



Two Ponds National Wildlife Refuge Restoring Our Wetlands



Overarching Goals

- Restore ability to utilize an existing water right to support habitat at Two Ponds.
- Restore and improve ponds and wetlands to better support wildlife and enhance wildlife viewing.
- Increase habitat diversity to support a wider range of wildlife species.

Project Overview

Two Ponds National Wildlife Refuge is beginning the construction phase of a major restoration effort designed to enhance habitat for wildlife and improve water management across the refuge. Most work will take place in spring and early summer, and the project is on track for completion by fall 2026.

Project Vision

This project will improve how water moves through Two Ponds National Wildlife Refuge by upgrading the system that delivers the refuge's water right from the neighboring ditch. These improvements will give the refuge greater flexibility to maintain healthy wetlands and support diverse wildlife. Habitat south of the ponds will be revitalized by transitioning the dense cattail stand into a mix of hemi marsh pockets and shallow water areas that benefit a variety of species. Friends and Marshall Ponds will also see improvements through new water control structures and the removal of excess vegetation and silt, creating clearer, healthier and more resilient pond ecosystems .

