

# Interior Map

PORTAPOTTY (APR - OCT)

& GAZEBO

260TH STREET

340TH AVENUE

GRAVEL ROAD

NORTH OTTAWA TOWNSHIP 95

240TH STREET

CELL B1

CELL A1

CELL C

CELL B2

CELL A2

CELL C

CELL B3

CELL A3

CELL B4

CELL A4

SEASONAL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC  
ROAD GATES (4)

PRIMARY VEHICLE ROUTE

## TIPS FOR VISITORS

Although there are birds and waterfowl that can be observed year-round, the most active times at the North Ottawa Impoundment are at spring and fall migrations.

The Impoundment is a designated game refuge. Road gates are closed during fall hunting seasons to protect migrating birds and other wildlife.

Inside each cell, you will see a “borrow” pit (named because material was dug from this channel, aka “borrowed” to build the tall cell flood levies). Watch for birds and wildlife in the borrow pits.

Although there is a lot to see at the Impoundment, don’t forget to listen - unique songbirds, insects, toads, and frogs compete for airtime!

Please share your finds on with us on  
<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L2182908>



## North Ottawa Impoundment

Grant County, Minnesota

The North-South gravel road between the A & B Cells is the exclusive route for vehicles. All other roads and paths are intended for pedestrian traffic only, and are closed to vehicles.



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**OUR TOP TIP:**  
**Don't forget your  
binoculars or  
spotting scope!**





# Getting There



**45.99563, -96.25672**

70 miles SE of Fargo-Moorhead  
180 miles NW of Minneapolis-St. Paul  
200 miles N of Sioux Falls

## A SAMPLE OF OBSERVED SPECIES

### SHOREBIRDS

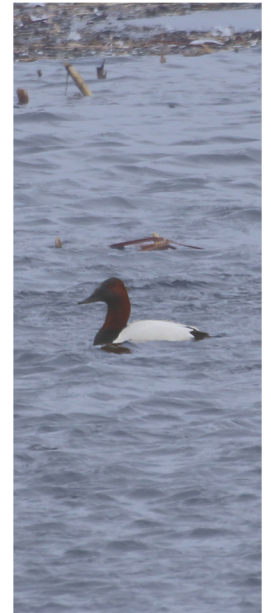
Dunlin  
Least Sandpiper  
Upland Sandpiper\*  
Semipalmated Plover  
Semipalmated Sandpiper\*  
Spotted Sandpiper  
Wilson's Phalarope\*  
Short-billed Dowitcher\*  
Marbled Godwit\*  
Wilson's Snipe

### WADING BIRDS

Great Blue Heron  
American White Pelican\*  
Horned Grebe\*  
Sandhill Crane  
Black-crowned Night Heron\*  
American Bittern\*  
Cattle Egret  
Red-necked Grebe\*  
White-faced Ibis\*  
American Avocet\*  
Black-necked Stilt\*  
Glossy Ibis\*  
King Rail\*

### WATERFOWL

Northern Shoveler  
Green-winged Teal  
Gadwall  
Northern Pintail\*  
Wood Duck  
Redhead  
Ruddy Duck  
Hooded Merganser  
Lesser Scaup\*  
Ring-necked Duck\*  
American Wigeon  
Red-breasted Merganser  
Trumpeter Swan\*  
Canvasback



Scoter  
Canada Goose  
Ross's Goose  
Snow Goose  
White fronted Goose

### OTHER

Northern Hawk Owl\*  
Greater Prairie Chicken\*  
Little Blue Heron\*  
Great-tailed Grackle\*  
Whimbrel\*

*\* Denotes rare or unusual species*

## ABOUT THE IMPOUNDMENT

The North Ottawa Impoundment was finished in 2016, after nearly 20 years of development and construction. The facility provides 16,000 acre-feet of flood storage during spring snowmelt. Following spring snowmelt, water is slowly released from Cell C to expose mudflats. Agricultural cells are designated annually to provide funds to maintain the facility. Some cells are managed for natural resource enhancement benefits.

