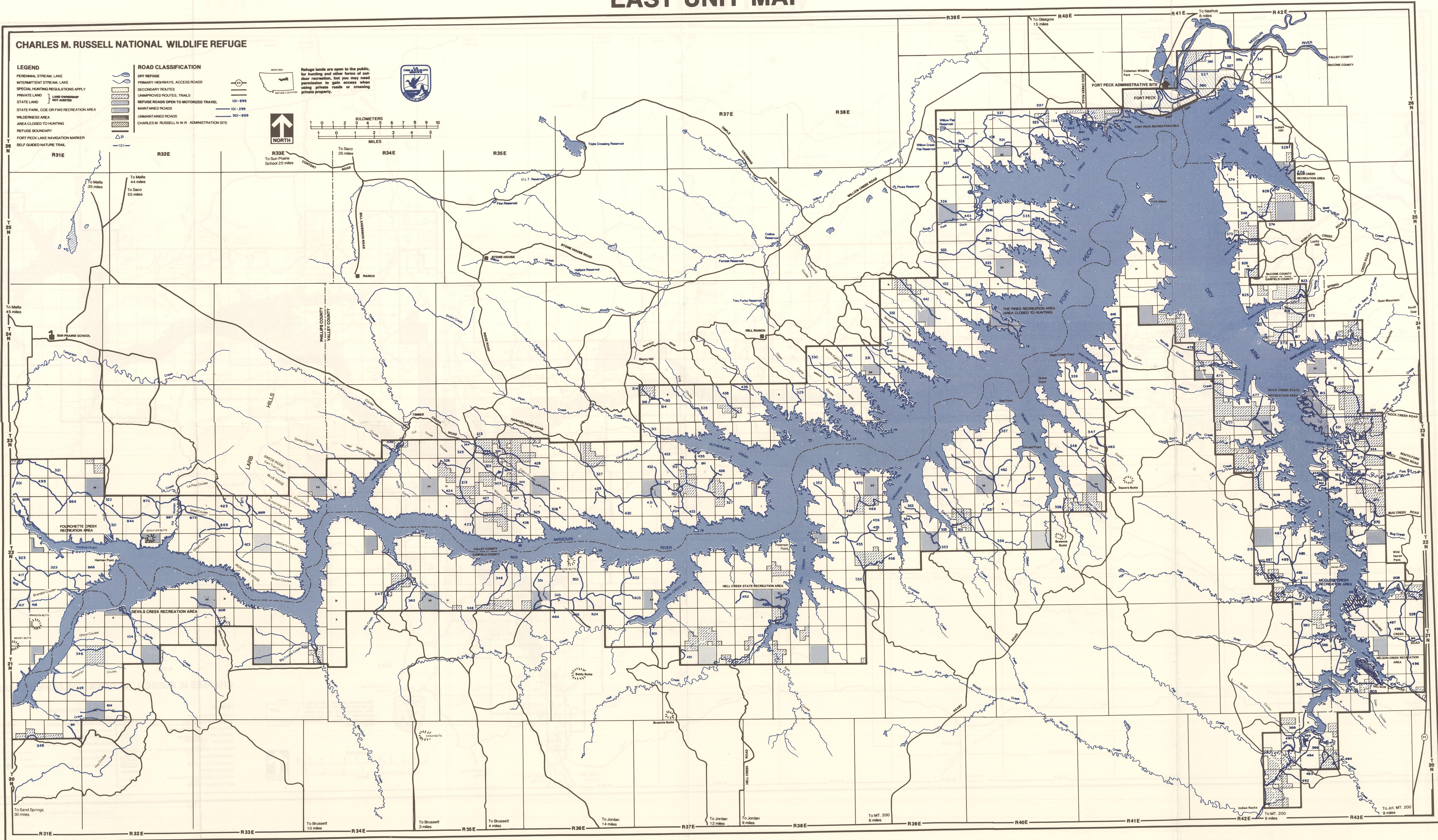


# EAST UNIT MAP



## ROADS, PEOPLE, AND BIG GAME MANAGEMENT

Roads are great for people, but they can cause problems for big game. Research has shown that big game avoid areas along traveled roads. As access and traffic increase, wildlife habitat becomes less effective in sheltering wildlife. Big game animals also become more vulnerable to harvest. Off-road vehicle travel can contribute to the taking of too many animals during the hunting season, which may result in more restrictive hunting seasons and a decrease in "trophy" animals.

