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BENTON LAKE BIRD REFUGE
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By recent Executive order, President Hoover has set aside, as a refuge and breeding ground for birds, a 12,234-acre tract at Benton Lake, in Cascade and Chouteau Counties, Mont., near the city of Great Falls. The new reservation will be known as the Benton Lake Bird Refuge and will be administered by the Bureau of Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture.

The new refuge will constitute an important sanctuary for great numbers of migratory waterfowl. More than 3,000 acres of the refuge is water area, with an abundance of aquatic plant growth for cover and food for wild fowl. Several species of wild ducks, as well as wild geese, are found on the Lake Benton marshes during their migrations, and some of these birds breed there. Shorebirds also frequent the region, chiefly in migration. The area was formerly a part of the Sun River Reclamation Project administered by the Bureau of Reclamation of the Department of the Interior.

For the welfare of the birds and other forms of wild life on the refuge, it is made unlawful to hunt or trap there, or to capture, wilfully disturb, or kill any wild animal or bird, or to take or destroy the eggs of any wild bird; to cut or burn any timber, underbrush, grass, or other natural growth; wilfully to leave or suffer fire to burn unattended near any timber or other inflammable material; to leave a fire near any forest or timber; or wilfully to molest, injure, or destroy any property of the United States.