

The National Wildlife Refuge System

A National Wildlife Refuge is a great place to visit with your class, and chances are there's one within a short drive of your school. Here are some guidelines and tips to help you plan a successful trip.

During Your Visit

1. Take along binoculars, notebooks, and pencils.
2. Be sure to stop at visitor centers or visitor contact stations.
3. Interview the refuge manager, a naturalist, or other employee.
4. When hiking, walk slowly and look carefully. Stop frequently and look around. Listen carefully, too. What do you see and hear?
5. Take a close look at what makes and keeps a wild place wild. Make note of new things you learn, sights and sounds that are particularly striking, and new questions. Make sketches!



Naturalist's Journal

My Visit to a National Wildlife Refuge

Name: _____ Date: _____

Weather conditions: _____

Refuge name: _____

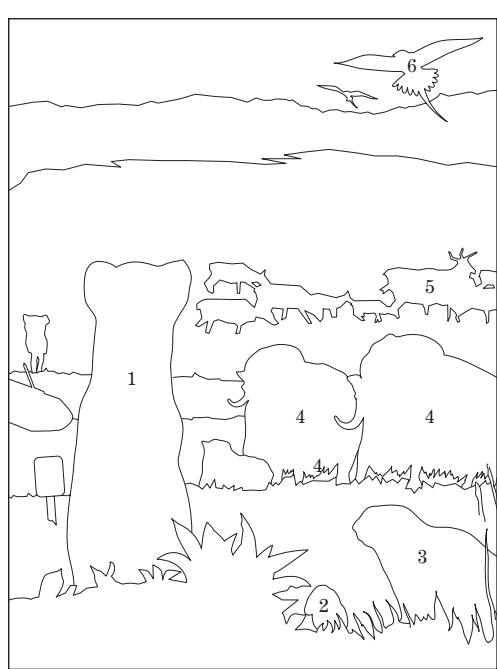
General description of the habitat here: _____

The birds and animals I saw during my visit:

Name/Type	Description

These are the sounds I heard: _____

Poster Key



1. Shorttail weasel
2. Collared lemming
3. Arctic ground squirrel
4. Muskoxen
5. Barren ground caribou
6. Long-tailed jaeger