The Refuge road policy provides secure feeding and resting areas for wildlife, with reasonable vehicular access for visitors. Visitors are advised to drive only on public roads and refuge trails posted open to vehicular travel. Your support of this policy will benefit wildlife and recreationists. Report any violations to the Refuge or Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

## REFUGE REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION

The following regulations apply *only* to Federal lands within the refuge boundary. The Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge provides an interesting variety of wildlife and wildlands in a natural setting. Visitors to the Refuge can enjoy the wildlife, historic, and scenic grandeur in nearly the same setting as the Lewis and Clark party during their exploration of the area. A self-guided auto nature trail 1/4 mile north of the Fred Robinson Bridge will assist visitors in developing a better understanding of the Refuge. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service employees at Lewistown, Fort Peck, Sand Creek and Jordan administrative sites can provide visitors with up-to-date Refuge information.

In order to protect National Wildlife Refuge resources, reduce conflicts of use, and safeguard visitors, it is necessary to establish regulations on the use of the Refuge. When in doubt as to any Refuge regulation, contact a Refuge officer. We invite you to visit any Refuge office to review regulations or discuss any aspect of Refuge operation with us. Your cooperation is necessary to help us properly manage the Refuge and your wildlife resources.

Look for the following signs and symbols as you enjoy the wildlife refuge.



Refuge office



Refuge information available



Scenic view or wildlife viewing area



Nature trail



Numbered route open to motor vehicle travel



A red slash mark across a symbol indicates that activity is not allowed.

## MOTORIZED VEHICLES

Motor vehicles are permitted on over 700 miles of designated Refuge roads. Many roads lead into the Refuge. Hard-surfaced, all weather roads are limited to U.S. Highway 191, which crosses the western part of the Refuge, and several highways around Fort Peck. An auto nature trail and several other roads leading to recreation sites are gravelled. Other Refuge roads are passable only in dry weather. When wet, these roads become extremely slick and travel is impossible. Local inquiries should be made if travel is contemplated off main highways. Some access roads cross private lands. Exercise courtesy and respect private property.

Refuge roads are numbered. Motor vehicles are permitted *only* on numbered routes. Operation of motor vehicles including all-terrain vehicles, off designated roads is prohibited. Off road travel is not permitted for retrieving downed game. The only exception is that direct off road travel is permitted to *temporary campsites* within 100 yards of a designated road. Seasonal road closures may apply.

All-terrain vehicles (motorcycles, quadricycles, etc.), like all other motorized vehicles, must be street legal and have a metal license plate. Operators must also possess the proper driver's license. Anyone intending to operate an all-terrain vehicle should contact the Refuge to ensure they fulfill the necessary requirements for legal operation.

Snowmobiles are restricted to numbered roads and the ice of Fort Peck Lake. Landslides, washouts, and other problems may cause the closure of roads. We recommend that all visitors carry shovels, tire chains, first aid kits, emergency food and water.

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GUIDE MAP  
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INFORMATION



\*This is an interim map:  
it is current and in effect  
until modified by the  
Refuge manager.



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CAMPING

Camping is permitted on the Refuge. Direct access by motor vehicle is permitted to and from temporary campsites within 100 yards of designated roads. Select the most direct access: avoid damage to soils and vegetation. Camping is limited to two weeks within any 30 day period. Any property, including camping equipment, boats, trailers and other personal property, abandoned or left unattended for a period in excess of 72 hours is subject to removal.

Select a safe place for campfires. Build only small fires and make certain that your fire is out when you leave. It is unlawful to leave campfires unattended. Help us keep costs down, take all litter and camping refuse home. Be considerate to other campers, restore your campsite to a natural condition when you leave.

HUNTING

Hunting activities are subject to State and Federal regulations. A Montana hunting license is required. Big game, waterfowl and upland bird hunting are allowed in accordance with state seasons and limits. Coyote hunting is allowed from the first day of the general antelope season through March 1. All other wildlife is protected unless hunting seasons are established. Consult State regulations prior to hunting. Trapping is not allowed on the Refuge. Any attempt to molest, injure, disturb, or destroy wildlife, (including rabbits and prairie dogs) except by permitted methods during open hunts, is prohibited. The use of artificial lights to search for or spot wildlife is prohibited.

Portable tree stands are permitted. They must be installed after August 1 and removed by December 15. Metal devices used to attach the stand to the tree and screw-in steps are permitted, however the use of nails and wire is not permitted. The construction or use of a stand or ladder permanently affixed to a tree is not permitted.

Persons possessing special handicapped hunting license may contact Refuge Manager for special privilege.

FIREARMS

Firearms may be carried, unloaded, in vehicles while on the refuge. Firearms or bows, which are legal for the species pursued, may be removed from a vehicle only in conjunction with a legal hunt for which the hunter is licensed. Weapons may not be discharged at any other time. Keep safety in mind—be sure of your target before you pull the trigger.

SPORT FISHING

Sport fishing is permitted on the Refuge. A Montana fishing license is required. State fishing regulations and limits apply to the Refuge. Anglers often take catfish, walleye, northern pike, sauger, perch, bullhead, paddlefish and lake trout on the Missouri River and in the waters of Fort Peck Lake. Ice fishing houses are permitted on Fort Peck Lake from December 1 to March 31. The owner's name and address must be attached to the outside wall of the structure.

