

# Field Notes

January 2022



Happy New Year, Friends!

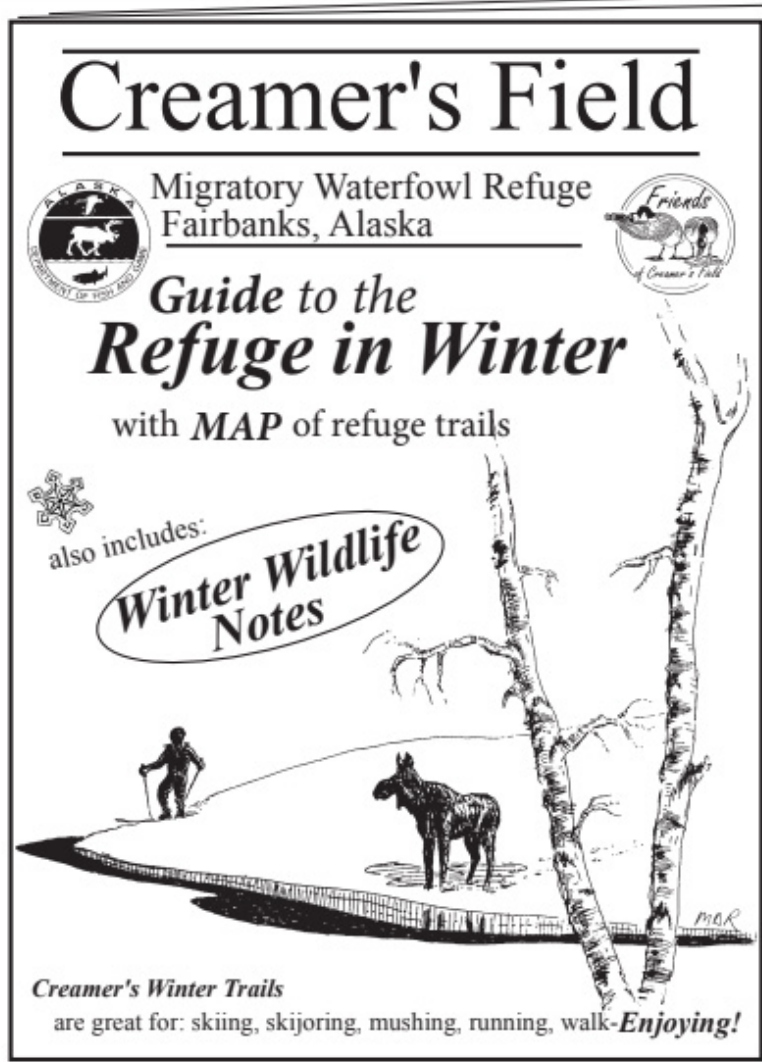
Friends of Creamer's Field is looking forward to an exciting year of programs and events on the Refuge!

Be on the lookout for our 2022 schedule as we will be posting it on our website shortly! In the meantime, be sure to check out the Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge Winter Guide (on our website or linked below) for information about winter on the Refuge.

Best Regards,

*Grace & Melanie*  
Friends of Creamer's Field Staff

## Creamer's Field Winter Guide



Download the Guide to the Refuge in Winter before your next adventure at Creamer's Field!

Guide contains a winter trails map and information about some of the flora and fauna you may see during the winter months.

## Virtual Programs

Click on the images below to view our virtual events.



Winter Birds at Creamer's Field



Thanksgiving for the Birds



Wild Dogs of the North

## Field Sketch

Presented by ADFG Biologist, Mark D. Ross

 Creamer's Field, your local wildlife refuge  
**Field Sketches:**  
Visit the refuge, College Rd. back by the big barns.



Moose have lived with wolves as their primary predator for millennia. To defend against wolves, moose have the **ability to kick and stomp in all directions: forward, back and laterally: to the side, too.**

### Yield for Moose!

Ears back and Hackles raised  
this moose is saying Stay way Back!

