

Cold Springs National Wildlife Refuge

Hunt Regulations



Hours – The refuge is open from 5:00 a.m. to 1.5 hours after the end of the State shooting hours. Entry prior to 5:00 a.m. is prohibited.

Days – Waterfowl and upland bird hunting is allowed on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Years Day only, during the State waterfowl season.

Parking – Park in designated parking areas only.

Species – Geese, ducks, coots, snipe, pheasant, and quail may be hunted.

Weapons, shot, and shells – Only shotguns and nontoxic shot may be used and possessed. Limit of 25 shells per day per hunter.

Prohibited Activities – Camping, fires, and alcoholic beverages are not allowed. Jump shooting is prohibited.

Upland Bird Hunting – Upland bird hunting is allowed only during designated waterfowl hunt days, from noon until the end of State shooting hours.

Memorial Marsh Unit – The Memorial Marsh Unit is an assigned blind hunt area. Waterfowl hunters using this area must park in and access the unit from parking lot F (see map). Hunters must park on a first-come, first-served basis in the numbered parking space matching the blind number they are hunting. Hunters wishing to change blind sites must first move their vehicle to the corresponding parking space before continuing to hunt. There are eight blind sites available in the unit. Two of the eight blind sites, #1 and #7, have alternative blind locations 1b and 7b. All are located in or near water. Hunters must remain within 100 feet (30m) of the blind/stake unless retrieving birds. Hunt parties are limited to four persons per blind. Upland bird hunters and waterfowl hunters using the reservoir are not allowed to use parking lot F (see map).

Reservoir Hunting – Hunting is allowed on the remaining designated areas of the refuge (see map). Consult refuge brochure for regulations.

Boats – Non motorized boats are allowed in the reservoir area designated as open to hunting.

Temporary Blinds – Portable blinds may be used. Temporary blinds may be constructed of natural material, but shall be available for general use on a first-come, first-served basis. Digging or using pit blinds is not permitted. Waterfowl hunting parties are required to space themselves no less than 200 yards apart.

Hunting Tips and Field Etiquette – The refuge covers a variety of habitats including rough, uneven terrain, deep waters, dense stands of vegetation, stubble fields, and ditches. Hunting difficulty varies by area and hunters should hunt with a partner and consult the refuge manager for suggestions for hunting the area safely.

The use of dogs is not mandatory but highly encouraged. Successful hunters usually have a dog to retrieve downed birds that otherwise might not be found.

Decoys and calls should be used to bring birds into ideal shooting range. While setting out decoys, place the outer decoys 40 yards from the blind. This will help you judge proper shooting distance and result in more birds in your bag.

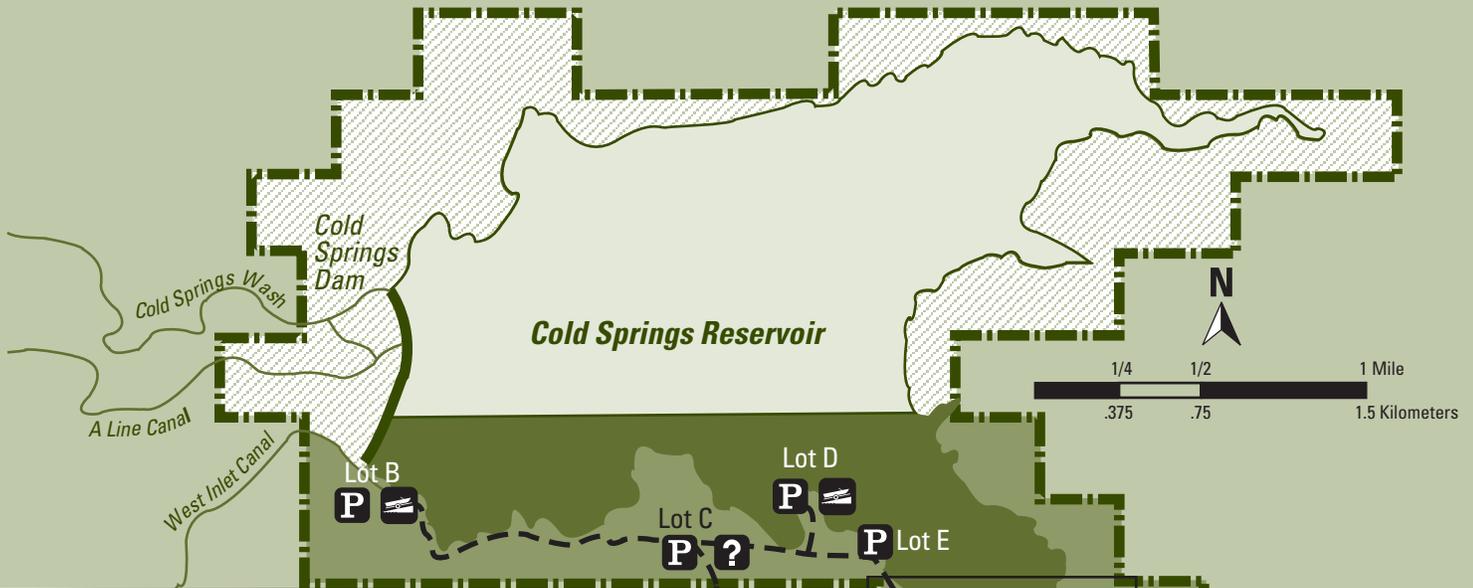
Be a sportsman and respect the rights of other hunters afield. When entering or leaving the field, try to avoid flaring birds which are working another hunter's setup.

