

Ouray NWR Hunting/Fishing Regulations

Hunting is permitted in accordance with State and Federal regulations in designated areas for ducks, geese, coots, pheasants and deer only (see below and reverse). Hunting any other wildlife species including elk, pronghorn, turkey and quail is prohibited.

During hunting seasons, the refuge is open from 1 1/2 hours before legal sunrise to _____ hours after legal sunset. **The main entrance gate on the west side of the Green River is gated and locked during closed hours.**

Portions of the refuge are leased tribal lands that require special permitting by the Ute Tribe. These leased lands include the Wyasket Lake area and Woods Bottom.

Only approved non-toxic shot may be possessed in the field while hunting waterfowl and pheasants. **The hunting of waterfowl and pheasants with a shotgun capable of holding more than the three shells is prohibited.**

The river, sandbars and islands within the refuge boundary are closed to hunting. Leota Bottom is the only area on refuge open to duck, goose, and coot hunting. Waterfowl hunting within 100 yards of the Green River in Leota Bottom is prohibited.

Hunters may use portable blinds or blinds constructed from natural dead vegetation and temporary tree stands or climbing devices that do not require drilling or nailing into the tree.

Camping and open fires are not permitted.

All **vehicles**, including ATV's, must stay on established roads as authorized.

The possession of a loaded firearm in a vehicle on the refuge is prohibited. All firearms must be unloaded, cased, or dismantled when traveling through the refuge.

Prohibited activities include wood cutting and gathering, littering, disturbing or removing plants or natural objects (including shed antlers) and removing artifacts of antiquity. Shell casings and ammunition boxes are litter.

Sport fishing is allowed within and on the banks of the Green River in accordance with State and Tribal regulations. Fishing within diked impoundments/canals and with the aid of trot lines, bows and arrows, spears, spear guns, cross bows, and firearms is prohibited. If caught, endangered fish species must be released unharmed.

Sheppard Bottom: Closed to all hunting.

Leota Bottom: Open to waterfowl, pheasant and deer hunting. No motor vehicles. Access is limited to foot, bike, horseback, canoes and small boats with electric motors only.

Johnson Bottom: Open to pheasant and deer hunting.

Woods Bottom: Open to Ute Tribal Members for deer and elk hunting.

Wyasket Bottom: Northern one-third open to pheasant and deer hunting. Southern two-thirds open to deer and elk hunting by Tribal Members only.

Brennan Bottom: Open to pheasant and deer hunting.