

McNary National Wildlife Refuge

Hunting Regulations – Burbank Slough Fee Hunt Unit



Hunt Lottery – Waterfowl hunters at the Burbank Slough Fee Hunt Unit are selected through a lottery held prior to the start of the waterfowl season each year. Hunters who are drawn will be notified by mail prior to the start of the season. *For information regarding the hunt lottery program, contact the refuge at the phone number and address given below.*

Waterfowl Permits – Waterfowl permits are required to hunt waterfowl, coots and snipe. All waterfowl hunters must have a permit for each day they hunt.

Waterfowl Hunt Days – *Waterfowl hunting permitted on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, Thanksgiving Day, and New Years Day only, during the State waterfowl season.*

Hunter Check Station – The hunter check station is located across from the fee hunt entrance on Humorist Road. The check station is staffed 1.5 hours before legal shooting hours until 8:00 a.m. and from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. *All waterfowl hunters must check in at the station **prior** to hunting.*

Blind Selection and Check in Procedures – Bring your reservation card and arrive early, blind selection begins 1.5 hours before legal shooting time. Blind selection is determined using a number on the reservation card. The hunter with the lowest number selects their blind first. Hunters checking in after blind selection starts risk cancellation of their reservation for the day, and are only allowed to check in after all the on-time hunters.

Standby Hunting – After all on-time hunters have selected their blinds, unoccupied blinds will be assigned to standby hunters according to a drawing held at the hunter check station. Afternoon hunting blinds are also assigned according to a drawing.

Check Out Procedures – Waterfowl hunters are required to check out at the hunter check station before switching blinds or leaving the refuge. Check out must be completed no later than 1.5 hours after the close of state shooting hours. If the check station is closed, hunters should drop their permit cards into the drop box at the hunter check station.

Recreation User Fee – A daily blind fee of \$10.00 per hunter is payable at the time of the hunt. There is no fee for youths 15 years and under. Holders of any America the

Beautiful Access cards pay half price for hunt fees. A \$50.00 season pass is also available. The hunter check station will only accept cash, certified check or money order.

Blind Sites – *Slough Blinds:* These staked blind sites (#1-23) are located near water. Hunters must remain within 100 (30m)feet of the stake unless retrieving birds. A maximum of four persons per blind is permitted. Dogs and/or chest waders may be used to retrieve birds. *Field Blinds:* Located in agricultural areas, blind size and location may change according to crop management and other conditions. Consult hunter check station attendant for details.

Allowed Floating Devices – Non-motorized floating devices may be used to set decoys and retrieve downed birds. Launching is only allowed within 100 feet (30m) of the blind site being hunted.

Upland Game Bird Hunters – Pheasant and quail hunting is allowed from 12:00 noon until the close of state shooting hours during legal refuge waterfowl hunt days. No permit is required for upland bird hunting.

Public Entry – The refuge is open from 5:00 a.m. until 1.5 hours after sunset. Entry is allowed only to permitted waterfowl hunters and upland bird hunters on refuge waterfowl hunt days. The public hunt area is closed to all public entry during the rest of the year.

Weapon, Ammunition, and Shell Limit – Shotguns only. Only steel or other federally approved nontoxic shot may be used or possessed in the field. Hunters are limited to 25 shells per day.

Vehicles and Parking – Vehicles are allowed only on designated routes of travel. All hunters are required to park in the designated areas (see map).

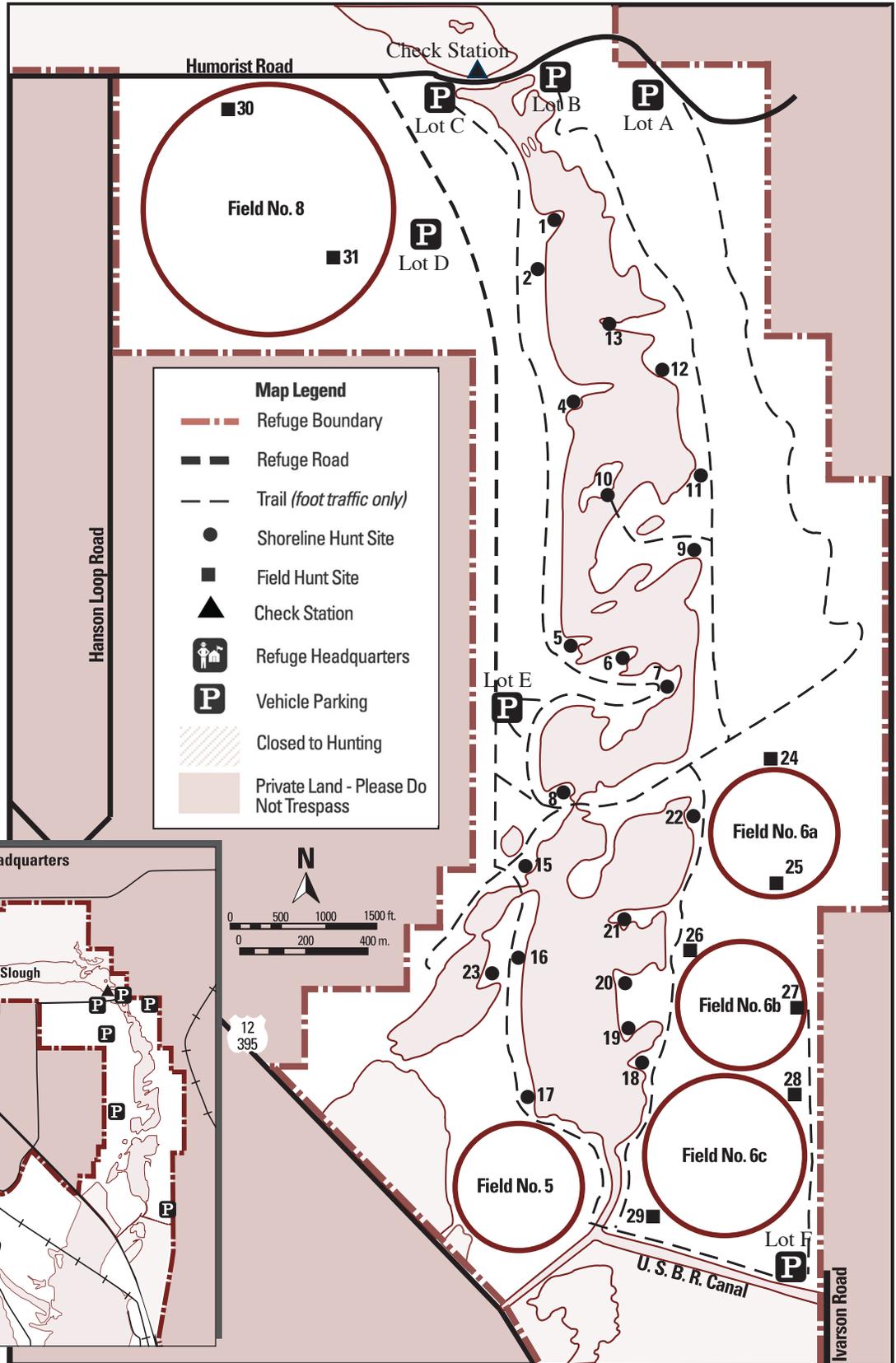
Prohibited Acts – No fires, camping or alcoholic beverages are allowed.

For more information, contact –

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