

# TRAIL MAP



## Sachuest Point National Wildlife Refuge

**Welcome to the Sachuest Point National Wildlife Refuge!** This refuge is one of five national wildlife refuges in Rhode Island. From the mid-1600's to the early 1900's, Sachuest Point was used for farming and sheep grazing. During World War II, the U.S. Navy used this site for a rifle range and communications center. In 1970, a 70 acre donation from the Audubon Society of Rhode Island led to the establishment of Sachuest Point National Wildlife Refuge. Today, with the land transfers from the Navy, the Refuge totals 242 acres that provide an important stopover and wintering area for migratory birds.

### Hiking Trails

#### **Flint Point Loop Trail**

1.4 miles, Mild terrain and is universally accessible. The trail accesses two wildlife viewing platforms.

#### **Ocean View Loop**

1.5 miles, Medium terrain. Fantastic Views of the ocean and rocky shoreline.

#### **Price Neck Overlook**

0.1 miles, Rugged terrain. Step on ancient rocks which used to be part of the African Continent.

Shoreline Access Point

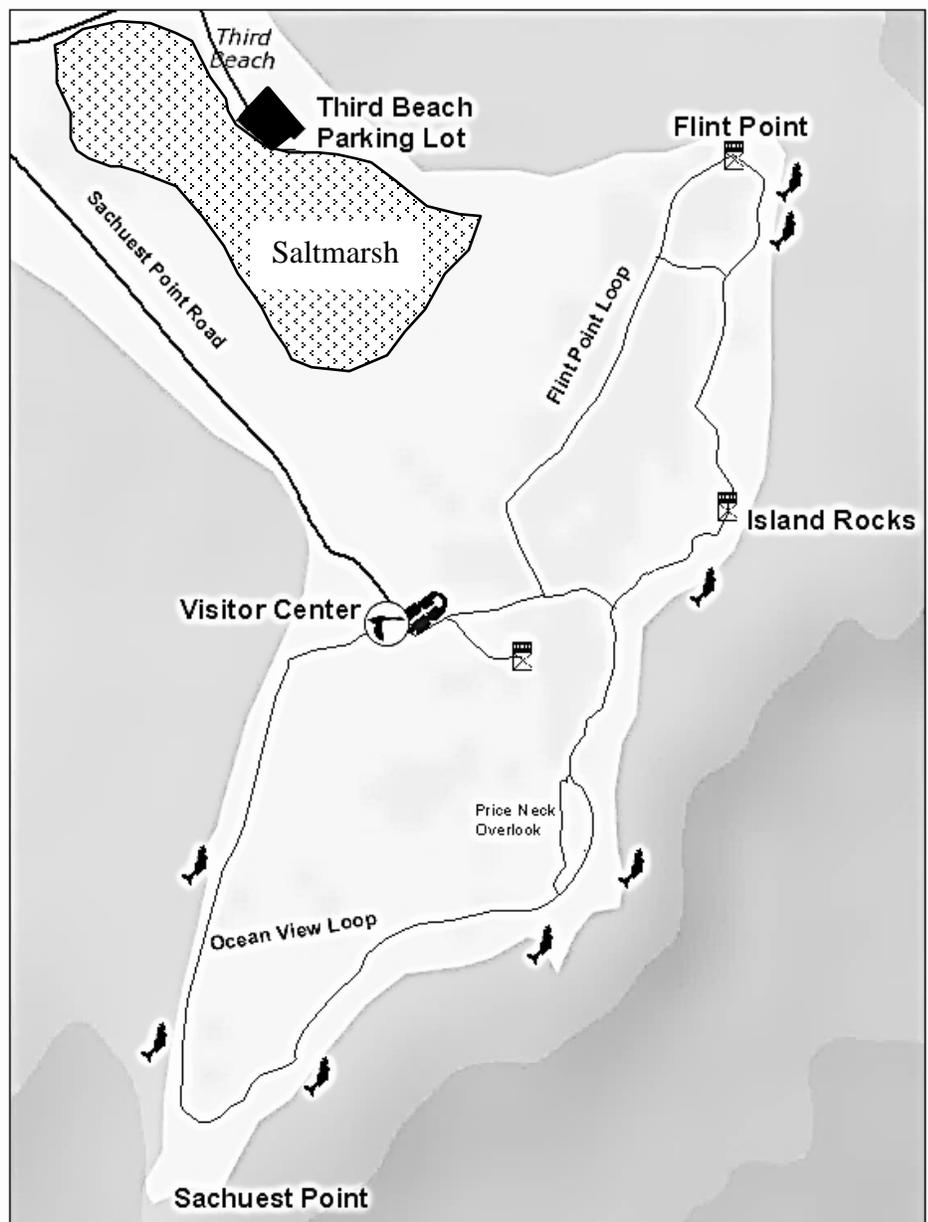


Observation platform



### **Caution!**

- ◆ Slippery rocks and heavy surf are often present and can be dangerous. Never turn your back to the ocean!
- ◆ Poison Ivy and ticks are abundant.
- ◆ Stay on designated trails to avoid hazards and minimize disturbance to wildlife.
- ◆ Steep banks are treacherous. Approach trail edges with care.
- ◆ Use marked shoreline access points for your safety and to minimize erosion.



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## The National Wildlife Refuge

**System** The National Wildlife Refuges in Rhode Island are part of a national system of lands and waters administered by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. The Refuge System is a network of lands and waters managed specifically for the protection of wildlife and wildlife habitat. It represents the most comprehensive wildlife management program in the world.

## Public Use at the Refuge

Wildlife comes first on the national wildlife refuges. All human activities must be compatible with the needs of wildlife. Six priority public uses are encouraged when they do not interfere with the individual refuge's mission. These are: hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, environmental education, and interpretation.

## Sachuest Point National

**Wildlife Refuge** Provides visitors with excellent opportunities for bird watching, hiking, photography and environmental education. Surf fishing is permitted from refuge shorelines in accordance with state and federal regulations. Surf fishing after sunset requires a permit which can be obtained at the Visitor Center. Hunting is not permitted on the refuge.

Together with volunteers and Friends of the National Wildlife Refuges of Rhode Island, refuge staff manage these habitats, lead guided walks, and conduct environmental education classes.

## Hours of Operation

Trails are open sunrise to sunset  
Sachuest Point Visitor Center:  
10:00am—4:00pm

## Your Cooperation is Appreciated

To protect the refuge's wildlife and habitats, please comply with the following:

- Stay on designated trails.
- There are no picnic areas or campsites on the refuge. Fires are not allowed.
- Dogs, horses and other pets are not permitted. Pets are not allowed on National Wildlife Refuges because they adversely alter the natural behaviors of wildlife.
- Bicycles and roller blades are not permitted.
- Kite flying is not permitted. During bird nesting season, kites resemble larger birds that could prey on young chicks. This can frighten adult birds potentially causing them to abandon their nests.
- The disturbance, destruction, or removal of wildlife, vegetation, and facilities are prohibited.
- Please keep the refuge clean. Take your trash home with you.
- Many hawks and owls spend the winter at Sachuest Point NWR. These federally protected birds are tired and hungry, and need to feed and rest. ***Keep your distance from hawks and owls!***

## Additional regulations may be in effect

Please contact the Refuge Headquarters for more information:

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Rhode Island NWR Complex  
50 Bend Road  
Charlestown, RI 02813  
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