

Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge

Trapping

Welcome to Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service established the refuge in 1958 primarily for nesting, resting, staging and feeding waterfowl. The varied habitat of Iroquois Refuge supports many other wildlife species including: other migratory birds, mammals, reptiles, fish and amphibians. Trapping can provide a quality recreational experience, when pursued responsibly.

We allow both marsh and upland trapping in accordance with state laws and the following additional regulations.

The refuge is open from sunrise to sunset.

The entire refuge is open to trapping except areas that may be closed for management purposes. These areas will be identified on the trapping permit. Also, trappers should not set traps in public or administrative areas such as trails, service roads or paths frequently used by other visitors.

We issue up to fifty (50) Marsh Trapping Permits and up to fifty (50) Upland Trapping Permits per year.

Permits are issued on a first come, first served basis, beginning October 1. No permits are issued after the state trapping seasons start (October 25 for Upland Trapping and November 25 for Marsh Trapping) or when 50 permits have been issued, whichever comes first.

Trappers must personally tend their traps each day. Another person may tend the traps for them only with express permission of the refuge manager. Checking a trap line or even

touching a trap is defined as "trapping" and requires a permit.

We require a Monthly Trapping Report from each trapper. Report forms are supplied with the permit(s). You must turn in a report even if no animals were taken. Failure to do so will result in the loss of trapping privileges for one year.

All trap location markers must be removed within five days of completion of trapping.

No dogs are allowed.

Vehicles

Stay on public roads. Off road travel, ATV's and snowmobiles are not allowed. Please, do not block gates or roads.

Boats

We allow canoes or other boats without motors on Oak Orchard Creek from Knowlesville Road to Route 63 only. You may launch boats from Route 63, Sour Springs Road and Knowlesville Rd. The creek passes through wooded swamp. Expect obstructions and variable water levels.

Upland Trapping

Upland Trapping Permits allow the take of predator species: raccoon, opossum, weasel, red fox, gray fox, skunk and coyote.

You may only use land sets.

Upland Trapping Permits are free.

Marsh Trapping

Marsh Trapping Permits allow the take of: muskrat, mink and beaver. Incidental take of non target species is also permitted, however, good trappers should endeavor to set their traps so that incidental take is minimized.

You may only use water sets.

There is a \$50 fee for Marsh Trapping Permit.

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