

Closed Areas, Sanctuaries, and No Hunting Zones

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| 4 | Big Lake | WI | Open to Hunting | | Open to Hunting 2007 and 2008 | | 2,210 | Closed Area; VA | VA = Voluntary Avoidance |
| 4 | Rieck's Lake | WI | Part of Peterson Lake closed Area | | 496 | Closed Area | 499 | Closed Area; VA; No motors | |
| 4 | Buffalo River | WI | Part of Peterson Lake closed Area | | Part of Peterson Lake Closed Area | | 219 | No Hunting Zone | No migratory bird hunting at all times. |
| 4 | Peterson Lake | MN | 3,111 | Closed Area | 3,111 | Closed Area | 572 | Closed Area; VA; no motors | Has travel corridor. |
| 5 | Weaver Bottoms/Lost Is. | MN-WI | 3,139 | Closed Area | 3,139 | Closed Area | 3,508 | Closed Area; VA | Has travel corridor. |
| 5 | Spring Lake | WI | Open to Hunting | | 243 | Closed area, established 2007 | 254 | Closed Area; VA; no motors | |
| 5A | Fountain City Bay | WI | Open to Hunting | | Open to Hunting | | 24 | No Hunting Zone | |
| 5A | Polander Lake | MN-WI | 1,589 | Closed Area | 1,907 | Closed Area; VA | 1,873 | Closed Area; VA | Has travel corridor |
| 6 | Trempealeau NWR | WI | n/a | n/a | 0 | n/a | n/a | n/a | Part of existing closed area system; special regulations; 5520 acres |
| 7 | Lake Onalaska | WI | 7,348 | Closed Area | 7,369 | Closed Area; with pre-2006 VA section | 7,366 | Traditional Closed Area | Has pre-2006 VA of 3,365 acres. No change from pre-2006 regulations. |
| 7 | Upper Halfway Creek Marsh | WI | 141 | No Hunting Zone | 141 | No Hunting Zone | 143 | No Hunting Zone | |
| 7 | Mathy Tract (Brice Prairie) | WI | Not in Refuge | | 0 | Not in Refuge until Aug. 2008 | 75 | No Hunting Zone | Establish no hunting zone in 2009. |
| 8 | Hunter's Point | WI | 82 | No Hunting Zone | 82 | No Hunting Zone | 82 | No Hunting Zone | |
| 8 | Goose Island No Hunt Zone | WI | 876 | No hunt zone and closed area | 986 | No Hunt Zone / Closed Area; VA; no motors | 984 | No Hunt Zone / Closed Area; VA; no motors | Part of existing closed area system. |
| 8 | Wisconsin Islands | MN-WI | 6,510 | Closed Area | 6,510 | Closed Area; VA | 6,538 | Closed Area; VA | Includes no wake zone in travel corridor on Raft Channel |
| 9 | Pool Slough | MN-IA | 1,112 | Closed Area | 1,112 | Sanctuary | 1,126 | Sanctuary | Is adjacent to state (IA) sanctuary |
| 9 | Harpers Slough | IA-WI | 5,209 | Closed Area | 5,209 | Closed Area; VA | 5,209 | Closed Area; VA | |
| 10 | Sturgeon Slough Closed Area | WI | Open to Hunting | | 340 | Closed Area; VA; no motors | 340 | Closed Area; VA; no motors | |
| 10 | Wisconsin River Delta | WI | Open to Hunting | | 1,406 | Special Regs. Closed Area; VA | 1,414 | Special Regs. Closed Area; VA | Closed Area from Nov. 1 to end of duck season; a managed hunt. |
| 10 | Sturgeon Slough | WI | Open to Hunting | | 66 | No Hunting Zone | 66 | No Hunting Zone | |
| 10 | 12-Mile Island | IA | 540 | Closed Area | 540 | Closed Area; VA; no motors | 540 | Closed Area; VA; no motors | |
| 11 | Guttenberg Ponds | IA | Part of 12-Mile Island Closed Area | | 252 | Sanctuary | 252 | Sanctuary | Sanctuary located within 12-Mile Island Closed Area |
| 11 | 12-Mile Island | IA | 1,396 | Closed Area | 1,396 | Closed Area; VA | 1,139 | Closed Area; VA | |
| 11 | Goetz Island Trail | IA | Open to Hunting | | 32 | No Hunting Zone | 31 | No Hunting Zone | |
| 11 | Bertom McCartney Lake | WI | 2,415 | Closed Area | 2,384 | Closed Area | 2,384 | Traditional Closed Area | Does not include Bertom Island, a no entry area year round; no change from current regulations (no VA in this closed area). |
| 11 | Bertom Island | WI | Within Bertom McCartney Closed Area | | 31 | Sanctuary | 31 | Sanctuary | No entry year round. |
| 11 | John Deere Marsh | IA | Open to Hunting | | 439 | Closed Area; VA; no motors | 439 | Closed Area; VA; no motors | Includes travel corridor. |