### Moose Attack

with hard, sharp hooves.

**The Moose's Hoof**  
is like a 7lb. sharp stone  
powered by 100lb. of leg muscle.

**Sharp Hooves**  
flail at high speed.

**Please Leash all pets  
at Creamer's Field**

### Moose Reminder- give Moose plenty of Room.

**Moose are moving on Trails at Creamer's Field.**

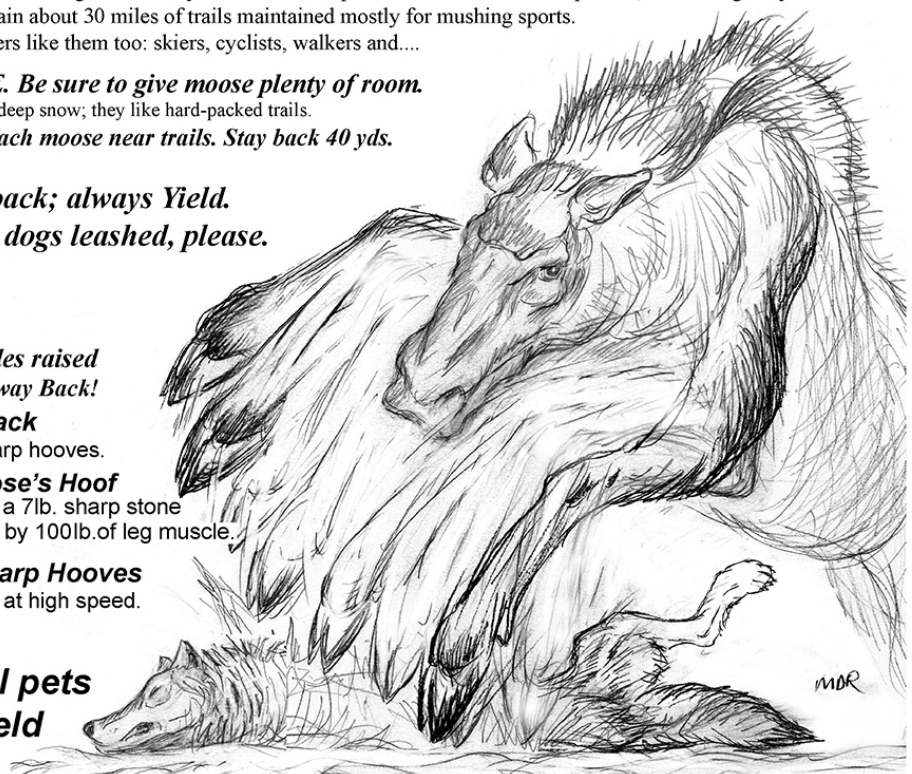
Deep December snow makes Moose move to the Trails; Be aware of Moose on trails. To conserve energy Moose use trails near their food sources. Many miles of recreational trails in the refuge are now well packed. The Refuge and nearby land within the perimeter of Farmer's Loop Road, Steese Highway and College Road contain about 30 miles of trails maintained mostly for mushing sports. But many other users like them too: skiers, cyclists, walkers and....

**and MOOSE. Be sure to give moose plenty of room.**  
Moose avoid deep snow; they like hard-packed trails.

**Never approach moose near trails. Stay back 40 yds.**

**Turn back; always Yield.**

**Keep dogs leashed, please.**



## Christmas Bird Count Report

The 2021 Fairbanks Christmas Bird Count took place Sunday, December 19th. Read the full report at the link below.



Photo by Melanie Graeff

## Support Friends of Creamer's Field

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In this season of appreciation, the Friends of Creamer's Field thanks you for your generous support. Your donations allow us to remain an active and relevant organization during these tough times. Please remember us in your end-of-year giving so we may continue our work as stewards of the Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge.

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### Mission Statement

"Inspiring environmental stewardship and lifelong learning through experience, awareness, appreciation and conservation of the natural and historic resources of Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge."

