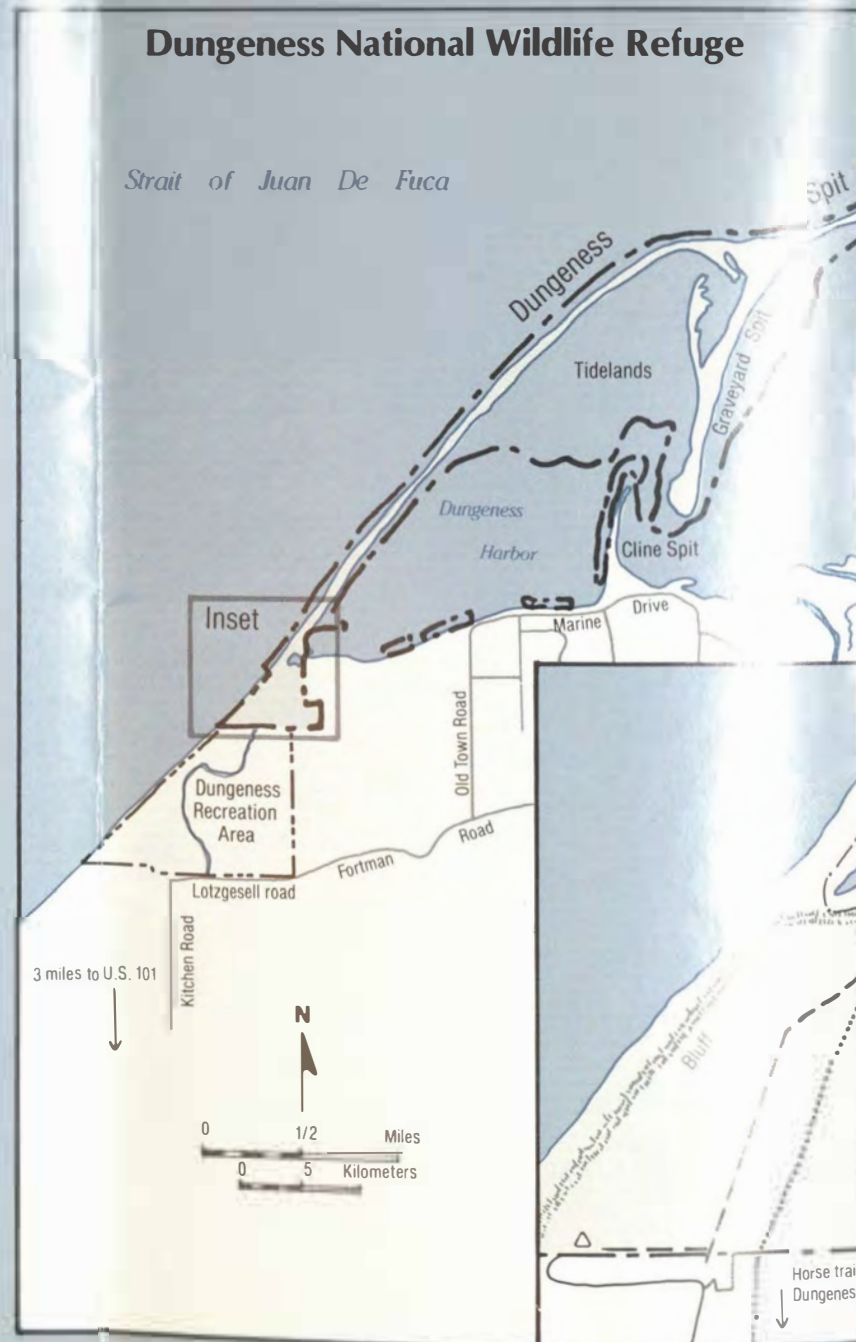
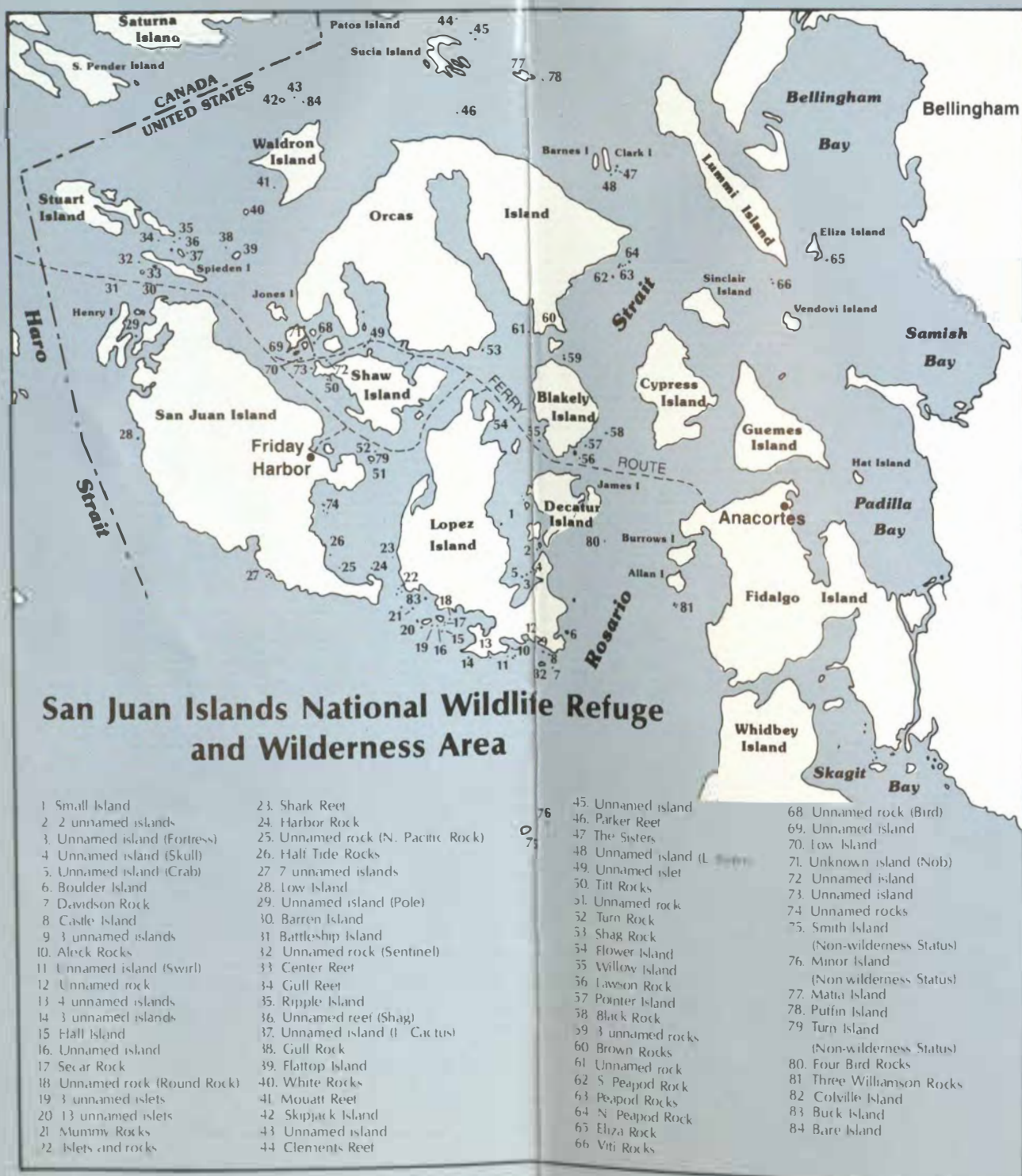
When people come too close:

