Learn about wetland, prairie, and riparian habitats at nearby sanctuaries.

Kelly’s Slough 876-acre wildlife refuge located west of Grand Forks

Turtle River State Park 701-594-4445

Located 22 miles west of Grand Forks on Hwy 2.

The outdoor learning center offers ecology, conservation, cultural and recreational programming in an outdoor setting.

Glacial Ridge National Wildlife Refuge

31077 State Hwy 32, RR 1 Box 27, Mentor, MN 56736

From Mentor - 3 miles south of Hwy 2 on Hwy 32

Beach ridges, formed from Glacial Lake Agassiz, and vegetated with true tallgrass prairie, is the heart and soul of the 37,756-acre refuge. Only about 5000 acres are native prairie; the rest has been used for gravel extraction, crop production and cattle and sheep grazing. This prairie wetland complex hosts a great diversity of plant species. Of special interest is the federally threatened western prairie fringed orchid. Other communities include wet and mesic tallgrass prairie and gravel prairie, willow thickets, mixed prairie, sedge meadow, aspen woodlands, and emergent marsh. In addition to its biological importance, the restoration of Glacial Ridge should help improve water quality for the city of Crookston and reduce flooding in the Red River Valley. The site is also a stop on Minnesota’s Pine to Prairie Birding Trail.

Wetlands, Pines & Prairie Audubon Sanctuary

27453 190th St NW, Warren, MN 56762

Directions from Warren

5 miles east on Hwy 1 pass over 2 small bridges

turn south & follow gravel road for 3 miles

turn east for ½ mile to sanctuary

Agassiz Environmental Learning Center 218-945-3129

Fertile Sands Hills, PO Box 388, Fertile, MN 56540

Take Hwy 32 to Fertile

Take Summit Ave past the golf course to the parking lot

Rydell National Wildlife Refuge 800-841-0172/218-687-2229

17788 349th St SE, (Polk County 210) Erskine, MN 56535

Trails available during daylight – use parking lot outside the gate

Rydell National Wildlife Refuge is located along U.S. Highway 2, approximately 60 miles east of East Grand Forks, between Erskine and Mentor, Minnesota. From U.S. highway 2, turn south on Polk County Road 210 and follow for approximately 2.5 miles to the refuge gate. Various directional signs are located along the route.

Prairie Wetlands Learning Center 218-998-4483

602 State Hwy 210 East, Fergus Falls, MN 56537-4217

Take I-94 to State Hwy 210 East (Exit 57) and travel northeast one mile.

Old Mill State Park 218-754-2200 (Lake Bronson)

33489 240th Avenue Northwest, Argyle, MN 56713

This historic area was recognized as a community treasure long before it became a state park. Visitors enjoy the historic flour mill and log cabin as well as the clean swimming beach, shady picnic area, campgrounds and 7 mi of woodland and prairie hiking. The sliding hill, 4 mi of groomed cross-country ski trails, and the 1.5 miles of snowmobile trails open up winter recreational opportunities. A warming shelter is available in the winter that serves as a picnic shelter in the summer.

12 miles west of Newfolden on Marshall County Highway 4 or 13 miles east of Argyle on Marshall County Highway 4 to County Road 39.

Sharp-tailed Grouse Dancing – Mid April to early May grouse watching blinds are available, call for reservations:

* Longtree Wildlife Management Area of Harvey 701-324-2211
* Lostwood National Wildlife Refuge, Kenmare 701-848-2722
* Des Lacs National Wildlife Refuge, Kenmare 701-385-4046
* Long Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Moffit 701-387-4397
* Arrowhead National Wildlife Refuge, Pingree 701-285-3341
* Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge, Berthold 701-468-5467
* J. Clark Salyer National Wildlife Refuge, Upham 701-768-2548