

Moosehorn

National Wildlife Refuge

Northern Maine National Wildlife Refuge Complex

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Purpose

Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge was established to serve as a breeding ground for migratory birds and other wildlife.

Public Use Notes

- Canoeing
- Eagle and osprey observation deck
- Wheelchair-accessible fishing pier
- Two interpretive trails, one of which is wheelchair-accessible
- Environmental education programs featuring "Bart" the eagle
- Summer programs/weekly guided interpretive tours
- Annual children's fishing derby in June
- Fall colors auto tour route
- Excellent photo opportunities of birds and bears
- Friends Group

Management Activities

- Managing habitat and conducting research on the American woodcock
- Providing habitat for migratory birds
- Enhancing wetlands for waterfowl and other wildlife

- Providing nest platforms and boxes for a variety of wildlife
- Preserving natural diversity and plant and animal abundance
- Protecting and maintaining two wilderness areas
- Enforcing federal wildlife laws and refuge regulations
- Controlling exotic invasive species



American woodcock on nest

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Highlights

Moosehorn is the easternmost refuge in the Atlantic flyway.

Moosehorn is the only refuge where the American woodcock is intensively studied and managed.

2005 was the 15th year that a pair of eagles nested along the Route 1 corridor at the refuge. Since 1991, a total of 15 eagles have successfully fledged from this nest.

The refuge offers important breeding habitat for waterfowl, including black and wood ducks and Canada geese.

Welcome to our newly established Friends of Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge.

The refuge celebrates two new partnerships: the Downeast Heritage Center opening April 2004, and Washington County Community College's heavy equipment training program.

Issues

Significant decline in American woodcock population

Highway construction for Calais International Bridge

Liquified natural gas pipeline

ATV and snowmobile use

Expansion of hunting program

Air quality impacts to wilderness areas

Homeland Security partnership

Rockweed harvest on refuge lands

Lack of law enforcement increases public use and drug trafficking

Management of Aroostook National Wildlife Refuge as a satellite

