

# HUNTING

## PINTAIL SLOUGH

### Havasu National Wildlife Refuge

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Pintail Slough, located in Arizona, is comprised of all refuge lands north of the North Dike and west of Mohave County 1.

This leaflet contains hunting regulations for the Pintail Slough only. Consult the general hunting leaflets for regulations governing public use and hunting on other areas of the refuge.

#### GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. Hunting shall be in accordance with all applicable State and Federal regulations, except as specified by refuge specific regulations.
2. Non-toxic shot is required for all hunting. Possession of lead shot is prohibited.
3. Possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.
4. Only shotguns, 10-gauge or smaller, are permitted.
5. Target shooting or the discharge of a weapon except to hunt is prohibited.
6. Entrance to Pintail Slough hunt area is permitted only from designated parking areas.
7. Camping is permitted only at the Fivemile Landing concessionaire. There is NO camping at Pintail Slough.
8. Only dead vegetation or materials brought from off refuge may be used for hunt blinds. Pulling, cutting, marking, and removing live vegetation is prohibited.
9. Guide service providers must obtain a Special Use Permit from the refuge.
10. All species of animals and plants

are protected except those listed in this brochure. Note that the lengths of some hunting seasons may be different than those designated by the State of Arizona.

11. During hunting hours, Pintail Slough is closed to visitors not having a hunt reservation or successful standby selection from the beginning of state waterfowl season through the Juniors-only waterfowl hunt.

#### SPECIES, DATES, HOURS

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Dove, cottontail, and quail may be taken during the state specified seasons, except during the designated waterfowl season.

During waterfowl season, only ducks, geese, coots and gallinules may be taken at Pintail Slough duck blinds. The goose blinds will be closed.

##### HUNTING DAYS (in season)

Dove: September only

Cottontail and Quail: Daily except during waterfowl season, including the Junior's-only waterfowl hunt

Waterfowl:

Saturdays and Sundays only

##### HUNTING HOURS

Dove: one-half hour before sunrise to noon MST (except Juniors to sunset)

Cottontail and Quail: sunrise to sunset MST

Waterfowl: one-half hour before sunrise to noon MST

#### WATERFOWL HUNT BLIND REGULATIONS

1. Hunters must carry their permit and hunt licenses while hunting.
2. We require hunting within 25 feet of the numbered post of their assigned blind.
3. We limit the number of persons at

each blind to three. Observers cannot hold shells or guns unless in possession of valid license/stamps.

4. The number of shells a hunter may possess is limited to 25.

5. All hunters must possess at least 12 decoys per blind (We recommend the outer decoy be placed no more than 75 feet from the blind to reduce cripples).

6. Use of retrieving dogs is encouraged. Dogs must be kept under control at all times.

7. All personal items must be removed at the end of each day's hunt, including empty shell casings.

8. Weapons must be unloaded except at blinds or when retrieving birds.

#### WATERFOWL RESERVATIONS

##### PROCEDURE

Reservations for the 2005-2006 season may be made only by telephone. Reservations will be accepted from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. MST beginning September 13. Hunters must provide their hunting license number when making a reservation.

Hunters may only make one weekend reservation (any or all of Saturday and Sunday) during the hunting season. Each hunter may bring up to two additional hunting guests or observers. Hunters with reserved blinds must adhere to the daily check-in deadlines. Blinds reserved by "no shows" will be reassigned in the standby drawing.

##### STANDBY (ALTERNATE) HUNTERS

Hunters without reservations are permitted to enter the drawing for

blinds unfilled by reservation holders. Standby hunters are subject to the same regulations as reservation holders. There is no limit to the number of times a hunter may hunt as a standby. Reservations are non-transferable.

USER FEE

A \$10.00 per person (hunter or non-hunter) per day use fee will be collected daily at check-in **EXACT CASH ONLY.**

CHECK-IN

All hunters with reservations must report to the Pintail Slough for the blind drawing held promptly at one hour and thirty minutes before legal shooting time. Blinds reserved by "no shows" will be reassigned in the standby drawing.

Hunting blinds are designated by a numbered post. Hunters are required to be at their blind site forty-five minutes before shooting time

CHECK-OUT

Hunters may not leave their assigned blind until 10:00 a.m. MST. All hunters and their equipment must be out of Pintail Slough by 1 p.m. MST each day.

