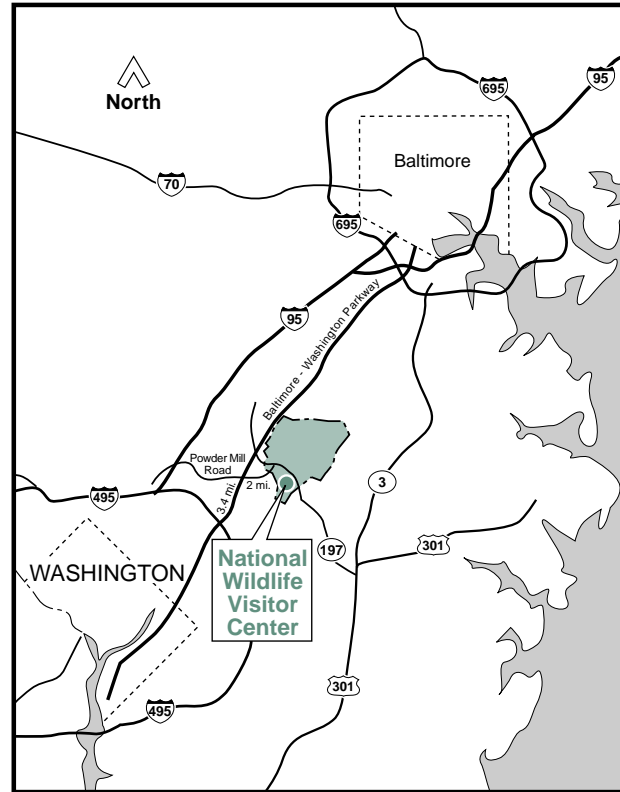


Discover

the largest science and environmental education center in the Department of the Interior. This unique U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service facility is located on the 12,750 acre Patuxent Research Refuge. The Visitor Center is designed to provide visitors with knowledge and appreciation of the role of wildlife research in preserving the earth's vital resources. Interactive exhibits focus on global environmental issues, migratory bird routes, wildlife habitats, and endangered species recovery efforts. Surrounding forests, lakes and trails provide opportunities for wildlife-oriented recreation, educational programs and group tours.



Location

In the heart of the Baltimore-Washington corridor, the National Wildlife Visitor Center is located off of Powder Mill Road, 2 miles east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, just south of Laurel, Maryland.

Hours

10:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. everyday.

Admission Cost

All exhibits are free to the general public. Guided tram tours are available seasonally for a nominal fee.

School Groups

School classes are encouraged, but must schedule in advance. A teacher orientation workshop is required prior to bringing classes. No food or concession areas are provided.

For More Information

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state-of-the-art exhibits that demonstrate the value of wildlife research and the importance of making informed choices for the good of our environment.



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Global Concerns

Visitors are asked to consider global environmental issues and ways they impact wildlife in our own backyard.

Habitats

Be a field researcher and travel through five life-scale habitat areas. Learn through hands-on interactive exhibits how wildlife research has led to important discoveries.



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On the Brink

Peer into the worlds of many endangered species and see the efforts being made to assist them.



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Life Cycles

See dramatic dioramas of gray wolves, whooping cranes, canvasback ducks and sea otters displaying true-to-life behavior—up close and in their own environment.

Viewing Pod

Set spotting scopes, binoculars and radio tracking equipment and observe wildlife for yourself through a large picture window overlooking acres of natural wildlife habitat.



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Guided Tram Tours

Visiting groups can schedule tram tours of the surrounding woods and lakes to learn about wildlife management and the importance of natural wetland environments.

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Conference Center

A large auditorium and modular meeting rooms can accommodate scientific and environmental meetings and conferences.

Gift Shop

A very special gift shop operated by a nonprofit volunteer association features a variety of environmental books, gifts, and educational materials.



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Trails

Experience the sights and sounds of wildlife as you explore the forests, meadows and lakes surrounding the Visitor Center.