

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 concession. 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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Only those species listed below may be taken.

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

HUNTING DAYS AND HOURS (in State season)

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

Cottontail and Quail: Daily during State dove and quail seasons except during waterfowl season, including the Junior's-only waterfowl hunt, sunrise to sunset MST

Waterfowl: Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays only, 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, including observers. 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 2007/8 waterfowl season may be made only by telephone (760-326-3853 x23). Reservations will be accepted from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. MST beginning September 17. Hunters may make only one reservation per call and must provide their hunting license number when making a reservation. After the hunt season begins, reservations may be requested, transferred or cancelled between Mondays and Wednesdays only.

Hunters may only make one reservation (Saturday, Sunday and following Wednesday) 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. Reservations are non-transferable.

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.

YOUTH HUNTERS

Youth hunters (17 and under) may make one reservation for one of the two days of the Arizona Juniors-only hunt (February 2-3, 2007) or for the regular hunt season, but not both. During the Juniors-only hunt, one adult may supervise up to two youths, but the total number of individuals per blind may not exceed four.

USER FEE

A \$20.00 per person (hunter or non-hunter) per day use fee will be collected daily at check-in EXACT CASH ONLY. Entry fee passes (e.g., Golden Age Passports) do not exempt hunters from this user fee. Youth fees are \$15.00 per day

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. Each hunter must fill out and deposit a daily hunt report card prior to leaving. Hunters failing to complete deposit the card will forfeit Refuge hunt privileges for

the remainder of the season.

CLOSED TO HUNTING (as noted on the Pintail Slough Renovation Map).

Areas with single hatching 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 retrieve in these areas.

CLOSED TO ALL ENTRY (as noted on the Pintail Slough Renovation Map).

Areas with cross hatching 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 22 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 Hunt Coordinator at 760/326-3853 ext 23.

PINTAIL SUNRISE HOURS (MST)

September

2	6:11 a.m.
9	6:16 a.m.
16	6:21 a.m.
23	6:26 a.m.
30	6:31 a.m.

October

7	6:37 a.m.
14	6:42 a.m.
21	6:48 a.m.
28	6:55 a.m.

November

4	7:01 a.m.
11	7:08 a.m.
18	7:15 a.m.
25	7:22 a.m.

December

2	7:28 a.m.
9	7:34 a.m.
16	7:39 a.m.
23	7:43 a.m.
30	7:46 a.m.

January

6	7:47 a.m.
13	7:46 a.m.
20	7:44 a.m.
27	7:41 a.m.

February

3	7:36 a.m.
10	7:30 a.m.