



Chautauqua NWR Nature Trails

1 Chautauqua Nature Trail

Trail Head Chautauqua Refuge Headquarters.
Description This rocky trail takes you on a leisurely walk through the woods with three beautiful decks overlooking the South Pool. This is the oldest and most frequented trail at the refuge with great wildlife viewing and an ADA accessible path.
Length An ADA accessible 0.5 mile loop.

2 Roundtree Trail

Trail Head North and South Roundtree parking lots: 1950E, .8 miles north of Eagle Bluffs
Description This trail takes you through Roundtree Natural Area, an example of a typical Black Oak/Mockernut Hickory forest type. Good opportunities for mushroom and berry picking.
Length An easy 0.6 mile loop with two parking lots.

3 South Beer-can Trail

Trail Head North Roundtree parking lot
Description Named for the ring of beer cans marking a secret birding hotspot, the trail takes you along the bluff of the North Pool to rarely seen areas of the refuge. A reduced understory makes this hike perfect for viewing migratory song-birds.
Length An easy 0.5 mile one way walk. Connects with North Beer-can Trail at northern end.

4 North Beer-can Trail

Trail Head Goofy Ridge parking lot
Description A ridge line trail that dips and rises along the ravines of the upper North Pool. A good portion of the trail follows the existing fire line for easy viewing of the canopy. Make sure to watch for trail markers.
Length A moderately difficult 1.25 mile hike. Connects with South Beer-can trail at southern end.

5 North Pool Trail

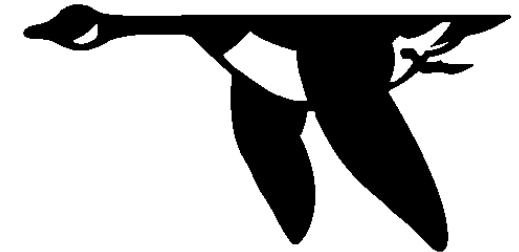
Trail Head Eagle Bluff boat launch area and North Roundtree parking lot.
Description This trail winds up the eastern bluff of the North Pool. A cool breeze from the lake makes this hike enjoyable in hot summer months. Look for remnants of the fishing cabins that once dotted the bluff.
Length A moderate 1.3 mile hike one way.



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Trail Map



About the Trails

Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge trails are designed as primitive service trails for use primarily by USFWS staff. These trails are open to the public, but they are minimally maintained and may not be accessible to everyone.

Getting There

Refuge headquarters are located 6 miles north of Havana, off Manito Rd.

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 7:30 am – 4:00pm year round.
Closed on federal holidays.

Refuge Hours:

All days sunrise to sunset unless otherwise posted. Portions of the refuge are closed from October 15th through January 31st. All trails open year round. See Chautauqua Regulations Brochure for details.

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