

# Savannah

## *National Wildlife Refuge*



*American alligators, Kirk Rogers*

Savannah NWR, one of seven refuges administered under the Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex, was established April 6, 1927. It consists of 29,175 acres located along the lower Savannah River; 6,000 acres of freshwater impoundments are managed for migratory waterfowl and were formerly the rice fields of plantations dating back to the mid to late 1700's.

Habitats of Savannah NWR include freshwater marshes, tidal rivers and creeks, bottomland hardwoods, and upland hardwood forests.

The refuge is home to a large variety of wildlife including waterfowl, wading birds, shorebirds, songbirds, American alligators, and several endangered/threatened species including woods storks, manatees, and shortnose sturgeon.

### **Visitor Opportunities**

- Visitor Center offers 11-minute video about the refuge, museum-quality exhibit hall, and nature store
- The four-mile Laurel Hill Wildlife Drive; open to vehicle traffic
- Environmental education and interpretation
- Hiking and biking trails
- Wildlife observation
- Wildlife photography
- Kayaking
- Fishing
- Scheduled hunts

# U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

## Hours of Operation

Savannah NWR:

7 days a week,  
sunrise to sunset  
(no overnight use)

Visitor Center:

Monday -  
Saturday  
9 am - 4 pm

## Fees

None

## Location

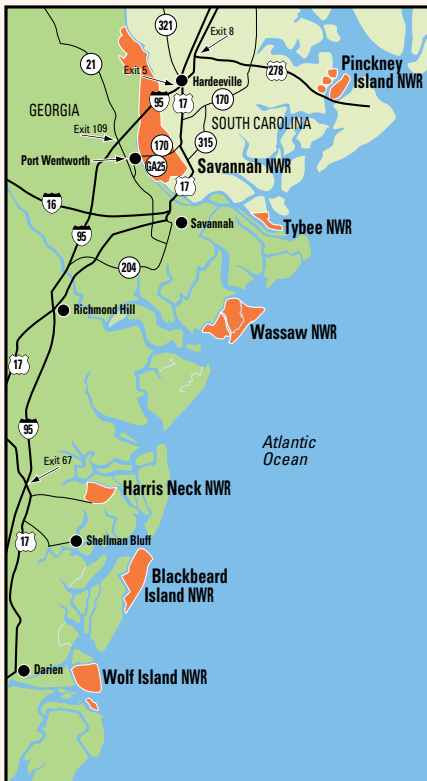
Savannah NWR  
Visitor Center is  
located on U.S.  
Highway 17,  
approximately  
seven miles south  
of Hardeeville,  
SC (Exit 5 off of  
I-95), or seven  
miles north  
of downtown  
Savannah, GA.

Refuge trail  
maps and public  
use information  
available online  
and at Savannah  
NWR Visitor  
Center and  
information  
kiosks.



*The blue goose is  
the symbol for the  
National Wildlife  
Refuge System.*

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*Purple Gallinule, Kirk Rogers*

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