

# Seney

## National Wildlife Refuge Fishing Regulations



### Welcome

Fishing is permitted on Seney National Wildlife Refuge with a valid Michigan fishing license. In addition to all applicable state regulations, the following refuge regulations apply:

### Safety

At any time, weather conditions may change, dress appropriately. (Please see Fish Consumption Advisory section)

### Vehicles

Vehicles are allowed on refuge roads and trails when gates are open. No off-road travel is allowed with any motorized vehicle. Off road vehicles and snowmobiles are not allowed. Park vehicles along roads leaving room for other vehicles to pass, but do not block gates. Beware of soft shoulders and steep banks.

All refuge roads are open to bicycle, ebike and foot traffic.

### Boats

- Boats, canoes and other floatation devices are not permitted on refuge pools or ditches.
- Non-motorized watercraft are permitted on the Creighton River, Driggs River and Walsh Creek.
- Motorized craft are permitted on the Manistique River.

### Accessibility Information

Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs and activities of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is available to all individuals regardless of physical or mental ability. For more information please contact the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Equal Opportunity, <https://www.doi.gov/pmb/eo/public-civil-rights>.

### Fishing Regulations

Fishing regulations are designed to provide safe recreational opportunities through wise use of renewable wildlife resources. Fishing is permitted in accordance with Federal regulations governing public use on national wildlife refuges as set forth in Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Fishing will be in accordance with applicable State of Michigan regulations subject to the conditions stated below. Brochures may be obtained by mail, at the refuge headquarters or from the refuge website.

- Use of lead tackle is prohibited on the refuge. Lead is a toxic metal which has adverse effects on the nervous and reproductive systems of wildlife.
- Live bait or artificial lures may be used.
- Wildlife have the right-of-way. Separating young animals from their parents is often fatal. This is especially true for waterfowl.

**Physical Address**  
Visitor Center and Headquarters  
1986 River Road  
Germfask, MI 49836

**Mailing Address:**  
1674 Refuge Entrance Road  
Seney, MI 49883

906-586-9851

Seney@fws.gov  
[www.fws.gov/refuge/seney](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/seney)

TTY Federal Relay System: 1-800-877-8339

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
1-800-344-WILD (9453)

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## Prohibited Activities

By law, recreational activities on national wildlife refuges are prohibited unless expressly permitted.

- Possession of alcoholic beverages
- Camping and fires
- Off road vehicles and snowmobiles
- Wading and swimming
- Searching for or removal of any natural items such as skulls, plants, historic and archaeological features, are protected by Federal law. (See Seney rules and regulations webpage for specific gathering opportunities and harvest limits)
- Boats, canoes and other flotation devices are not permitted on refuge pools or ditches.
- Use of lead tackle is prohibited on the refuge.

- Dispose of fishing line properly. Line left lying on the ground or in the water may entangle wildlife causing serious injury or death. Several fishing sites offer recycling bins for your used fishing line.

## Available Species

Species found in the refuge pools include northern pike, yellow perch, brown bullhead, pumpkinseed and bluegill.

Species in the rivers and streams include northern pike, walleye, yellow perch, smallmouth bass, brook trout and brown trout.

## Access

Fishing is permitted during daylight hours only. Fishing is permitted from the bank only. Wading is not allowed.

## Special Refuge Species Limit

Follow the regulations for the Seney National Wildlife Refuge found in the Michigan Fishing Guide. Five northern pike of any size may be taken with only one greater than 24" allowed in the daily possession limit.

## Fish Consumption Advisory:

Michigan's lakes contain mercury which can accumulate in certain fish species. The Michigan Department of Community Health recommends that you only eat one meal per week of yellow perch, crappie or rock bass over nine inches in length; or bass, walleye, northern pike or muskellunge of any size. Women of childbearing age and children under fifteen should not eat more than one meal per month of these fish.

[www.mi.gov/eatsafefish](http://www.mi.gov/eatsafefish)

1-800-648-6492 for more information.

## Refuge Headquarters and Visitor Center Hours

Oct. 21 to May 14 - By Appointment

May 15 to Oct. 20 - Tuesday - Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Mondays, May 15 to Oct. 20 - By Appointment

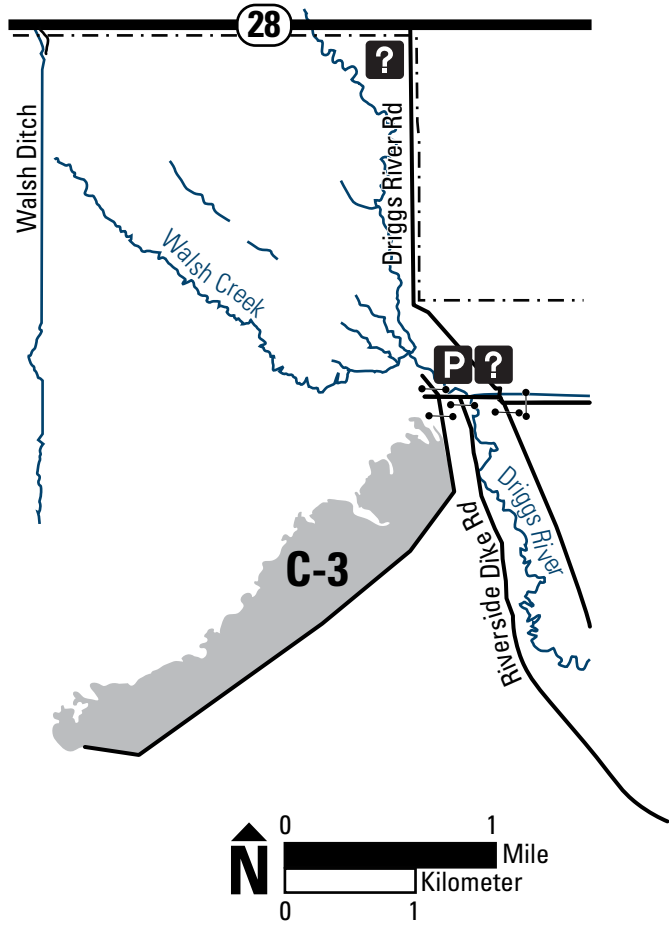
Closed Federal Holidays

Staff may be in the field on appointment days.