For more information, contact –

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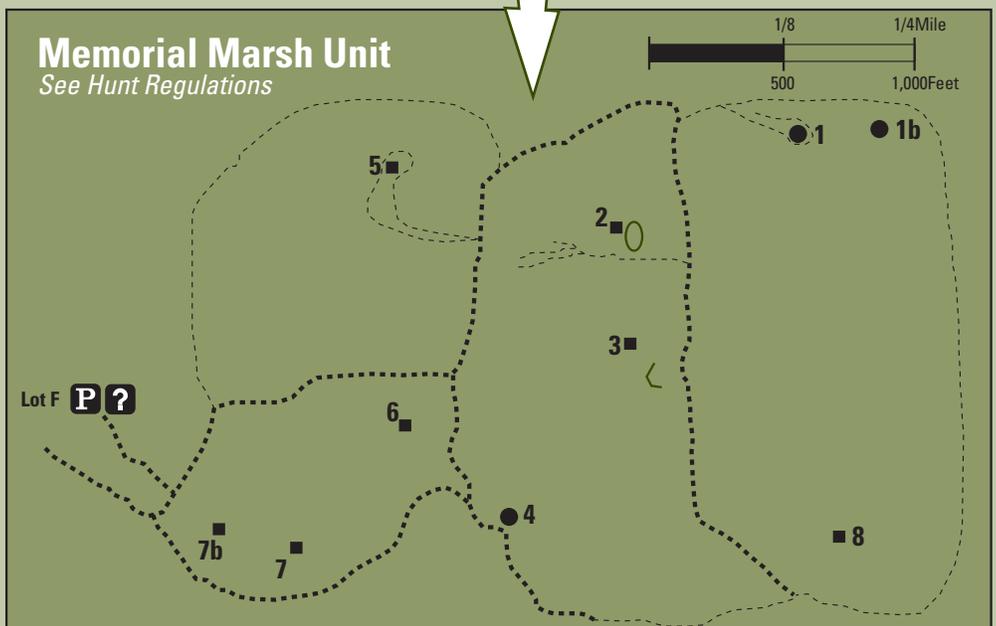
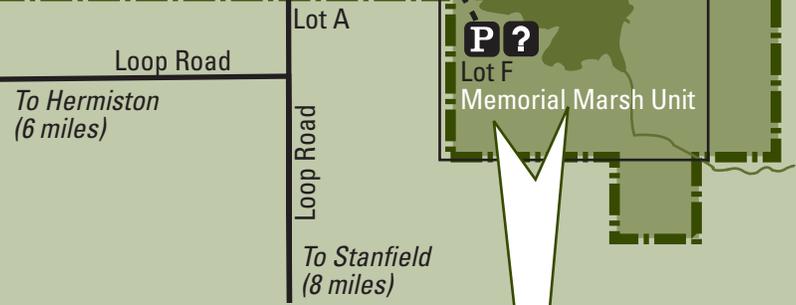
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Hunt Area



Map Legend

- Refuge Area Open to Public Use Year-round. Please refer to Refuge Activities for seasons.
- Closed Reservoir Area October 1 - February 28/29.
- Closed Refuge Area Year-round.
- Refuge Boundary
- County Road
- Refuge Public Access Road
- Trail (foot traffic only)
- Visitor Information
- Designated Parking Area
- Car-Top Boat Launch Site (March 1 - September 30)
- Hunt Blind
- Pit Hunt Blind



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