Florence S. & Richard K. Fort Wildlife Refuge

REFUGE HIGHLIGHTS

Address: 1445 Providence Pike, North Smithfield, RI 02896

GPS: 41.961367, -71.55157

Hours: Refuge open sunrise to sunset

Acres: 235

Trails: 3.5 miles

- Trail difficulty: easy to moderate
- Habitat: forest, ponds, wetlands
- Wildlife to watch for: beaver, otter, muskrat, fox, deer, frog, turtle
- Birds commonly found: Barred Owl, Great Horned Owl, Pine Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Ovenbird, Wild Turkey, Great Blue Heron, Scarlet Tanager, Wood Duck
- Self-guided trail stations: leaflet available at the kiosk

When the Fort Wildlife Refuge was opened to the public, Richard Fort Jr. remarked that "It was a happy place when we were growing up...a wonderful place...we just wanted it set aside so it wouldn't be developed." Thanks to the generous gift from the Fort family, this property is still a wonderful place, full of wildlife, tranquility and beauty. And thanks to Audubon, it will remain that way.