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| 12 | Kehough Slough | IL | Open to Hunting | | 343 | Closed area; VA; no motors | 333 | Closed Area; VA; no motors | |
| 13 | Crooked Slough Backwater | IL | No entry due to contaminants | | 2,467 | No Hunting Zone | 2,453 | No Hunting Zone | Contaminants present; no entry. |
| 13 | Crooked Slough Proper | IL | Open to Hunting | | 192 | No Hunting Zone | 270 | No Hunting Zone | No hunting zone to avoid potential user conflicts. |
| 13 | Pleasant Creek | IA | 2,603 | Closed Area | 2,067 | Closed Area; VA | 2,191 | Closed Area; VA | |
| 13 | Spring Lake | IL | 3,686 | Sanctuary | 3,686 | Sanctuary | 3,697 | Sanctuary | |
| 13 | Mesquaki Lake/Great River Trail | IL | 193 | No Hunting Zone | 193 | No Hunting Zone | 193 | No Hunting Zone | Not in Jan 2009 Rule Package |
| 13 | Frog Pond | IL | 64 | No Hunting Zone | 64 | No Hunting Zone | 64 | No Hunting Zone | |
| 13 | Ingersoll Learning Center | IL | 41 | No Hunting Zone | 41 | No Hunting Zone | 41 | No Hunting Zone | |
| 13 | Thomson Prairie/Great River Trail | IL | 76 | No Hunting Zone | 76 | No Hunting Zone | 76 | No Hunting Zone | Not in Jan 2009 Rule Package |
| 13 | Buffer - Potter's Marsh Managed Hunt Area | IL | 491 | No Hunting Zone | 491 | No Hunting Zone | 491 | No Hunting Zone | Not in Jan 2009 Rule Package |
| 13 | Elk River | IA | 1,237 | Closed Area | 1,237 | Closed Area; VA; no motors | 1,248 | Closed Area; VA | |
| 14 | Beaver Island | IA | Open to Hunting | | 717 | Closed Area; VA; no motors | 864 | Closed Area; VA; no motors | |
| Total Acres | | | 48,099 | | 52,538 | | 49,239 | | |
| Total UMR Refuge Units | | | 14 Closed Areas 1 Sanctuary 8 No Hunting Zones | | 20 Closed Areas 4 Sanctuaries 11 No Hunting Zones | | 20 Closed Areas 4 Sanctuaries 14 No Hunting Zones | | |
| * Revision = through the final rule-making process (Federal Register, Sept. 7, 2007), Berton Island (31 acres) was added to the list of sanctuaries. No entry is allowed year round on the island. The pending rule-making (submitted January 2009) makes additional changes. | | | | | | | | | |
| ** Closed Area, Existing Condition = closed to all migratory bird hunting. Other hunting and trapping is only allowed beginning the day after the close of the state duck hunting season, until season closure or March 15, whichever comes first, except turkey hunting is allowed during state seasons. | | | | | | | | | |
| ** Closed Area, CCP = closed to all migratory bird hunting. Other hunting and trapping is only allowed beginning the day after the close of the state duck hunting season, until season closure or March 15, whichever comes first, except turkey hunting is allowed during state seasons. The public will be asked to practice Voluntary Avoidance (VA) i.e. limiting entry, on all closed areas ("Large" and "Small") October 15 to the end of the respective state duck hunting season. In addition, there will be a "no motor" restriction on Small closed areas October 15 to the end of the regular state duck hunting season. Large closed areas are greater than 1,000 acres and small closed areas are -1,000 acres or less. "No motors" means the use of motors on watercraft is not allowed. | | | | | | | | | |
| ** Sanctuary = no entry October 1 to the end of the state duck season, except Berton Island, Pool 11, is no entry year round. | | | | | | | | | |
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Total Number and Acres

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| | Pre-CCP Number of Units / Acres | | CCP implemented, 2007 and 2008 Number of Units / Acres | | CCP Planned 2009 Conditions Number of Units / Acres | | Comments for CCP Actions |
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| Closed Areas | 14 | 40,858 | 20 | 43,587 | 20 | 39,905 | |
| Sanctuaries | 1 | 3,686 | 4 | 5,106 | 4 | 5,106 | |
| Sub-total | 15 | 44,544 | 24 | 48,693 | 24 | 45,011 | |
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| No Hunting zones | 8 | 3,555 | 11 | 3,845 | 14 | 4,228 | |
| Sub-total | 23 | 48,099 | 35 | 52,538 | 38 | 49,239 | |
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| Managed Hunts | 2 | 2,434 | 1 | 1,923 | 1 | 1,923 | Wisconsin River Delta included in Closed Area tally. |
| Grand Total | 25 | 50,533 | 36 | 54,461 | 39 | 51,162 | |
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Three No Hunting Zones listed in the CCP (Table 2, Administrative No Hunting Zones, page 187) are not listed in the January 2009 rules package. They are Mesquaki Lake/Great River Trail (193 acres), Thomson Prairie/Great River Trail (76 acres) in Pool 13, and Buffer - Potter's Marsh Managed Hunt Area (491 acres) also in Pool 13.

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