



Hunting

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Sevilleta is a 229,870 acre refuge located in central New Mexico. It spans the Rio Grande Valley from the Ladron Mountains on the west to the Los Pinos Mountains on the east. Public hunting is permitted only on a small portion of the refuge, along the Rio Grande flood plain (see map on reverse). **Hunting shall be in accordance with all applicable Federal and State Regulations. Please refer to the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish Waterfowl and Small Game annual proclamations.**

Species Permitted to be Taken

The following migratory game birds are permitted to be taken on designated areas of the refuge subject to the conditions listed below:

- Eurasian doves
- Mourning doves
- White-winged doves
- Light geese
- Coots
- Ducks (for Teal, see below)

Bag Limit

Same as New Mexico state regulations for the Central Flyway, south zone; refer to New Mexico Department of Game and Fish Waterfowl and Small Game annual proclamations.

Special Hunting Regulations

Open each day of the special teal season (impoundments are usually filled after November 1st depending on water availability).

General Waterfowl Season

Sevilleta NWR allows hunting the same dates and times as the southern portion of La Joya State Game Refuge, which are *Thursdays, and Sundays until 1:00 P.M.*

Dove Season

Open each day of the regular dove seasons.

Attention: Only U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service approved non-toxic shot is permitted for waterfowl and dove hunting on Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge.

License Information

General hunting license or Small game license and Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp for waterfowl hunting) and Waterfowl Identification Permit (for light geese) necessary as required by state and federal law.

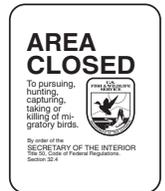
Safety and Regulations

- Neither hunters nor dogs may enter closed areas to retrieve birds;
- Vehicle entry and parking is restricted to areas as posted;
- Fires of any type are prohibited on the refuge;
- Target practice is prohibited on the refuge;
- Possession or use of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on the refuge;
- Unloaded firearms that are dismantled or cased may be transported through the closed area over designated routes of travel;
- Pits and permanent blinds are prohibited;
- Use of vegetation growing on the Refuge for the construction of blinds is prohibited;
- Physically-challenged area is limited to licensed handicapped hunters; each may be accompanied by one hunting assistant.

When in doubt about any regulations, contact the refuge manager for clarification.

The signs below apply to the areas behind the signs. Please respect all refuge signs whenever you see them as you travel throughout the refuge.

National Wildlife Refuge. This sign marks the boundary of the refuge. Consult refuge management for authorized activities.



Area Closed. Certain areas of the refuge are closed to visitors for management purposes. Unauthorized entry beyond this sign is prohibited.



No Hunting Zone. This sign marks the boundary of no hunting areas on the refuge. All hunting is prohibited beyond this sign.

Public Hunting Area. This sign marks the boundaries of the waterfowl hunting areas. This is the only area where waterfowl hunting is allowed.

Hunting on all National Wildlife Refuges is a privilege, please respect it.

For Additional Information

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National Wildlife Refuge
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Map Key

-  Gates
-  Parking Areas *
-  Gravel/Dirt Road
-  BNSF Railroad
-  Sevilleta NWR Hunt Area
-  No Hunt Area
-  Restricted Access - No Public Entry
-  Rio Grande

* Parking also available along the dirt roads in Unit B, but do not block through passage.

Hunting Area:

Along the west side of the Rio Grande, from the northern Sevilleta NWR boundary (south of La Joya's Pond 6), east of the BNSF Railroad, to the Rio Salado.

