

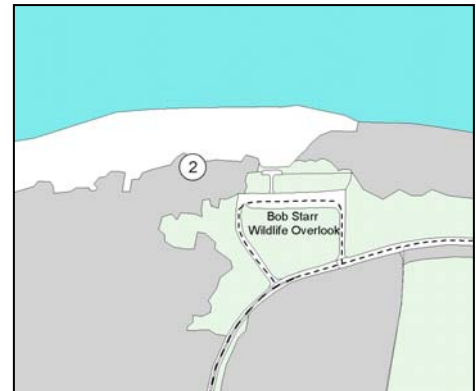
## DeSoto NWR Photo Blind Description

At present there are three photo blinds provided for general public use. All are enclosed, camouflaged, and have unpadded bench seats. You must reserve the photo blind in advance. Since some are in closed areas you will be required to provide information on your vehicle at the time of reservation.

1. **Blind 1** is located along the **Cottonwood Nature Trail**. From the trailhead, proceed straight ahead and follow the trail along the lake. The blind looks out onto the lake and the Sand Bar Point. The Sand Bar point is a popular resting area for white pelicans, Canada geese, various ducks, and shorebirds.



2. **Blind 2** is located just outside the **Bob Starr Wildlife Overlook**. To get to the blind, go over or around the gate at the west end of the parking lot. Bear slightly to the right and you should see the blind at the edge of the trees. The sandy beach outside the overlook is a well-used resting area for geese, ducks, herons, egrets, and shorebirds. Across the lake are several cottonwoods that are commonly used as bald eagle roosts.



3. **Blind 3** is located just south of **Prairie Lane**. To get to the blind, park at the Wood Duck parking area and walk down Prairie Lane to the end. Turn right and proceed through the open gate. After about 100 yards the blind will be on your left. This blind looks out onto a shallow mudflat area. During fall/winter this entire area may be covered with ducks and geese. During spring/summer this area is popular with white pelicans, herons, egrets, and shorebirds.

