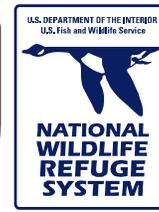


# News Release

## *National Wildlife Refuge System*



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### **Road Closures at Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge**

Bombay hook NWR will be conducting a road re-surfacing project along the entirety of the public auto-tour route this spring. The 8.5 mile project will include the regrading the existing gravel surface to remove the potholes and then an application of tar-and-chip (chipseal). The grading and resurfacing will necessitate lengthy closures of sections of the auto-tour. The work will be staged into pieces to offset the closures, so sections of the autotour will always be open to the public. Initial closures will result in Raymond Pool loop and Shearness Road (Dutch Neck Road from Raymond Loop to Parson Point Trailhead) will be closed for two weeks. Bear swamp and Finis road will remain open during this construction stage, with access to these sections of the Refuge through Finis Road exit (with access from Raymond Neck Road) or Dutch Neck Road. After this section is completed, Bear Swamp Loop, Finis Road, and the remainder of Dutch Neck Road will be closed; while Raymond and Shearness will be opened to the public traffic. The second closure (to Bear Swamp and Finis Road) is anticipated to be in place for two weeks.

The visitor center will remain open during the duration of the entire project. It is foreseen that the resurfacing project will help to alleviate the formation of potholes and reduce the amount of dust that visitors currently experience. The public's patience during this project will be greatly appreciated.

This project is expected to commence in mid-to-late April and progress through mid-to-late May. The exact start date of the project will be determined by the spring weather conditions, and will be updated by the Refuge as it is determined. Updates will be available on the Bombay Hook Refuge website and Facebook pages.

The Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge consists of over 16,251 acres of marsh, forest and uplands along the Delaware Bay between Woodland Beach and Port Mahon, east of Smyrna.

For more information, please call (302) 653-9345 or visit Bombay Hook's website: [https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Bombay\\_Hook/](https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Bombay_Hook/). Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge is located just off Route 9 near the Town of Leipsic at 2591 Whitehall Neck Rd, Smyrna, DE.

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