

## Visiting the Refuge

The refuge is bordered by Route 2. the County Road and the Stud Mill Road in Milford. To reach the southern half of the refuge including the Carter Meadow, Oak Point and Johnson Brook Trails, take the County Road off of Route 2 in the center of Milford. Continuing past Johnson Brook Trail, the County Road eventually reaches the Stud Mill Road. If you turn left at this intersection and drive 1.7 miles on the County Road, you will eventually come to the Ash Landing parking area near where Sunkhaze Stream crosses the Stud Mill Road.



Common yellowthroat

To visit McLaughlin Road and/or Ash Landing only, you may take Route 2 north to Costigan. Across from the state boat launch on the banks of the Penobscot River, turn onto Greenfield Road. Take your first right onto Stud Mill Road, then follow the road as it turns left in about 1/3 mile and continues about two miles to the refuge boundary.

The Stud Mill Road is privately owned and maintained, and although the owners generously allow public access, large log-hauling trucks have the right-of-way. There are gates that may be closed to restrict vehicular access during icy winter conditions or mud season.



Blue-winged teal

dependent birds. Several species of duck nest here, including black duck, mallard, wood duck, hooded merganser, and blue-winged teal.

Great blue herons, American bitterns, double-crested cormorants, Virginia and sora rails, spotted sandpipers, greater yellowlegs and long-billed dowitchers all use the wetlands.

Maine hosts more warbler species than most other states. Many warblers and other songbirds may be seen and heard here. In fact, more than 200 species of birds have been documented using the forests and wetlands.



Painted turtle

Turtles and frogs are often seen. Dragonflies and other insects are abundant.



Dragonfly