

# Trustom Pond

## National Wildlife Refuge

### Rhode Island National Wildlife Refuge Complex

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Trustom Pond National Wildlife  
Refuge is one of five national wildlife  
refuges in the Rhode Island Complex.

#### Purpose

Trustom Pond National Wildlife  
Refuge was established as an inviolate  
sanctuary for migratory birds, and for  
incidental wildlife-oriented recreation,  
protection of natural resources, and  
conservation of endangered and  
threatened species.

#### Public Use Notes

- Three observation platforms
- Three miles of nature trails
- Visitor contact station
- Frequent guided walks/tours
- Wildlife/nature photography
- Goose hunting
- Surf fishing (seasonal)

#### Management Activities

- Implementing the approved  
comprehensive conservation plan  
(2002) to enhance wildlife habitats,  
control invasive species, eliminate  
non-compatible uses and increase  
visitor services
- Land protection plan targets 1,004  
acres for land acquisition
- Grassland/shrubland restoration
- Prescribed burning program
- Monitoring wildlife and habitat
- Controlling invasive exotic species
- Protecting the threatened piping  
plover
- New complex-wide \$2.6 million  
office and visitor center building in  
Charlestown opened in fall 2005

#### Highlights

Trustom Pond is home to over 275  
bird species, 40 species of mammals  
and 20 amphibian species.

The refuge has the statewide lead  
in the piping plover restoration  
program, which had the greatest  
production of all areas in New  
England in 2005.

The refuge enjoys strong  
partnerships with non-government  
organizations, which enhances land  
acquisition options.

The refuge has active Phragmites  
and mute swan control programs,  
and is working with partners and  
adjacent landowners to expand  
wetland restoration.

Trustom Pond is the only  
undeveloped salt pond in Rhode  
Island.

The refuge offers an active  
environmental education program  
for school-aged children that is  
expanding with the opening of the  
Kettle Pond Visitor Center.



Piping plover

Richard Kuzminski

#### Issues

High cost of land acquisition

Water quality is affected by  
multiple landowners

Increasing public use and demands  
on limited staff

Reducing the spread of invasive  
species

Management of barrier beaches in  
high public-use area (Moonstone  
Beach)

Managing incompatible public uses  
on Moonstone Beach

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