



Walter B Jones, Sr. Center for The Sounds

The Walter B. Jones Sr. Center for the Sounds is located next door to the Tyrrell County Visitor's Center in Columbia, NC. Exhibits in this educational facility highlight the pocosins and blackwater rivers that characterize the northern Albemarle-Pamlico Peninsula. Visitors can enjoy a 10-minute film on the national wildlife refuge system, and take a stroll through a bottomland swamp along the Scuppernong River Interpretive Boardwalk.

The Walter B. Jones Sr. Center for the Sounds also serves as headquarters for the Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge.

Fun Facts

- ▶ Established in 1990, Pocosin Lakes NWR was formed by combining the existing 12,000-acre Pungo National Wildlife Refuge with a large tract of land on the central Albemarle-Pamlico peninsula that had once been part of a "superfarm."
- ▶ The Refuge includes more than 110,000 acres, including 6,291 acres of open water; 25,427 acres of riverine swamp; 50,319 acres of pocosin wetlands; 1,200 acres of agriculture lands; 25,828 acres of grass fields; and 1,486 acres of pine hardwood forest.
- ▶ The Refuge provides vital habitat for migratory waterfowl and other birds.
- ▶ Refuge lands were once the southern extremity of the Great Dismal Swamp.





Hours of Operation

Tuesday – Saturday | 10 am – 4 pm

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