

Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge

Turkey Hunting

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 such as resident and migratory birds, mammals, reptiles, fish and amphibians as well as diverse plant life. Public hunting is a tool used to manage wildlife populations competing for limited habitat. Hunting can also provide a quality recreational experience when pursued responsibly. While visiting the refuge please observe the following:

We allow hunting in accordance with state laws subject to the following conditions.

We allow hunting during the spring season only.

Areas closed to hunting include: the immediate area around headquarters, refuge residences, the vicinity of the Iroquois Job Corps Center, Swallow Hollow, Onondaga and Kanyoo Nature Trails and safety zones around private residences adjacent to the refuge. There may be additional no hunting zones based on management activities.

We require a refuge turkey hunting permit in addition to a state license and permit.

We issue 50 permits through a random drawing in April. To participate in the drawing you must submit an application prior to the deadline which will be announced in a news release and on the refuge website: <http://iroquoisnwr.fws.gov>

There is a \$5 non-refundable processing fee to enter the drawing. Applications may be picked up at the refuge or one can be mailed upon request. Permits will be sent by mail.

If selected, and you have received your permit, you may scout during the 7 days immediately preceding the season. You may not call or possess a call of any kind while scouting.

We allow portable blinds and decoys, but you must remove all equipment at the conclusion of the hunt day.

Hunters must turn in a harvest report no later than June 7. Failure to do so will prohibit them from participating in the hunt the following year.

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. Oak Orchard Creek passes through wooded swamp. Expect obstructions and variable water levels.

Youth Hunt

We set aside the first Sunday in May as a youth only hunt day for junior hunters between 12-17 years of age. The program is free; however, space is limited to 25.

Junior hunters will be accepted on a first come, first served basis by mail or by phone beginning in late March or early April. We will announce the deadline date via news release and on our website.

Those accepted must attend a special orientation session the Saturday before the first Sunday in May from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. at the refuge office at which time they will be issued a special

permit. The orientation will review hunter safety, turkey calling, equipment, ethics and sportsmanship.

To apply, send a letter or post card with your name, address, telephone number and age to: Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, 1101 Casey Road, Basom, NY 14013 or call (585) 948-5445 Monday - Friday between 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

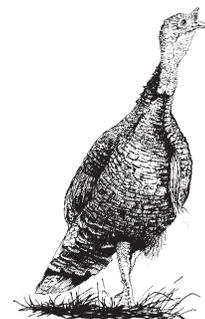
All junior hunters must be accompanied by an adult both at the orientation and during the hunt. Guides must be pre-approved prior to the hunt day. On hunt day, the accompanying adult must be licensed but may not hunt.

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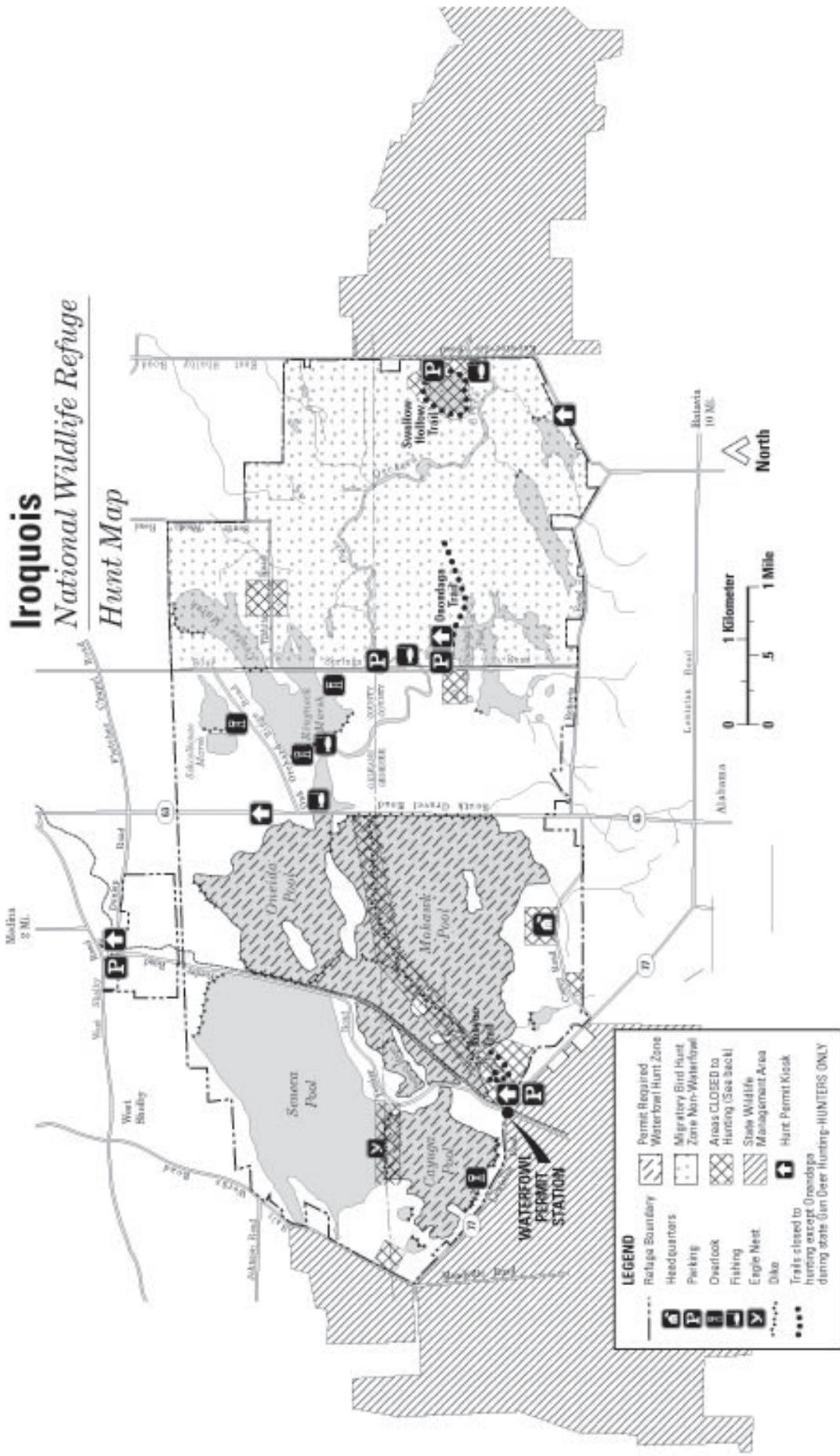
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National Wildlife Refuge Hunt Map



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	Refuge Boundary		Permit Required Waterfowl Hunt Zone
	Headquarters		Migratory Bird Hunt Zone Non-Waterfowl
	Parking		Areas CLOSED to Hunting (Sea Bach)
	Overlook		State Wildlife Management Area
	Fishing		Hunt Permit Kiosk
	Eagle Nest		Trails closed to hunting except Onondaga during state (on Deer Hunting-HUNTERS ONLY)
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