- baby birds and eggs are crushed and trampled when adult birds leave the nest.
- bald eagles may abandon their nests.
- baby seals may be drowned or crushed when adults stampede.

Call (206) 753-9467 to report trespassers.

Learn about these refuges at mainland interpretive sites.

- Look for panels telling about Protection Island NWR at John Wayne Marina near Sequim.
- Read about the wildlife of Washington Islands at Lake Ozette, Rialto Beach, Second Beach, Ruby Beach, and Kalaloch along the Washington coast.
- Information about San Juan Islands NWR is located at marinas and resorts throughout the San Juan Islands.



San Juan Islands National Wildlife Refuge

The 83 refuge islands are scattered throughout the San Juan archipelago. The best way to see them is by boat. All refuge islands except Turn Island and five acres on Matia Islands are **CLOSED TO PUBLIC**. PLEASE STAY AT LEAST 200 YARDS OFF SHORE to avoid disturbing wildlife.

VANCOUVER ISLAND

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Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge

From U.S. Hwy 101 west of Sequim go three miles north on Kitchen Road, then go right to Lotzgesell Road. Enter the refuge by driving through Dungeness Recreation Area. The road dead ends at the refuge parking lot.

Protection Island National Wildlife Refuge

Protection Island is located at the mouth of Discovery Bay. The island is **CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**. PLEASE STAY AT LEAST 200 YARDS OFF SHORE to avoid disturbing wildlife. A boat launch is located at John Wayne Marina.

OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK

Washington Islands: Flattery Rocks NWR, Quillayute Needles NWR and Copalis NWR

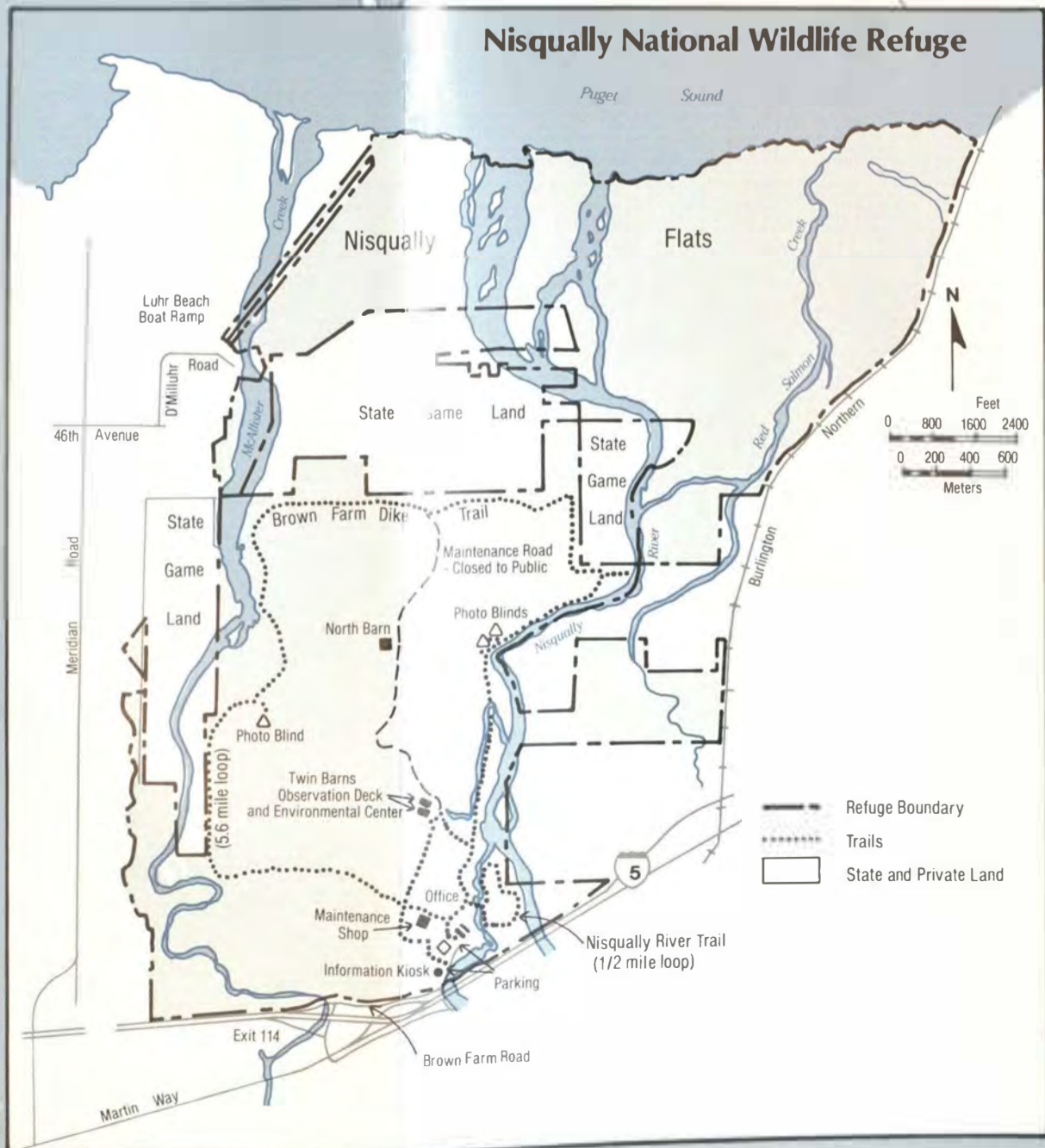
These refuges consist of over 870 islands, rocks and reefs extending over 100 miles along Washington's Pacific coast. These islands are **CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC** — PLEASE STAY AT LEAST 200 YARDS OFF SHORE to avoid disturbing wildlife.



Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge

From Interstate 5 east of Olympia take Exit 114 and follow the signs to the refuge.

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Protection Island National Wildlife Refuge

