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America's First National Wildlife Refuge



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Visiting the Refuge

New public facilities were opened on March 14, 2003 as part of the Centennial Celebration.

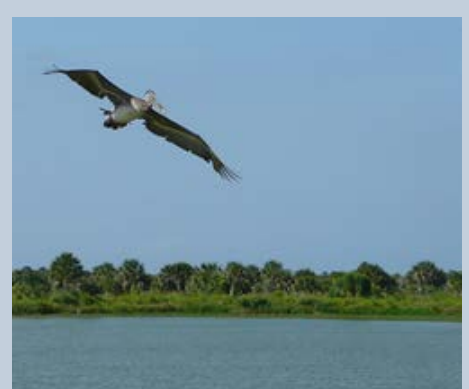
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A brown pelican that had once been oiled by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill soars after being released at Pelican Island. Photo by Nick Wirwa, USFWS.



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Pelican Island - The First 100 Years

The history, management challenges and partnering to prepare the refuge for the Centennial and beyond.

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Our Centennial Celebration -- March 9 - 16, 2003

A summary of the events that took place to celebrate the Centennial.

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Greenery surrounding a creek at Pelican Island. Photo by [1Sock](#).

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May 9, 2010 --

[First two
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