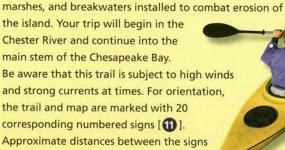
Welcome to the Eastern Neck Island Water Trail

Stretching approximately 10 miles, the trail encircles the entire island comprising Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge and offers qualified paddlers a rich outdoor experience. The route may appear simple, but it includes long stretches of open, tidal water. Along the way, you will see abundant wildlife, natural and restored marshes, and breakwaters installed to combat erosion of





Marshes are critical habitats that serve as nurseries for aquatic life and important feeding grounds for migrating birds.





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are noted on the map.

Directions to Bogles Wharf Boat Launch: From the west (Baltimore or Washington), take U.S. Rt. 50/301 east across the Chesapeake Bay Bridge (toll). Continue on Rt. 301 north after Rts. 50 and 301 split. Exit Rt. 301 onto Rt. 213 north towards Chestertown. In Chestertown, turn left from Rt. 213 onto Rt. 291. At the end of this short bypass, turn right onto Rt. 20. Follow Rt. 20 south for 12 miles to Rock Hall. At the blinking caution light, turn left onto Rt. 445. Follow Rt. 445 approximately 7 miles to the Refuge entrance bridge. Cross the bridge onto Eastern Neck Island. Turn left onto Bogles Wharf Rd. and follow it to the end.



Bird watching helps to connect us to our natural environment.

Guides and Outfitters

Several companies in the Rock Hall and Chestertown areas provide complete equipment rental and/or guide services. Contact the Refuge Visitor Center or visit rockhallmd.com. Information may also be obtained from the Kent County Department of Tourism at 410-778-0416 or kentcounty.com.

Disclaimer

Safety is everyone's responsibility. There is risk involved in paddling, as weather and water conditions can change quickly. It is up to each paddler to obtain adequate skills and use prudent judgment. It is important to learn the appropriate techniques needed to properly use kayaks or canoes, and to review the safety guidelines in this brochure before paddling.



To learn more about the Refuge, please visit the Refuge Visitor Center. For more information about other water trails in the area visit kentcounty.com/paddling or dnr.state.md.us/greenways/watertrails.html.

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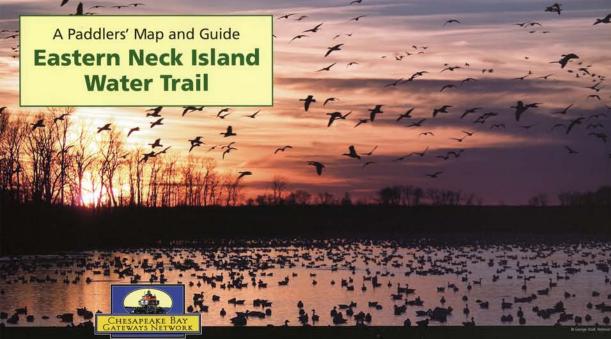








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follow the numbered route; always keep the island's shore on your left. Depart rom Bogles Wharf (to the left) and paddle north along the marshy shoreline up the hester River. Visit the Duck Inn Trail (marker 4) and Boxes Point (marker 5). Continue orthwest through Eastern Neck Narrows (marker 6) and under the wooden bridge hat connects the island to the peninsula and, from there, out into the Bay. During he summer, strong winds from the southwest can expose paddlers to considerable vave action. Over the years, erosion of the island has created extensive shallows hat produce short, choppy waves. Follow the shallows south and visit Ingleside decreation Area (marker 9; open April 1 through September 30). Continue south along the western shore of the island to marsh restoration sites (markers 10 and 11). continue along to the southern tip of the island, passing the Peregrine Tower marker 14) and rounding Cedar Point (marker 16) and Hail Point (marker 18). Head orth again along the eastern shore of the island, and return to Bogles Wharf marker 1). Locations marked with 11 provide easy pull-out areas and informational igns. All other numbered locations are reference points and should only be used as anding sites in case of emergency, to minimize wildlife disturbance. Remember, it is our responsibility to have the necessary skills, knowledge and equipment for a safe nd environmentally sensitive visit.



cropland, 550 acres of forest, 100 acres of grassland and 40 acres of open-water impoundments. Mammals at the Refuge include white-tailed deer, beaver, red fox, raccoons, muskrat, opossum, woodchuck, eastern gray squirrel and the endangered Delmarva fox squirrel. The Refuge is an important feeding and resting area for migratory and wintering waterfowl and home to the threatened bald eagle. This diverse area offers an unsurpassed opportunity for bird watching.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service manages the Refuge and provides numerous recreational opportunities, including paddling the water trail, fishing and crabbing, bird watching, hiking the trails or picnicking among the trees. However you choose to enjoy the Refuge, please be respectful of wildlife, always put safety first, and be aware of Refuge hunting seasons in the fall.

Wildlife Viewing Ethics

- View wild animals from an appropriate distance.
- Stay clear of nests, dens and rookeries.
 Do not touch or feed wild animals.
- · Do not use calls or whistles or try to rouse
- animals in any way.

 Limit your stay to minimize stress on the animals.
- Do not allow pets to interact with wild animals.
- · Do not surround a wild animal with a group of people.

Refuge Regulations

- · Camping, off-road vehicles and fires are prohibited.
- · Firearms are prohibited (except via permit during Refuge hunting seasons).

 Pets must be on a hand-held leash at all times.
- Artifact hunting is prohibited. If you find any artifacts, leave the objects in place and report their location(s) to Refuge staff.