

Accessing the Refuge

Through our partnership with the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, we are privileged with free access to the refuge including many areas that are not open to the public.

Passes

Passes for refuge entrance are provided at the field station office. One pass per vehicle. Passes must be returned to the office. Field trip binders have one pass attached to the inside back cover. Passes cover educational trips only, not recreational.

Sampling and Collecting Specimens

A few representative specimens of the common invertebrate and fish and algal species may be collected. Water samples, non-endangered plants and small sand samples may also be taken. Specimen collection is permitted for educational purposes only. Research projects require separate permits. No specimens can be returned or released at the refuge.

Areas Requiring Permission

The Fish and Wildlife Service requires a minimum of two weeks advanced requests for the following areas: D-Dike and other areas along the service road, Tom's Cove, visitor centers (including deck), off trails, and seasonally closed areas. Three day advanced request is also required for after-hours access. No permission is required to access the public recreational beach on the ocean side. All requests must be processed through us. To request use of these areas please provide the following information to us.

Specific Area (For Tom's Cove it is useful to refer to the parking lots 1-4)

Date, Start and End Times

Equipment and Activities

CBFS's Designated Area

There is a designated spot that is set aside for our use. No advance permission is required for this site, but please check with us to avoid conflict with other field station groups.

