

# Our Birds Need Your Help!

Obey "Area Closed" signs and the 300' perimeter around protected island bird rookeries. Do not disturb nesting or loafing birds. If birds become agitated and restless, You Are Too Close. By flushing nesting birds, the eggs or chicks become exposed to the extreme heat, rain, or predators that are waiting nearby for the opportunity eat the eggs or chicks.



Established in 1929 by Presidential Executive Order, Cedar Keys NWR was established to protect a breeding ground for colonial nesting migratory birds. Today, these islands contain the largest colonial nesting bird rookery found along the Gulf Coast of Florida.

We hope you have a fantastic experience as you visit Your National Wildlife Refuge. Enjoy your day of fishing, nature watching, paddling, wildlife Photography, or just relaxing on the beach. As you visit the Refuge, we ask that you follow these Special Refuge Regulations:

- **Unless posted as closed**, beaches are open during daylight hours.
- The interior of **all** islands are closed to the public **except** Atsena Otie Key, which has a designated trail that is open year round.
- No Camping, Littering, Collecting of Historical Artifacts.
- Dogs are permitted **ONLY** if they are leashed and in full control of the owner.
- Harming, harassing, or disturbing wildlife or plants is prohibited.



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