



This goose, designed by J.N. "Ding" Darling, is the symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Rocky Mountain Arsenal *National Wildlife Refuge*

Fishing Permit and Regulations

General Information

The Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) fishing season is open from the third Saturday in April and ends on the second Sunday in October. Fishing is permitted on Tuesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays from legal sunrise to sunset.

For the protection of wildlife, habitat, and other visitors, please observe the following regulations:

- Park vehicles in designated parking areas.
- Stay on designated trails and observe all posted signs.
- Dispose of all trash in waste cans.
- Discard used fishing line in recycling stations at Lake Mary, Lake Ladora, or the Contact Station information kiosk.
- Service animals are permitted and must be under leash control.

License Requirements

- A Colorado fishing or small game combination license is required for all persons 16 years of age or older who are fishing.
- Anglers 16 years of age and older must have this signed Fishing Permit, and a \$3.00 daily fishing fee receipt or annual fishing pass while fishing on the Refuge.
- All anglers are permitted to use one rod and reel or pole and line with one hook per line. A second rod is permitted with a Colorado second rod stamp.
- Fishing permits are available at the Visitor Center, fishing fee stations, and Refuge website.
- Payments can be made at self-serve fishing fee stations located at the Contact Station and South Ladora kiosks. If paying by check, please write your driver's license number on the check and make your check payable to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. You can also purchase a \$50.00 season pass at the Visitor Center Wednesday through Sunday from 9 am to 4 pm.

General Fishing Regulations

- Lake Mary and Lake Ladora are open only to catch and release fishing. All anglers must use a rod and reel or fly-fishing rod.
- Anglers must use only barbless hooks (all barbs must be clipped, filed off, or pressed flat).
- Live bait is prohibited on all Refuge waters.
- Anglers with physical impairments may use special casting aids and fishing devices.

Lake Mary is the smallest lake on the Refuge and is 8.4 acres in size and 12.4 feet deep. Fish species in this lake are largemouth bass, channel catfish, white and black crappie, bluegill, and yellow perch.

Lake Mary Fishing Regulations

- All cattail peninsulas are closed to protect wildlife habitat.
- Bank fishing only, wading is prohibited. Artificial lures, flies, and bait; also cut bait and food products are permitted on Lake Mary.

Lake Ladora is the largest lake on the Refuge and is 54.9 acres in size and 17.6 feet deep. Fish species in this lake are northern pike, largemouth bass, and bluegill.

Lake Ladora Fishing Regulations

- Bank fishing only; Wade fishing only with calf, hip, or chest waders is permitted after Memorial Day until the end of fishing season.
- Fishing is prohibited east of and from the floating boardwalk.
- Only artificial lures and flies are permitted on Lake Ladora.

Prohibited activities include, but are not limited to:

- Chumming, gigging, snagging, seining, and netting of non-hooked fish.
- Use of boats, canoes, kayaks, float tubes, paddle boards, and other floatation devices.
- Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages.
- Possession or consumption of marijuana and any controlled substance and associated paraphernalia.
- Camping or overnight parking on the Refuge.
- Swimming and bathing in all Refuge waters.
- Abandonment of property (littering and dumping).
- Disturbance to wildlife or their habitat.
- Collecting, removing, or disturbing any animal, plant, or historic object.
- Pets, and other domestic animals (dogs, cats, horses, etc.).

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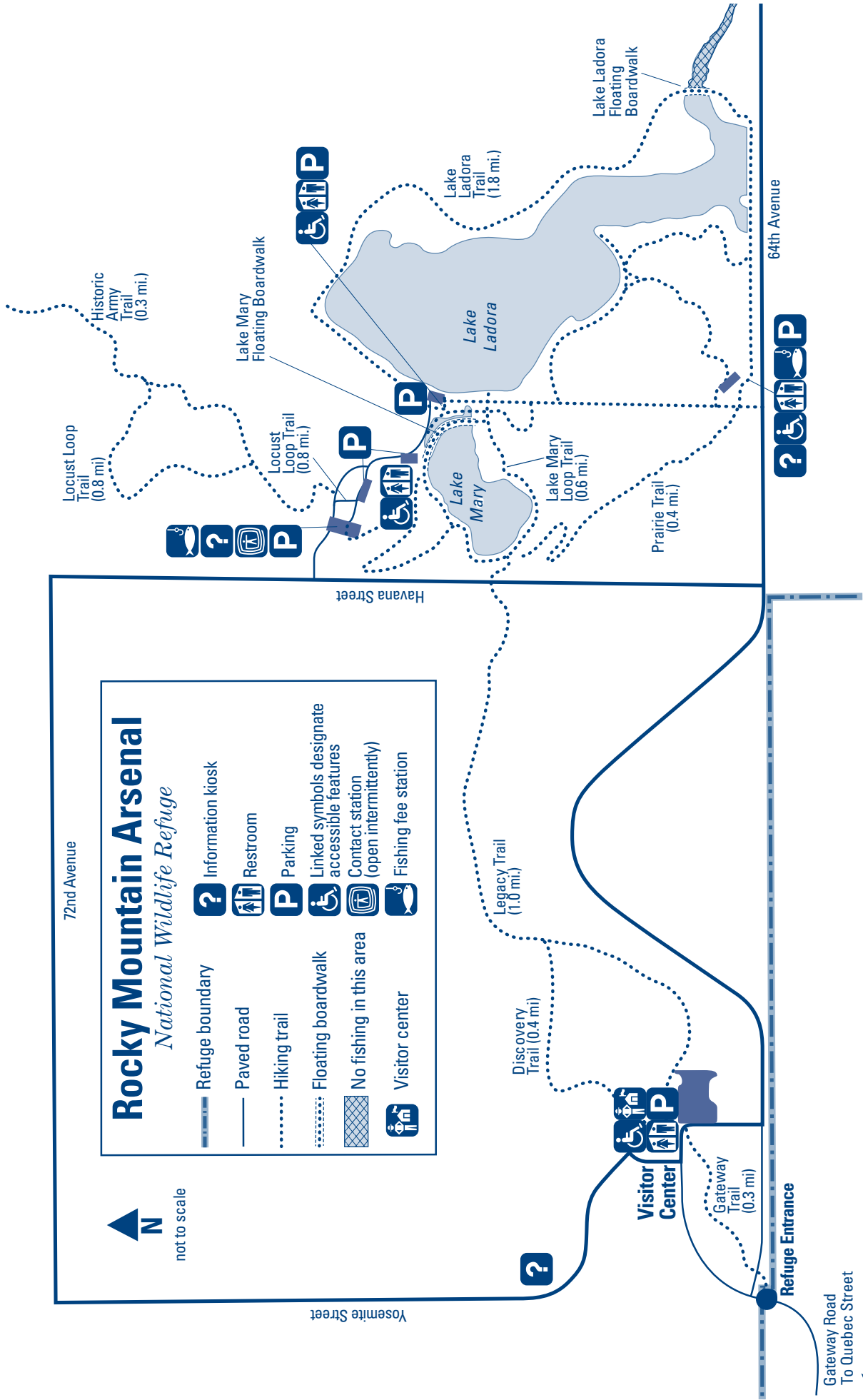
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General Fishing Permit

I have read and understand these Refuge fishing regulations. I understand that this permit and regulations must be carried at all times when fishing on the Refuge.

Name: _____ Date: _____



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