CLOSED TO HUNTING (as noted on the *Pintail Slough Renovation Map*). Areas with one line crossed through them are closed to all hunting. Hunters may retrieve downed birds in this area as long as they leave their method of take (shotguns, bow and arrows) in the open area. Dogs may be used for retrieving in these areas.

CLOSED TO ALL ENTRY (as noted on the *Pintail Slough Renovation Map*). Areas with cross hatches are closed to all entry, including hunting, from beginning of the state waterfowl season to the end of the Junior's only waterfowl hunt. Entry

to retrieve downed birds in this area **is prohibited.**

CONDUCT

Each hunter is expected to respect the rights of others. Interference with another's hunting, long range shooting or unsportsmanlike behavior may be cause for revocation of hunting privileges.

LITTERING

Hunters are responsible for cleaning up after themselves. Shell casings and associated debris must be picked up and packed out. All blinds must be left clean.

DISABLED HUNTERS

Pintail Slough covers a variety of habitats, including uneven terrain, deep waters and dense stands of vegetation. Hunting difficulty varies by blind.

Disabled persons should hunt with a partner and make a hunt reservation prior to check-in. The Hunt Coordinator will suggest the most accessible blinds at check in time.

Injuries or accidents occurring on the refuge must be reported immediately to the Refuge Manager at 760/326-3853 ext 22.

PINTAIL SUNRISE HOURS (MST)

September

1	6:11 a.m.
5	6:14 a.m.
10	6:18 a.m.
15	6:21 a.m.
20	6:24 a.m.
25	6:28 a.m.
30	6:31 a.m.

October

1	6:32 a.m.
7	6:35 a.m.
14	6:41 a.m.
22	6:48 a.m.
29	6:54 a.m.

November

5	7:00 a.m.
12	7:06 a.m.
19	7:13 a.m.
26	7:19 a.m.

December

3	7:25 a.m.
10	7:31 a.m.
17	7:36 a.m.
24	7:39 a.m.
31	7:41 a.m.

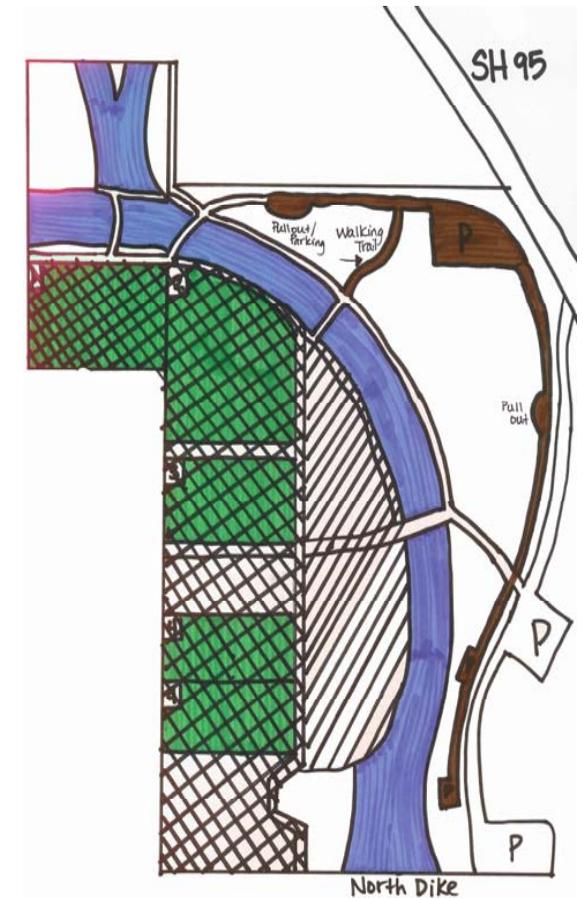
January

7	7:42 a.m.
14	7:42 a.m.
21	7:40 a.m.
28	7:36 a.m.

February

4	7:31 a.m.
5	7:30 a.m.
6	7:29 a.m.

PINTAIL SLOUGH RENOVATION



AREAS CLOSED DURING WATERFOWL SEASON (INCLUDING JUNIOR HUNT)

	ALL HUNTING
	ALL ENTRY
	NEW ACCESS