

Photo: CBS News

Charles Kuralt (1934 - 1997) was a native of North Carolina, with deep family roots in the Tarheel region. As a distinguished radio and broadcast journalist, Kuralt was the innovator of a popular television news feature, "On the Road." Traveling in a motor home, Kuralt visited out-of-the-way places across America, bringing them into America's living rooms.

Later, as host of the popular "Sunday Morning" program on CBS, Kuralt ended each broadcast with a few minutes of video on the magnificent natural features of our country. Many of these segments were filmed on your National Wildlife Refuges.

Throughout his travels, Kuralt discovered this remarkable system of wildlands managed for wildlife and continued to share these living treasures with millions of television viewers. His long-time interest in National Wildlife Refuges was recognized, posthumously, with a distinguished Citizen's Award by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Jamie Rappaport Clark in 1997.

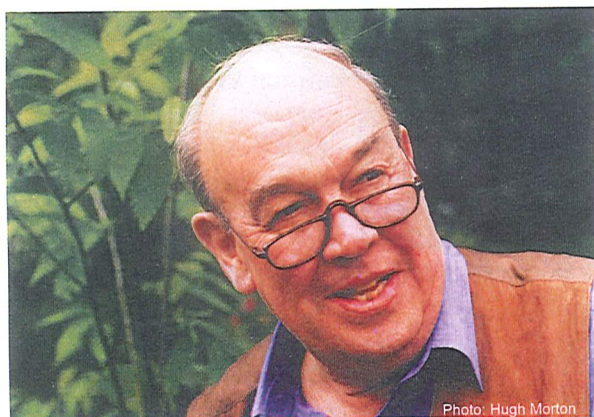


Photo: Hugh Morton

Roanoke-Tar-Neuse-Cape Fear Ecosystem

The Charles Kuralt Trail links together some particularly good sites to explore the natural character of the mid-Atlantic region. The refuges and hatchery, here and across the nation, provide many opportunities for people to enjoy wildlife-dependent recreation – wildlife observation, interpretation, environmental education, fishing, hunting, and nature photography. To get more information contact any of these offices:

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For more information on the Charles Kuralt Trail:
<http://www.northeast-nc.com/kuralt>
<http://www.fws.gov/northcarolina>

To purchase a tour tape or CD, contact:
Coastal Wildlife Refuge Society
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<http://www.outer-banks.com/coastalwildlife/form.cfm>

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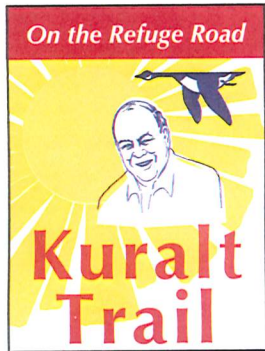


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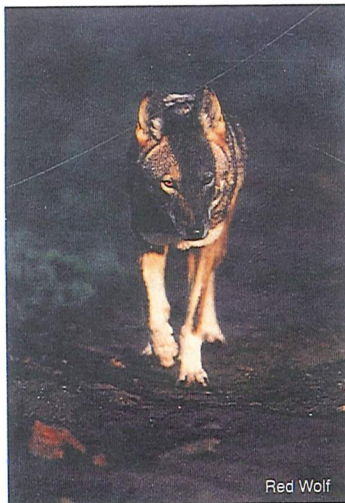
*Enjoy viewing wildlife along the
Kuralt Trail on the refuge road...*

In the mid-Atlantic coastal plain of Virginia and North Carolina, mysterious, dark backwater rivers flow into estuarine sounds contained by the Outer Banks. Here, eleven national wildlife refuges and a national fish hatchery are working to conserve fish, wildlife, plants and their native habitats. The Charles Kuralt Trail has been established to help people enjoy these wildlands and to recognize the broadcast journalist who shared the delights and wonders of out-of-the-way places like these.



wildlife. Some of the wildest lands in the mid-Atlantic are found within these refuges.

