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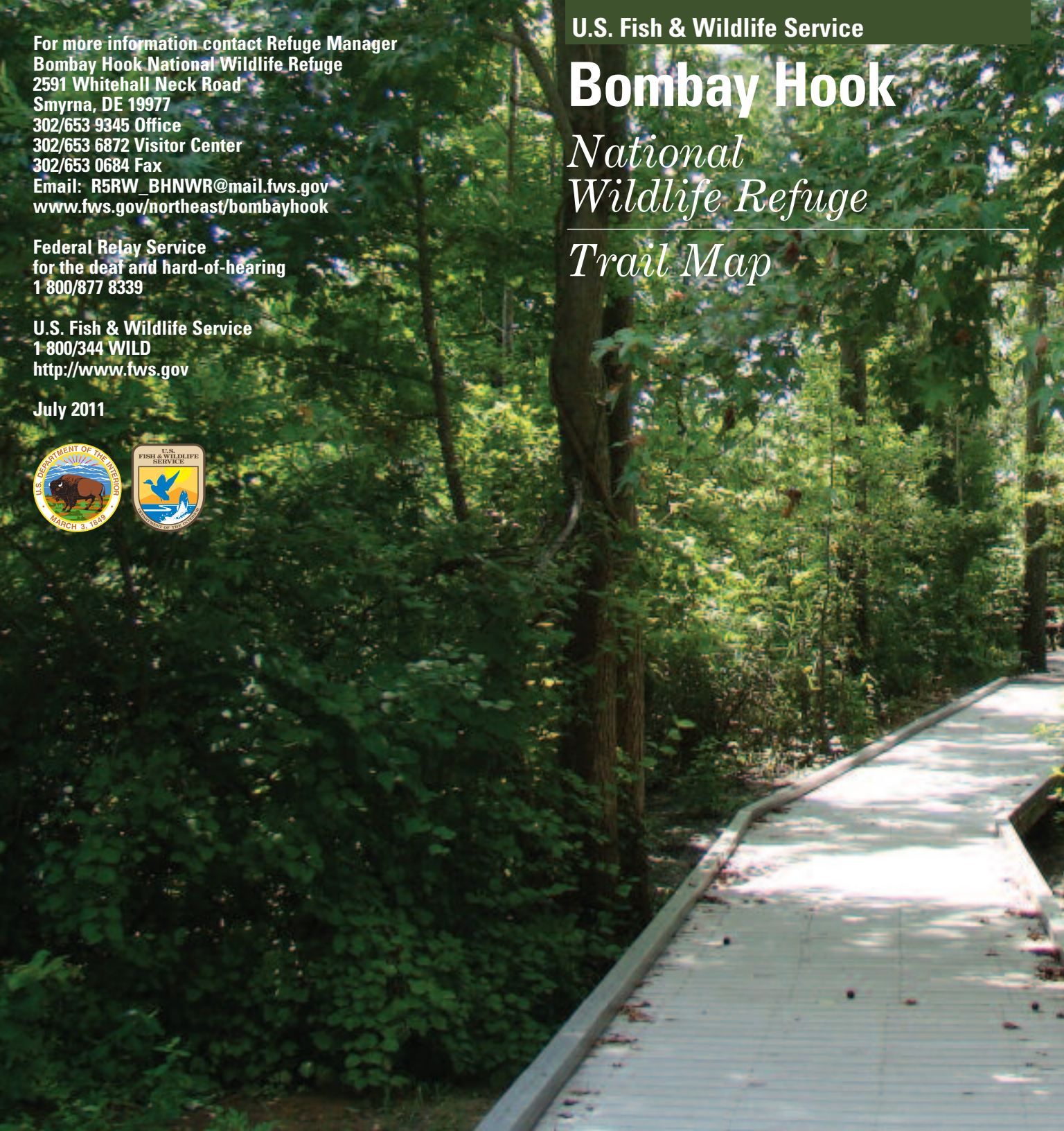
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Trail Map



Welcome to Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge

The refuge was established in 1937 as a link in the chain of refuges extending from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. The refuge has 16,251 acres located along the Atlantic flyway and provides feeding, resting, and breeding grounds for migrating birds and other wildlife. The variety of habitats welcomes a variety of wildlife throughout the year.

The refuge is open from sunrise to sunset every day of the year. The visitor center is open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on spring (March-May) and fall (September-November) weekends from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The visitor center is closed on federal holidays.

Wildlife

Spring - migrating waterfowl, song birds, and shorebirds. Spring peepers and wood frogs are in full voice.

Summer - herons, egrets, avocets, black-necked stilts, bald eagles, and birds of prey. Wood duck and mallard broods are present.

Fall and Winter - Canada and snow geese, swans, pintails, shovellers, teals, ruddy ducks, buffleheads, mallards, and black ducks. Mammals, amphibians, reptiles, fish, and lush flora are prevalent from spring into late fall.

Trails

Wildlife Drive - 12 miles
Vehicles, Bicycle, Walking – Drive along diverse habitats, including freshwater man-made pools, salt marshes, woodlands, and fields. Five trails are accessible along the wildlife drive. All trails are flat terrain.

Raymond Tower Trail - .25 mile
Walking – 30 ft. high observation tower. Forest and Upland Field

Boardwalk Trail Over the Salt Marsh - .25 mile
Walking – Tidal Salt Marsh

Parsons Point Trail - 1 mile
Walking – Freshwater Marsh and Forest.

Bear Swamp Trail - .25 mile
Walking - 30 ft. high observation tower and floating platform. Forest and Freshwater Marsh.

Sheariness Tower Trail - .25 mile
Walking – 30 ft. high observation tower. Forest and Upland Field



Obey Closed Area Signs

Permitted Activities:

- Dogs on a leash no more than 10-feet in length
- Bicycling is permitted on wildlife drive only
- Vehicles are permitted on wildlife drive and designated parking areas
- Public hunting permitted under special regulations
- Visitor center open weekdays 8:00-4:00 & seasonally on weekends
- Wildlife observation
- Wildlife photography
- Environmental education

Prohibited Activities:

- Camping/Overnight stays
- Fires
- Swimming
- Horseback riding
- Off road vehicles
- Collecting natural or historic objects
- Do not feed, disturb, capture or release any wildlife. The use of mechanical or electronic devices to lure or attract wildlife is prohibited.
- Fishing or crabbing from wildlife drive
- Drinking alcoholic beverages
- Littering

