Directions to Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge

The Helen C. Fenske Visitor Center at Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge is the perfect place to start your visit. It houses interactive exhibits, seasonal displays, an extensive library with kid friendly activities and the Friends Nature Shop. Volunteers are on hand to answer questions and assist in planning your visit to the refuge.

The Visitor Center is open every day from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The North Gate Bridge on Pleasant Plains Road will also be open during these same hours.

From Interstate 78 (westbound)

- Take exit 40, (Gillette) and turn right onto Hillcrest Road (County Road 531)
- Go to stop sign (1 mile), cross Mountain Avenue staying on Hillcrest Road (CR 531). Note: Hillcrest Road becomes Mountain Avenue after passing over the Passaic River Bridge.
- Continue straight through the traffic light at the intersection with County Road 512 on Mountain Avenue. [Mountain Avenue is now also County Road 638]
- Go 1.3 miles to the top of the hill and continue straight crossing over Long Hill Road onto Meyersville Road
- Go down Meyersville Road 0.8 miles to the Meyersville Circle
- Turn left onto New Vernon Road.

To get to the Wildlife Observation Center (boardwalks and blinds), 220 Long Hill road, Harding Township

Travel straight on New Vernon/Long Hill Road for approximately 1.8 miles.

The Wildlife Observation Center is on your left.

o GPS 40°42'45.2"N, 74°29'13.2"W

To get to the Helen C. Fenske Visitor Center, 32 Pleasant Plains Road, Harding Township

- Travel straight on New Vernon/Long Hill Road for approximately 4 miles.
- Turn left on Lee's Hill Road.
- o Continue approximately 2 miles.
- Turn left onto Wood Duck Way.
- GPS coordinates are 40° 43 '09.56" N, 74° 31' 32.38" W.

From Interstate 78 (eastbound)

 Take exit 40 and turn left on Hillcrest Road (County Road 531). Follow the directions from Interstate 78 (Westbound)

From Interstate 287 (southbound and northbound)

To get to the Helen C. Fenske Visitor Center, 32 Pleasant Plains Road, Harding Township (Note: there is no access to the visitor center from Pleasant Plains Road at Lee's Hill Road – use the Refuge Access Road as described below)

- Take exit 30A (Basking Ridge/North Maple Avenue) and bear right onto North Maple Avenue.
- At the first traffic light, turn left onto Madisonville Road.
- Follow Madisonville Road for approximately ½ mile when the name changes to Lee's Hill Road (at the reservoir). Continue on Lee's Hill Road for approximately .3 miles further (past Pleasant Plains Road).
- Turn right on Wood Duck Way.
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- Take exit 30A (Basking Ridge/North Maple Avenue) and bear right onto North Maple Avenue.
- At the first traffic light, turn left onto Madisonville Road.
- Follow Madisonville Road for approximately ½ mile when the name changes to Lee's Hill Road (at the reservoir). Continue on Lee's Hill Road (you will pass the sign for Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge) for approximately 2.5 miles to the intersection with Long Hill Road.
- Turn right onto Long Hill Road and continue for approximately 2 miles to the Wildlife Observation Center on your right.
- GPS coordinates are 40°42'45.2"N, 74°29'13.2"W

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