Activity	Season Dates	Regulation
<b>Pool Fishing (Bank Only)</b>	Open from May 15 to Sept. 30 in specified pools (Maps A and B)  Daylight hours ONLY	No boats or flotation devices are allowed on the pools and lead-free tackle must be used.
<b>River/ Stream Fishing</b>	MI State season dates	Walsh Creek and Ditch, Creighton, Driggs and Manistique Rivers  Lead-free tackle must be used.
<b>Ice Fishing</b>	Ice fishing is permitted on all refuge pools from Jan. 1 to Feb. 28	Lead-free tackle must be used. Access to pools is limited to foot traffic only. Ice shanties may not be left overnight

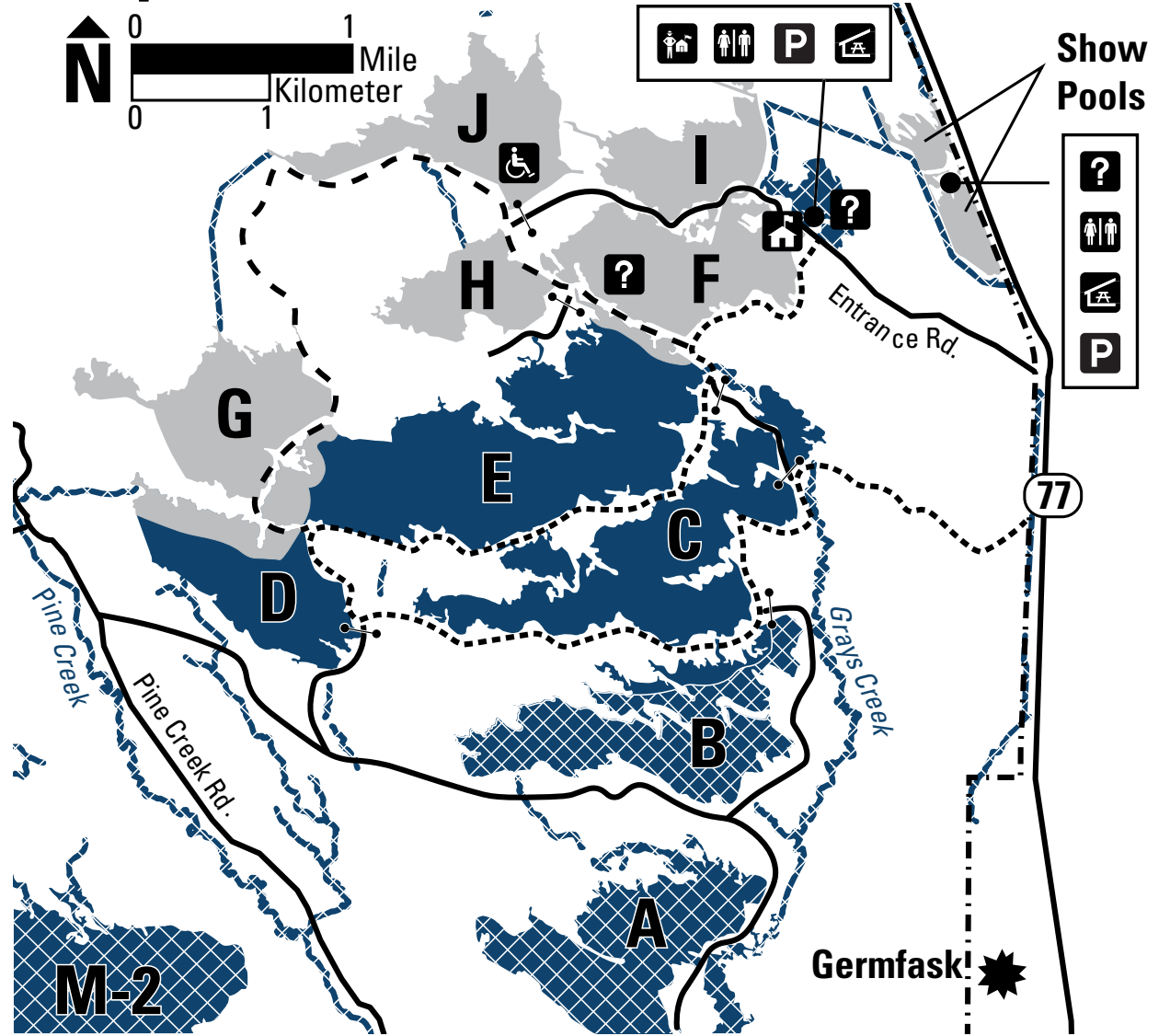


# Map A



**Note: All pools not shown on these maps are only open to ice fishing.**

# Map B



## Symbols

- Refuge Headquarters
- Visitor Center
- Information
- Accessible Fishing Pier
- Parking
- Picnic Shelter
- Restrooms

## Transportation

- Roads
- Gate
- Marshland Drive
- Fishing Loop

## Fishing

- Refuge Boundary
- Fishing Allowed 5/15-9/30
- Fishing Allowed Labor Day-9/30
- Closed to Fishing

Show Pools

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