



## Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge And Friends of Pocosin Lakes NWR

# Waterfowl Refuge Tour

### Photo courtesy of Mike Dunn

A refuge tour of the Pungo Unit of Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge is being offered to the public to see beautiful wintering waterfowl that call this area their home during the winter months. The Friends of PLNWR has had the pleasure of helping the refuge provide several tours during the spring and summer season. This will be the second of four waterfowl refuge tours that the Friends of Pocosin Lakes NWR will be assisting Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge during the 2011-2012 wintering waterfowl season. The tour will be on Sunday afternoon, December 11, 2011, starting at 1:30 pm, ending around dark.



Our Waterfowl Tour guides are from the NC Museum of Natural Sciences, Mike Dunn, Senior Manager of Outreach and Melissa Dowland, Teacher Education Specialist. Sherryreed Moore, Visitor Outreach Specialist from Pocosin Lakes will be joining the tour to assist in helping to educate and address any questions from the public concerning the refuge.

Typically wintering waterfowl usually arrive in November and reach peak numbers in December or January. Tundra swans and snow geese are usually the most visible, but we see over 20 different species of ducks on the refuge in the winter as well. "One of our tram tours would be a great way to learn more about the diversity of birds and other wildlife found on the refuge," stated Howard Phillips, Refuge Manger.

Areas of the refuge with the greatest opportunities for seeing beautiful tundra swans and snow geese will be visited. Along the journey you will have an opportunity to see an array of nature and other wildlife.

The refuge will be using an open-air passenger tram to allow you the full vision of nature at its finest during the tour. We invite you to bring your camera, binoculars, and to dress for the weather, with comfortable shoes for short walks; or if walking will be difficult, you are welcome to stay on the tram and sit back and enjoy the view. Join us at the Pungo Unit Maintenance Shop @ 601 Refuge Road, Pantego, NC 27986. The tour is free to the public, but donations would be greatly appreciated to offset expenses to be able to maintain these adventures with nature. Reservations will be taken on a first come/first served basis. Please contact Jennifer Alligood (at 252-943-7544 or [@threads920@gmail.com](mailto:@threads920@gmail.com)) or Doris Morris (at 252-505-9735 or 252-809-2724 or [@doris.morris@noolf.com](mailto:@doris.morris@noolf.com)).

"The Friends of Pocosin Lakes NWR is honored to help provide this opportunity to the public to enjoy the breath-taking beauty that only the tundra swans can gratify, as well as get a firsthand experience of what the Friends group is about," stated Doris Morris, Vice-President of Friends.