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Dear Friend,

You're invited! The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is thrilled to announce the grand opening of our new Eastern Massachusetts National Wildlife Refuge Complex (Complex) Visitor Center, at the Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge in Sudbury, Massachusetts. The Visitor Center will be a focal point for environmental education and interpretation, and will provide a meeting place for our conservation partners as well. It will also be a showcase for green building and design. We are grateful for the funding we received from the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act, which allowed us to install both solar panels to complete the green component of the building and wildlife exhibits which both school children and adults will find to be enjoyable and educational.

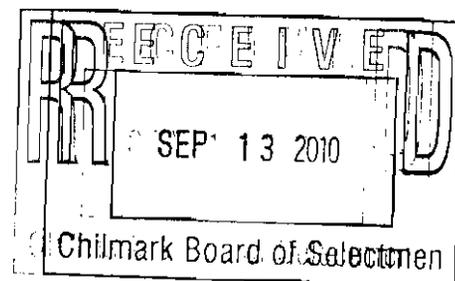
We will be celebrating the opening of the Visitor Center on Sunday, October 17, 2010, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and would love to have you attend. We are pleased to announce that U.S. Congresswoman Niki Tsongas will be our guest speaker this day! The event is open to the public, so please share information about the opening. The Visitor Center is located at 680 Hudson Road in Sudbury, MA.

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Russo at Susan_J_Russo@fws.gov or 978-443-4661 x34. Thank you very much for your interest in and support of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Herland
Project Leader

Enclosure



About Us

Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge is part of the National Wildlife Refuge System (System). The System managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), is the world's premier system of public lands and waters set aside to conserve America's fish, wildlife and plants. Since President Theodore Roosevelt designated Florida's Pelican Island as the first wildlife refuge in 1903, the System has grown to more than 150 million acres, 550 national wildlife refuges and other units of the Refuge System, plus 37 wetland management districts.

The Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge (refuge) has a large wetland complex, several smaller wetlands and vernal pools, and large forested areas which are important feeding and breeding areas for migratory birds and other wildlife. It also has 15 miles of trails open to the public for the enjoyment of nature as well as the new visitor center located on Winterberry Way.

The refuge is located approximately 20 miles west of Boston in portions of the towns of Hudson, Maynard, Stow and Sudbury. The refuge consists of several separate pieces of land: a 1,900-acre northern section, a 300-acre southern section, and 91 acres scattered along the Assabet River in Stow. The main entrance to the refuge is at 680 Hudson Road in Sudbury.

The refuge is one of eight national wildlife refuges that compose the Eastern Massachusetts National Wildlife Refuge Complex. These eight ecologically diverse refuges include Assabet River, Great Meadows, Mashpee, Massasoit, Monomoy, Nantucket, Nomans Land Island and Oxbow. Information about the complex and these refuges is available at <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/easternmanwrcomplex>.

Getting There

From Route 2, take Exit 42 (Route 27) south towards Acton and through Maynard. Go straight through lights at junction with Route 117 in Maynard, following Route 27 south until you see Fairbank Road on the right. Take Fairbank Road to the end. Turn right off of Fairbank Road onto Hudson Road. Follow for about one mile, and main refuge entrance is on the right. This route is approximately eight miles.

From Hudson/Stow area, follow Route 62 East to Hudson Road. Main refuge entrance is on left after Department of Fire Services headquarters.

From the east, follow Route 27 north through the center of Sudbury. Bear left onto Hudson Road when Route 27 turns north towards Maynard. The main entrance to the refuge is approximately three miles from this intersection, on the right.

If using any navigation system, it is advised to use 680 Hudson Rd, Sudbury, MA.

