## WELCOME TO THE NECEDAH REFUGE!

The Refuge is open to the public for berry picking from July 1 through August 15th. Please limit your berry collection to one gallon daily. Most of the public interest seems to be in blueberries, but blackberries, raspberries, dewberries, huckleberries and wild strawberries may also be found. Many people ask where the best berry picking areas are located. A map has been prepared to assist you in your search (see reverse). **GOOD LUCK !!!** 

Berries grow best in open, cleared areas and disturbed sites. The map indicates cleared areas that have been burned within the last two years. These areas may be a good place to begin your search. Ditch banks can prove to be rewarding when looking for black berries, raspberries, or black-caps. You are welcome to search throughout the Refuge for berries of all types.

Only township and designated refuge roads are open to vehicles, all other travel will have to be on foot. Parking on the sides of roads is permitted. Please make sure you are not blocking traffic or gates. Designated parking areas are also available for your use. We ask that you follow all Refuge regulations during your visit. PLEASE NOTE: The use of 'rakes' to harvest berries nor the selling of the berries you pick are allowed.

#### **Blueberry Pudding Cake**

Recipe by: Rebecca Martin, Withee

2 cups well-drained blueberries

1 tsp. cinnamon

1 tsp. lemon juice

1 cup brown rice flour

¼ cup sugar

1 tsp. baking powder

½ cup milk

3 Tbsp. butter, melted

#### Topping:

½ cup sugar

1 Tbsp. cornstarch

1 cup boiling water

Toss blueberries with cinnamon and lemon juice and place in greased 8-inch square pan. In a bowl, combine dry ingredients; stir in milk and butter and spoon mixture over berries. Combine sugar and cornstarch and sprinkle over batter. Slowly pour boiling water over all. Bake at 350 for 35-45 minutes. Yields 6 servings.

### Wild Berry Bash

Saturday, July 12, 2008 10am to 2pm

Activities, programs, and guided walks will focus on the love of wild berries. All activities are free and open to all ages. The event will take place at the Ellen Allan Learning Center adjacent to the Refuge Office.

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