BOATING

Boating is permitted on the Refuge. Montana boating laws and regulations apply to all Refuge waters. Boats must have an approved personal flotation device (PFD) available for each occupant. Boaters under the age of 12 must wear a PFD at all times. Extra shear pins, gasoline and a first aid kit are highly recommended as standard equipment.

The Missouri River is a unit of the National Wild and Scenic River System from the west Refuge boundary to the Fred Robinson Bridge, and is administered by the Bureau of Land Management. Special boating restrictions (including a no wake speed limit) apply to this segment of the river. General river information and permit requirements for use of the Upper Missouri Wild and Scenic River may be obtained from the Lewistown, Montana office of the Bureau of Land Management.

On the rest of the Missouri River between the Fred Robinson Bridge and Fort Peck Reservoir, water levels in the river dictate what types of boats may be suitable. Canoes are suitable during all seasons. Boats with outboard motors can be safely used during the spring runoff, but low flows during the remainder of the year may make their use dangerous. The upstream shoreline of Fort Peck Reservoir also fluctuates according to the amount of water stored. Boaters should be cautious of sand bars and other hazards during periods of low water levels when boating in the reservoir above the Crooked Creek Recreation Area. The delta at the head of the reservoir is generally impassable to all boats.

HIKING AND HORSEBACK RIDING

Hiking and horseback riding will permit exploration of the more remote areas of the Refuge. Horses can only be fed grain, pellets, or certified weed-free hay on the refuge to prevent introduction of noxious weeds. Back country travel requires special preparations and precautions. There are no marked trails and drinking water is generally unavailable. Expertise with map and compass is recommended. Back country travelers should be familiar with the isolated character of the Refuge, and should be prepared for emergencies. The Refuge is open to winter activities. Conditions vary with rapid weather changes—be prepared.

The UL Bend Wilderness is part of the National Wilderness Preservation System. This area of over 20,000 acres has been set aside for non-motorized travel and use. Hiking, horseback riding, photography, hunting, fishing, sight-seeing and camping are among the permitted uses of wilderness areas.

SWIMMING, WATERSKIING, BERRY PICKING, AND PICNICKING

Swimming, waterskiing, berry picking, and picnicking are permitted except at locations closed by signs.

AIRCRAFT

Aircraft may not land on the Refuge. The use of aircraft over refuge lands to harass, drive or hunt wildlife is prohibited. Contact Corps of Engineers regarding landing of sea planes on Fort Peck Reservoir and the Missouri River.

ARTIFACTS, FOSSILS, AND HISTORIC ITEMS

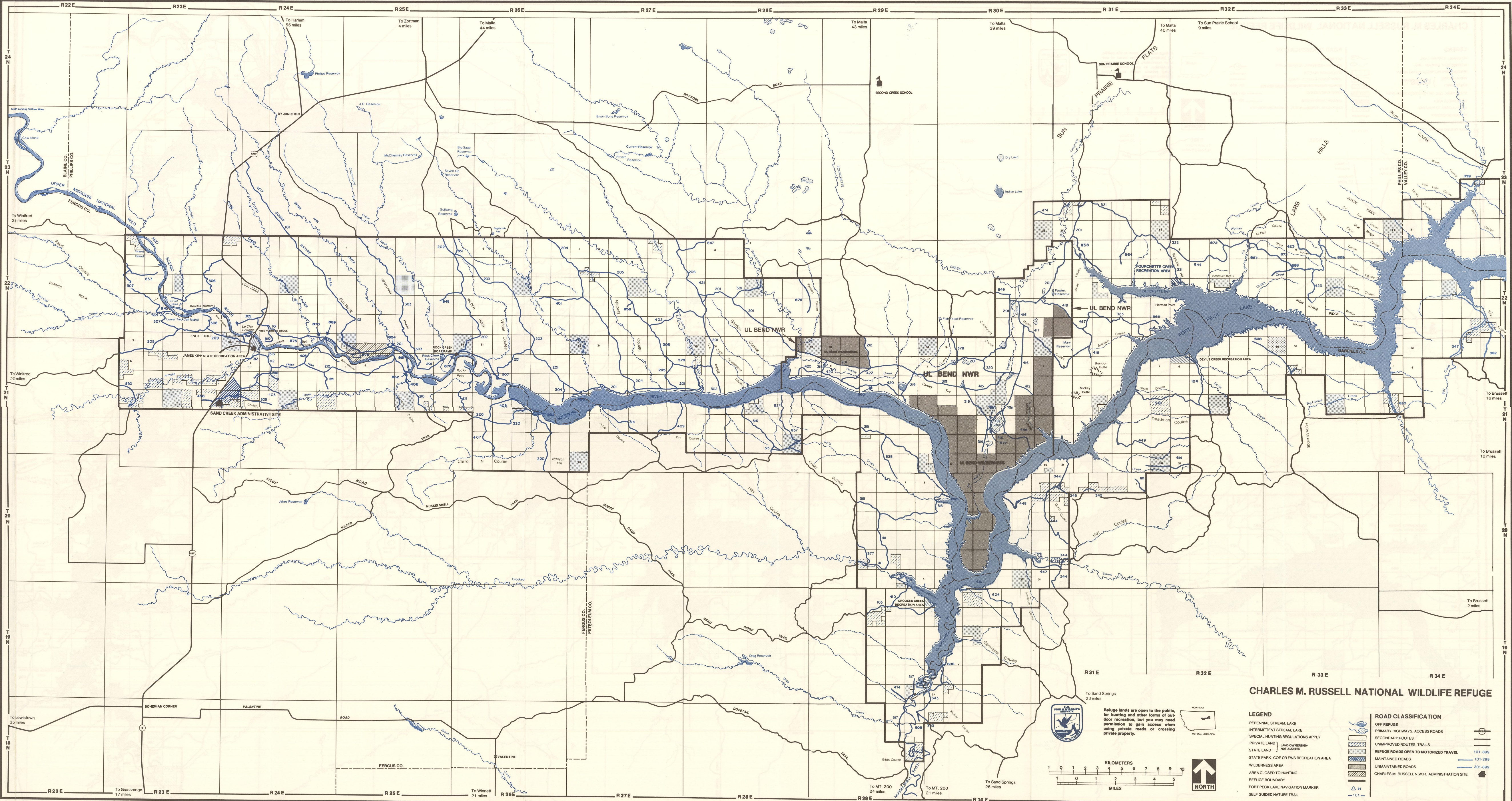
Artifacts, fossils, and historic items are protected on the Refuge. It is unlawful to search for and remove these objects on Refuge lands. The many old buildings and homesteads are an interesting part of the area's history—leave them as they are for others to enjoy.

