



Visitor Center Exhibits

New exhibits at the log cabin visitor center near the Alaska/ Canada border reveal the beauty and history of Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge. Visitors “travel” through the ecosystems of the refuge, interact with the history of the area, and discover ways to appreciate wildlife within the refuge’s boundaries.



Immediately inside, the visitor will see an exquisite diorama of a pair of nesting trumpeter swans (“signature” species of Tetlin) in a natural wetland setting. A greater yellowlegs, swimming muskrat, and a wood frog complete this scene.

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Next, visitors are drawn to an Athabaskan hunter dressed in an authentic hand-sewn caribou parka, skin pants, and mukluks. The hunter is kneeling in the snow skinning a caribou hind quarter with his bow and arrows strapped to his back. Photo Credit: Kay Lynn Odle-Moore USFWS



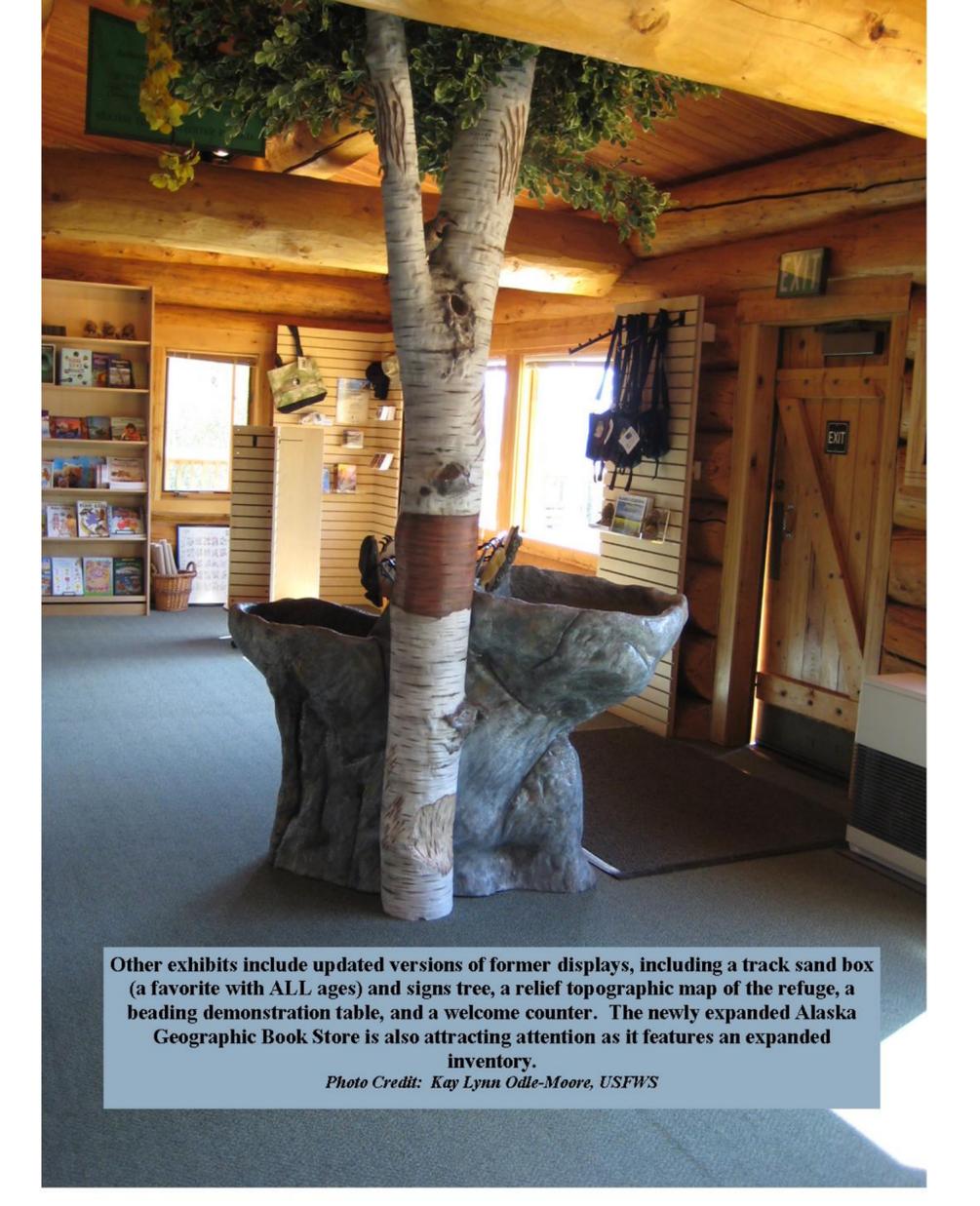
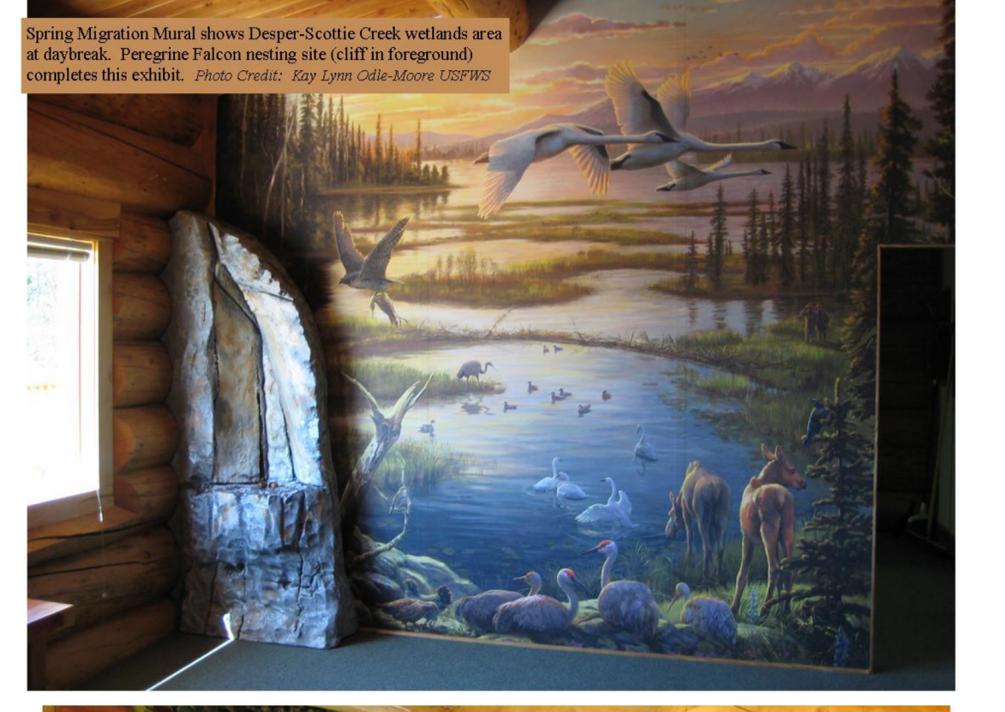
Nearby is an Athabaskan Food Culture Tree. On its branches are bowls and other containers (such as birch bark baskets) containing traditional foods such as half-dried whitefish, wild berries, Indian ice cream, Indian fry bread, Indian potato, and whitefish eggs.

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Close-up of birch basket filled with blueberries, cranberries, and rose hips.

Spring Migration Mural shows Desper-Scottie Creek wetlands area at daybreak. Peregrine Falcon nesting site (cliff in foreground) completes this exhibit. Photo Credit: Kay Lynn Odle-Moore USFWS



Other exhibits include updated versions of former displays, including a track sand box (a favorite with ALL ages) and signs tree, a relief topographic map of the refuge, a beading demonstration table, and a welcome counter. The newly expanded Alaska Geographic Book Store is also attracting attention as it features an expanded inventory.

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