



SALINE WETLANDS

What Are the Saline Wetlands?

Saline wetlands are rare ecosystems defined by salty soils that support unique plant and animal species. The salinity originates from ancient sea deposits. Once covering 20,000 acres, fewer than 4,000 acres remain today. Many wetlands have been lost to development, making conservation efforts critical. The Lower Platte South NRD's saline wetlands provide habitat for two endangered species: the Salt Creek tiger beetle and Saltwort plant.



Lincoln Saline Wetlands Nature Center

Restored in the 1990s, this public site includes wood chip walking trails, parking, and the relocated historic Wyoming Bridge. It provides habitat within an urban environment.

Whitehead Saline Wetlands

Originally donated by Whitehead Oil Company in 1996, this core property has expanded through NRD easements and City of Lincoln acquisitions. Features include an Eagle Scout-built observation deck with interpretive signage.

Marsh Wren Saline Wetland

Located near 30th Street and Arbor Road, this is LPSNRD's newest and most experimental wetland project. It includes underground saltwater wells, distribution systems, and a shaded observation deck funded by a Nebraska Environmental Trust grant via the Saline Wetland Conservation Partnership.

Little Salt Fork Marsh Preserve

This 180-acre nature preserve east of Raymond was restored by The Nature Conservancy (1995–1997) and purchased by LPSNRD in 2013. It is an important stopover for migrating waterfowl and home to many saline-adapted plant species, including the saltwort.



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