Each of these national wildlife refuges and the hatchery have established a Kuralt site to provide you with recreational opportunities. The roads are marked with signs to help you find the sites. There's no particular route for the trail – plan your travels according to your time, interest, and what each season may offer. Springtime is great for experiencing songbird migration when the forests are filled with song. Each fall brings a spectacular sight as thousands of ducks, geese, and swans gather around the lakes and sounds.

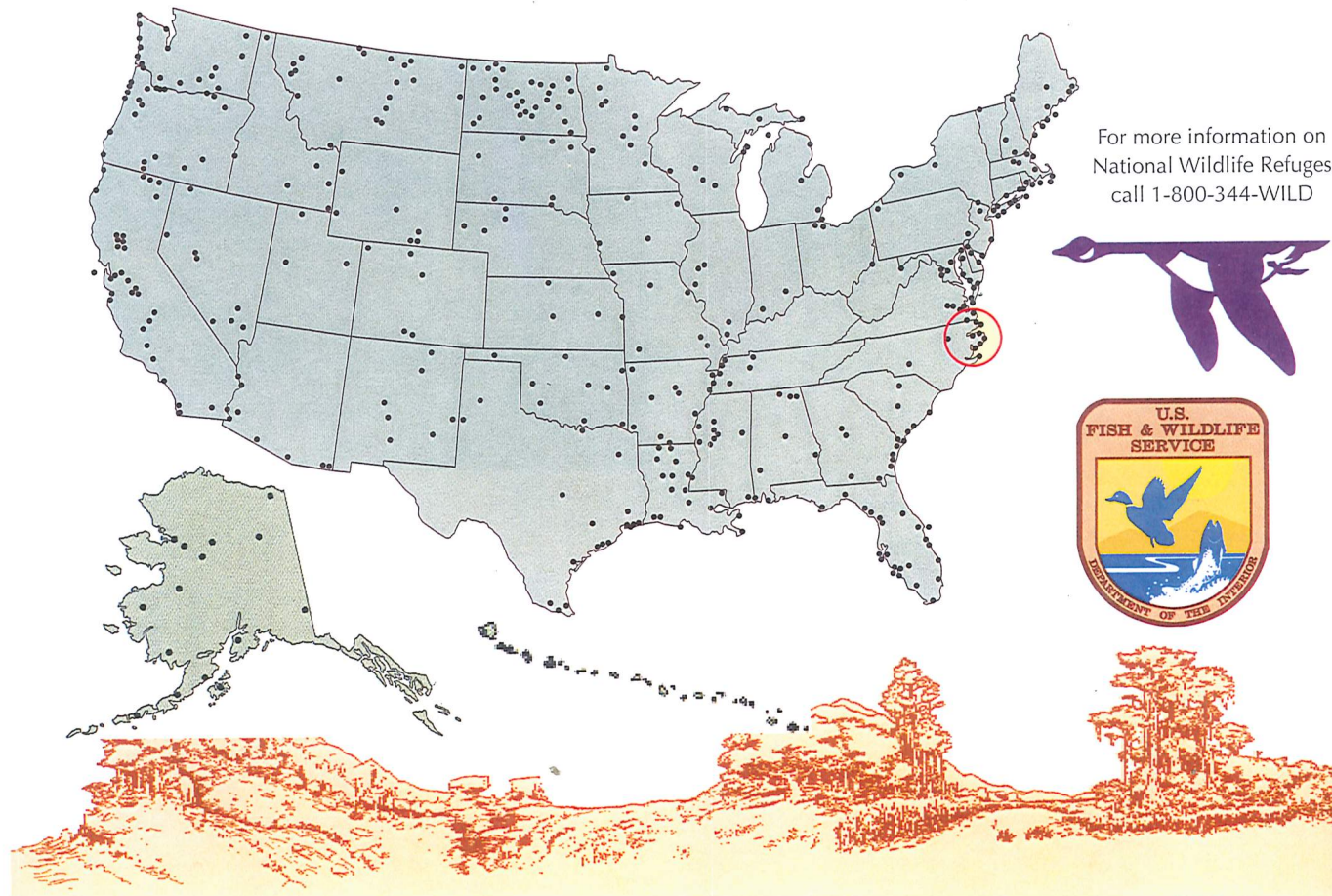


Red Wolf

At each Kuralt site you will encounter a special opportunity to experience nature. You can enjoy nature trails on footpaths and boardwalks. Some sites have observation platforms to overlook scenic vistas and wildlife. Take to the back roads on refuge wildlife auto tour routes. You'll find more information at a red-roofed kiosk at each stop along the Kuralt Trail. You may want to purchase an audio tour recording to enjoy and learn more about the region and the plants and animals that national wildlife refuges are working to protect.

You'll also find other interesting places to visit along the Kuralt Trail – cultural and natural attractions such as museums, the North Carolina Aquarium, Partnership for the Sounds education centers, and national, state, and local parks.

Enjoy your ramblings on the refuge road!



The refuges in Virginia and North Carolina are all part of the world's foremost collection of wildlands managed for the conservation of fish, wildlife, and plants. These lands are managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, part of the Department of Interior. The Service is the principal federal agency working to conserve plants, fish, and wildlife to benefit people.

The National Wildlife Refuge System

consists of more than 500 units and 95 million acres. Founded by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1903, the National Wildlife Refuge System stretches from the subtropical islands of the Pacific to the Arctic tundra, and from prairie pothole wetlands to forested swamps and desert expanses. Refuges conserve our nation's natural living treasures. Enjoy your National Wildlife Refuges.

For more information on National Wildlife Refuges call 1-800-344-WILD



On the Refuge Road Charles Kuralt Trail



1 Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge



is located along a thin strip of coastline typical of barrier islands, flanked to the east by the Atlantic Ocean and to the west by the fresh waters of Back Bay. Loggerhead sea turtles, peregrine falcons, and bald eagles find a safe home here.



