

Ridgefield

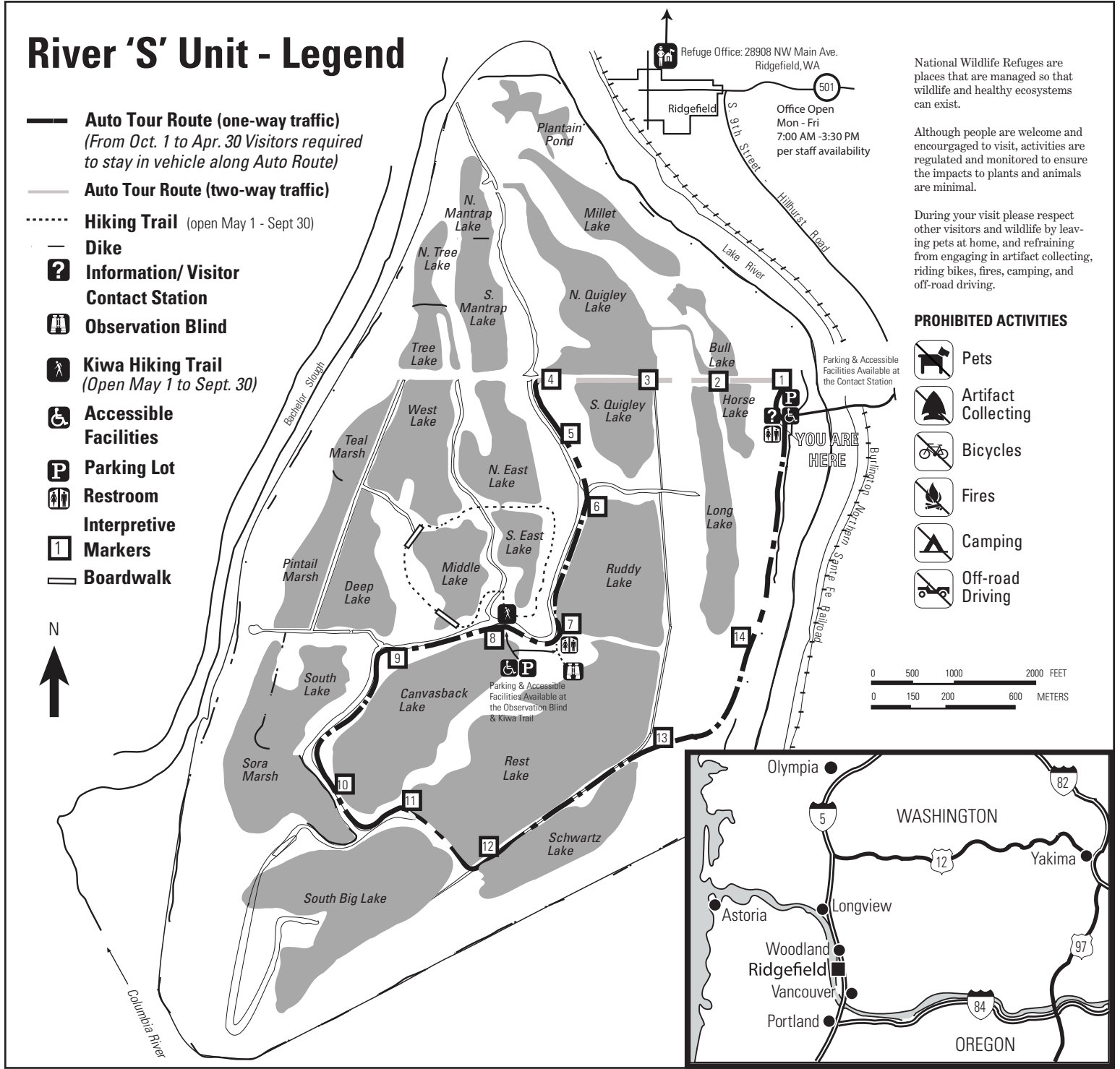
National Wildlife Refuge

A Haven for Wildlife

Along the lower reaches of the Columbia River lies the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). The approximately 5300 acres contain a lush mixture of wetlands, grasslands, riparian corridors, and forests. These habitats, combined with a mild and rainy winter climate, provide the ideal environment for many species including neotropical song birds, wintering waterfowl, and other local native species.

River 'S' Unit - Legend

- Auto Tour Route (one-way traffic)**
(From Oct. 1 to Apr. 30 Visitors required to stay in vehicle along Auto Route)
- Auto Tour Route (two-way traffic)**
- Hiking Trail** (open May 1 - Sept 30)
- Dike**
- Information/Visitor Contact Station**
- Observation Blind**
- Kiwa Hiking Trail**
(Open May 1 to Sept. 30)
- Accessible Facilities**
- Parking Lot**
- Restroom**
- Interpretive Markers**
- Boardwalk**



National Wildlife Refuges are places that are managed so that wildlife and healthy ecosystems can exist.

Although people are welcome and encouraged to visit, activities are regulated and monitored to ensure the impacts to plants and animals are minimal.

During your visit please respect other visitors and wildlife by leaving pets at home, and refraining from engaging in artifact collecting, riding bikes, fires, camping, and off-road driving.

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

- Pets**
- Artifact Collecting**
- Bicycles**
- Fires**
- Camping**
- Off-road Driving**

A Place for Wildlife and People

The 4-mile Auto Tour Route provides visitors of all physical abilities the chance to see many habitats and wildlife up close throughout the year. Please allow sufficient time to safely drive the Auto Tour and exit before the gate closes (times posted on gate and website).

Kiwa Trail Head - The Kiwa Trail can be reached by following the Auto Tour Route past the observation blind. It is open May 1 - Sept. 30 during daylight hours. The trail offers a generally level grade and is constructed of compacted gravel and boardwalks. The trail is well suited for wheelchairs, wheeled walkers, and baby strollers.