

NCC Regional Contacts and Wetland Trivia

North Dakota

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- Within the Prairie Pothole Region, ND can have up to 150 wetlands/mi².

South Dakota

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- Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge has the distinction of being a “Wetland of International Importance”.
- 75% of the wetlands in eastern SD are less than 1 ac and only 5% are larger than 5 ac. State laws only protect wetlands larger than 1 ac.

Nebraska

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- Groundwater in saline wetlands, near Lincoln, flows upward instead of downward like most other wetlands.
- The Sandhills are the largest dunal formation in the country and contains sandhill wetlands that are unique to NB.

Iowa

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- The Owego Wetland Complex is 1300 ac of restored wetlands in the historic Missouri Flyway.

Sponsorships and Activities by the North Central Chapter:

- Wisconsin Wetlands Association Annual Forum, WI (Jan 2003-2006)
- Nebraska Rainwater Basins Conference, Chapter Meeting and crane viewing, Kearney NE (March 2004)
- Conference, Chapter Meeting, and Olentangy Wetlands Research Park trip, Columbus OH (Oct 2003)
- SWS International Annual Meeting and Conference, Chicago IL (June 2001)
- Sponsor student travel and registration to professional meetings

Minnesota

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- Red Lake Peatlands are the largest continuous peatland complex (1500 km²) in the northern contiguous United States.
- The Boundary Waters, a.k.a. the canoe capitol of the world, is over a million acres of preserved wildlands including lakes, streams, and wetlands.



Illinois & Indiana

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- Indiana Dunes State Park and Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore in northwestern IN contain variety of inter- and intradunal wetlands along Lake Michigan's south shore.
- IL goes from bogs in the northeast to cypress swamps in the south.

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- Advance public knowledge of the Nation's wetland resources.
- Provide an independent forum for an interchange of ideas and data developed within wetland science.
- Encourage and evaluate educational, scientific, and technological development and advancement of all branches of wetland science and practice.
- Encourage knowledgeable management of wetland resources.

Wisconsin

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- Drowned-river mouth wetlands, such as Kakagon Sloughs are found in northern WI.

Michigan

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- String bogs in Michigan's Upper Peninsula are not easy to locate, but worth a try.
- The St. Clair River delta within St. Clair Lake is shared by the US and Canada.

Ohio

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- Lake Erie coastal wetlands offer critical habitat to over 43 species of fish and numerous migrating waterbirds.
- Shaker Trace Wetland at Hamilton County Park District's Miami Whitewater Forest, located northwest of Cincinnati, is a large, successful wetland restoration.

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