2 Mackay Island National Wildlife Refuge



Refuge is home to over 182 species of birds, including thousands of ducks, geese, and swans. Enjoy wildlife viewing at the Kuralt site and other Refuge locations.



3 Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge



Refuge contains over 111,200 acres of forested wetlands. A popular feature of the Refuge is Lake Drummond, which shelters thousands of waterfowl each winter.



4 Currituck National Wildlife Refuge



contains a variety of habitats, including sandy beaches, grassy dunes, maritime forests, and freshwater and brackish marshes, which support a wide diversity of wildlife.



5 Edenton National Fish Hatchery



was established in 1899 and works to restore native and endangered fish populations. Enjoy aquariums, exhibits, the boardwalk, and walking around the hatchery ponds.



6 Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge



includes bottomland hardwood forests important to neotropical migratory birds, migratory fish, and nesting and wintering waterfowl. Take the foot trail through the river floodplain during spring or fall migrations.



7 Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge



Refuge provides over 112,000 acres of habitat for red-cockaded woodpeckers, waterfowl, neotropical migratory birds, red wolves, black bears, and white-tailed deer. View wintering waterfowl at the Kuralt site.



8 Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge



was established in 1984 and contains 152,000 acres of habitat especially important to black bears and red wolves, and is a haven for waterfowl and other migratory birds.



9 Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge



was established in 1938 to provide resting and wintering habitat for migratory waterfowl. Enjoy the North Pond Wildlife Trail, the Refuge Visitor Center, and almost 13 miles of pristine beach.



10 Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge



known among wildlife enthusiasts for the thousands wintering waterfowl that it attracts each year. Enjoy an observation tower overlooking North Carolina's largest natural lake, and visit the historic lodge/pumping station.



11 Swanquarter National Wildlife Refuge



was established in 1932 and includes key areas which are particularly important to migratory waterfowl and other marsh birds. Observe wildlife and a view of Pamlico Sound.



12 Cedar Island National Wildlife Refuge



was established in 1964 to help protect important wintering habitat for migratory waterfowl. Fall and winter months bring thousands of waterfowl to the Refuge.

