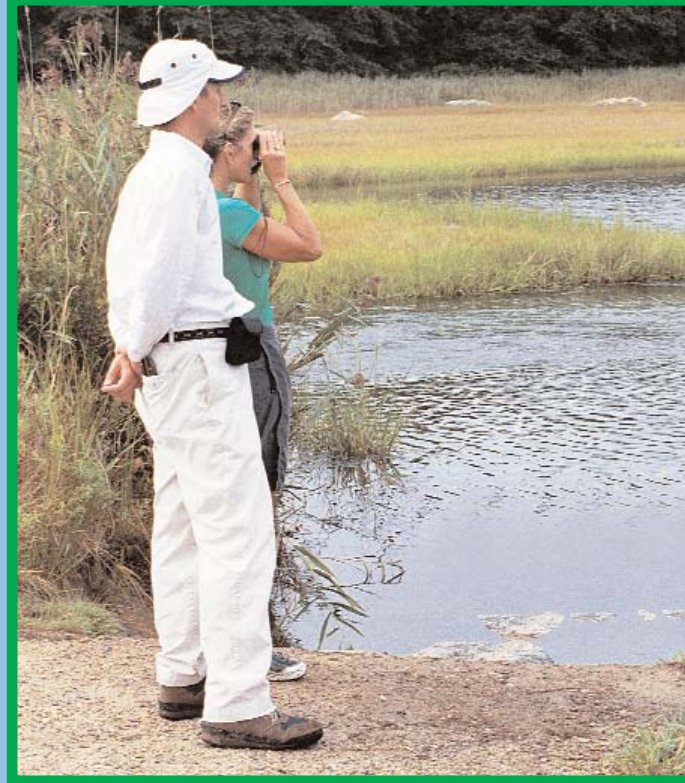
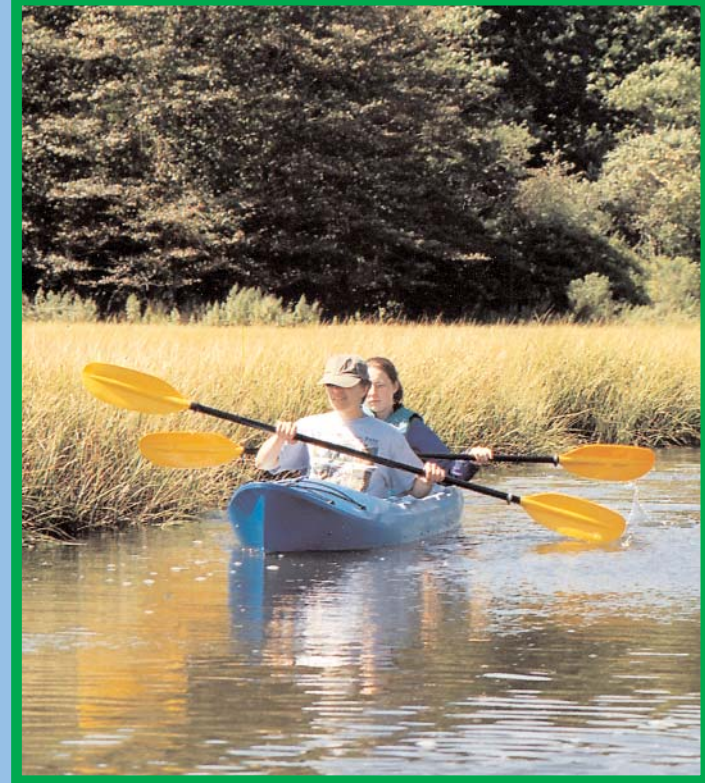


# Barn Island Wildlife Management Area

## A Landscape To Enjoy



Hiking and Birding



Recreational boating



Research



Waterfowl hunting

### USES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Barn Island Wildlife Management Area (WMA) was created to provide healthy, undisturbed habitat for fish, birds, mammals and other resident and migratory wildlife. The WMA also offers a variety of recreational opportunities and outdoor uses that are consistent with that goal and that require few supporting facilities, as pictured here.

### HUNTING

Hunting is the primary recreational use for which the Barn Island WMA was established. Regulated seasons, mostly during May and from September through January, allow for the taking of turkey, waterfowl, small game and deer - be sure to check the DEP's website for exact hunting seasons and license requirements. Most hunters are required to wear fluorescent orange, and other outdoor enthusiasts are encouraged to do the same during hunting seasons.

### FISHING AND BOATING

The waters of Little Narragansett Bay and Long Island Sound and the tidal creeks of the Barn Island WMA may be used by the public for fishing, waterfowl hunting and recreational boating. Both trailered and cartop boats, including canoes and kayaks, can be launched at the Barn Island State Boat Launch.

### HIKING

More than four miles of trails wind through the Barn Island WMA. The trails may be used for walking, running, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. The map at right shows marked trails.

### BIRDING AND WILDLIFE OBSERVATION

Barn Island is a featured site on the Connecticut Coastal Birding Trail and has been designated by the National Audubon Society as an Important Bird Area of Global Significance. Take time to watch for the many birds that visit this unique ecosystem to nest and raise their young, spend the winter, or rest and feed during spring and fall migration.

### EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

Important research and educational activities are conducted throughout the Barn Island WMA. Some researchers are studying the effects of tidal flow restoration on the ecology of the formerly-impounded marshes. Others are examining the impacts of sea level rise on wetland habitat. Investigators must obtain permits from the DEP before undertaking research activities in the WMA, and must follow appropriate wetland protection practices.