All other activities not expressly permitted are prohibited; when in doubt as to any regulation contact a Refuge officer or the Refuge manager at: Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge P.O. Box 110 Lewistown, Montana 59457-0110 Telephone Number: (406) 538-8707

PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITIES

AREA	KEY:										Managing Agency	Nearest Services
	Boat Ramp	Drinking Water	Rest Facilities	Picnic Shelter	Picnic Tables	Fire Grills	Improved Roads	Camping	Gasoline Access	Within 10 miles		
Fort Peck Recreation Area	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Corps of Engineers	Fort Peck
Pines Recreation Area	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			Corps of Engineers	Glasgow
Bear Creek Recreation Area			X	X	X	X					Corps of Engineers	Fort Peck
McGuire Creek Recreation Area			X								Corps of Engineers	Fort Peck
Rock Creek State Recreation Area	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			State of Montana	Fort Peck
Hell Creek State Recreation Area	X	X	X	X	X	X					State of Montana	Jordan
Devils Creek Recreation Area			X	X	X	X					Corps of Engineers	Jordan
Fourchette Creek Recreation Area	X	X		P	X	X					Corps of Engineers	Malia
Crooked Creek Recreation Area	X	X	X	X	X	X					Corps of Engineers	Jct US 191 & M 19
Nelson Creek Recreation Area	X	X	X	X	X	X					Corps of Engineers	Fort Peck
James Kipp State Recreation Area	X	X	X	X	X	X					Bureau of Land Management	Jct US 191 & M 19
Rock Creek Boat Ramp	X	X	X	X	X	X					US Fish & Wildlife	Jct US 191 & M 19
Self Guided Nature Tour Route #101			X				X				US Fish & Wildlife	Jct US 191 & M 19

WEST UNIT MAP



CHARLES M. RUSSELL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

**LEGEND**

PERMANENT STREAM LAKE  
INTERMITTENT STREAM LAKE  
SPECIAL HUNTING REGULATIONS APPLY  
PRIVATE LAND  
STATE LAND  
STATE PARK, CDE OR FWS RECREATION AREA  
WILDERNESS AREA  
AREA CLOSED TO HUNTING  
REFUGE BOUNDARY  
FORT PECK LAKE NAVIGATION MARKER  
SELF-GUIDED NATURE TRAIL

**ROAD CLASSIFICATION**

OFF-REFUGE  
PRIMARY HIGHWAYS, ACCESS ROADS  
SECONDARY ROUTES  
UNIMPROVED ROUTES, TRAILS  
REFUGE ROADS OPEN TO MOTORIZED TRAVEL  
MAINTAINED ROADS  
UNMAINTAINED ROADS  
CHARLES M. RUSSELL N.W.R. ADMINISTRATION SITE

**SCALE**

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MILES

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