



**Audubon Society  
of Rhode Island**

Active  
Stewards  
of the  
land.



Lewis-Dickens Farm, Block Island, RI

# Protecting Habitat and “unique areas”



# Connecting People to Nature



# Refuge Based Field Experiences

Providing Opportunity  
for "Discovery" and  
exploration of the  
Natural World



# We've been doing it for a while...

- 1924
  - Established first wildlife refuge “Kimball” (28 acres) in Charlestown RI
- 1928
  - Parker Woodland donated (240 acres) in Coventry, RI

# Today



- 93 parcels of land in 30 communities
- Protect 9,300 acres
  - 6,800 acres
    - Fee Ownership
  - 2,500 acres
    - Conservation Easement

# Providing Public Access

- Over 30 miles of trails maintained
- 14 Refuges Open to the Public





# Several Nature Centers



# Keeping In the Public Eye

## Identifying Land as Conservation Land



# ASRI "All-Purpose" Boundary Sign

## **WILDLIFE REFUGE**

**PROHIBITED UPON THIS LAND:**



**HUNTING, FISHING, TRAPPING,  
MOTORIZED VEHICLES, DOGS,  
BICYCLES, HORSES, JOGGING,  
PICNICKING, CAMPING, FIRES,  
SMOKING, LITTERING**

**AUDUBON SOCIETY OF RHODE ISLAND**

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*Violators Will Be Prosecuted Under State Law*

# Basic "Kiosk" Setup



- Visitor Orientation
- Meeting Place for Programs
- Shelter from Elements
- Information
  - Trail Maps
  - Membership Information
  - Upcoming Programs & Events
  - Seasonal Information

# Boardwalks Increase Accessibility



# Partnerships with Area Schools

- Ribbon Cutting of newly installed nature trail in a small wooded lot behind a school in Woonsocket, RI



# Sometimes ... Public Access is not Appropriate

- 5 acre island in the middle of the Sakonnet River
- Heron Rookery
  - State endangered black-crowned night heron



# Choose a Path that's Right for You!





To Find Out More....

Visit our Web Site

[www.asri.org](http://www.asri.org)

- ✓ Descriptions of the 14 "public" refuges
  - ✓ Directions to refuges
  - ✓ Trail maps
- ✓ Seasonal Program Listings
- ✓ Seasonal information
- ✓ Membership Information

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Conservation  
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Fisherville Brook Wildlife Refuge, Exeter, RI