



Hunting

Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge

By law, national wildlife refuges are closed to all public use activities unless expressly permitted. Hunting, fishing, and certain other public uses are permitted on most areas of the refuge. Some areas are closed to all forms of public entry.

When permitted, hunting, fishing, and other public uses on areas of the refuge will be in accordance with applicable State laws unless otherwise listed. To ensure your safety and enjoyment while visiting Salt Plains NWR, please take the time to become familiar with the current regulations and authorized activities before entering the refuge, these can be obtained by visiting the Refuge Headquarters located 2 miles south and 1 mile west of the State Hwy 11 and 38 junction or by calling 580-626-4794 or www.fws.gov

Public Migratory and Upland Game Hunting Area Rules and Regulations

- Area Closed at Noon: No afternoon hunting.

- Legal shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to noon.

- No boats are allowed in the river or creek channels.

All Parties Must Sign In:

- Hunters are to log in and out daily.

- All hunters under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Parking

- Parking is limited at hunting access locations on Highway 11. All vehicles must be parked in designated refuge-access parking areas.

- Parking areas are marked with hunting regulations and sign-in cards. See map on reverse side for public hunting area parking locations.

Hunting of Pheasant, Quail, Dove, Ducks, Geese and Sandhill Cranes is permitted on designated areas (see map) subject to the following conditions:

- Hunting is restricted to the area bounded by the refuge boundary to the west and north. The east boundary is the western edge of Sand Creek. The south boundary is 150 yards north of State Hwy 11. 150 yards north of State Hwy 11 is a retrieval zone only.

Hunters should consult ODWC's hunt brochures for further regulations.

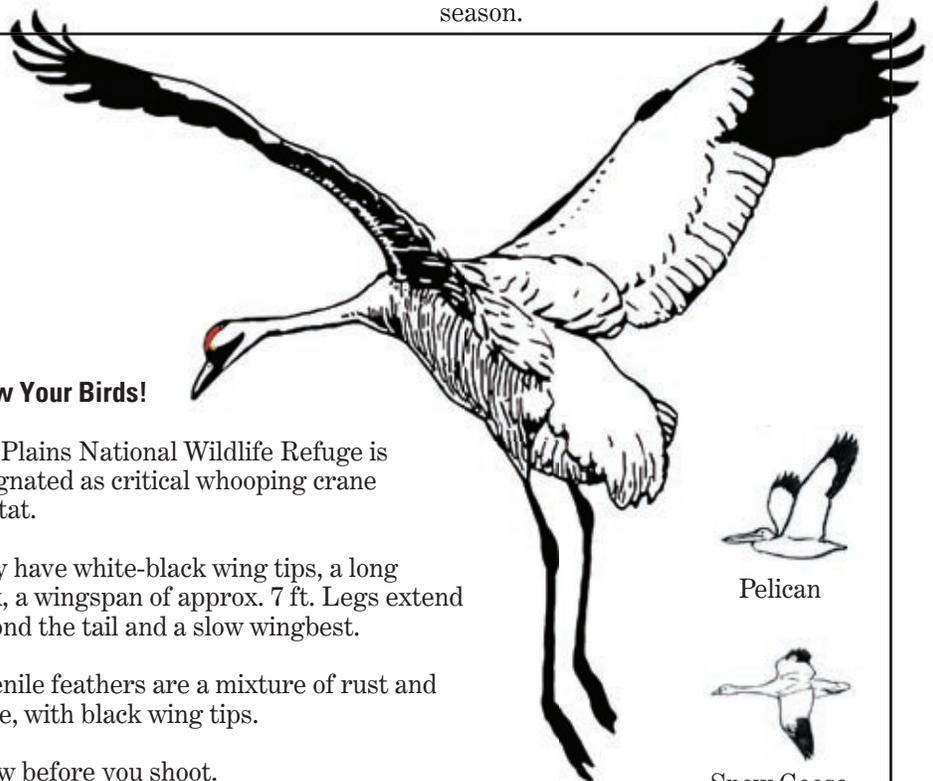
All state regulations apply except those as listed below:

- No rifles or handguns allowed in the hunt area.

- Federally approved nontoxic shot only. Hunters can not be in possession of shot shells loaded with shot other than federally approved nontoxic shot while in the hunting area.

- Decoys and materials brought into the refuge for blind construction must be removed at the end of every hunt day.

- All hunting closed on Saturday, Sunday and Monday during state rifle deer season.



Know Your Birds!

Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge is designated as critical whooping crane habitat.

They have white-black wing tips, a long neck, a wingspan of approx. 7 ft. Legs extend beyond the tail and a slow wingbest.

Juvenile feathers are a mixture of rust and white, with black wing tips.

Know before you shoot.



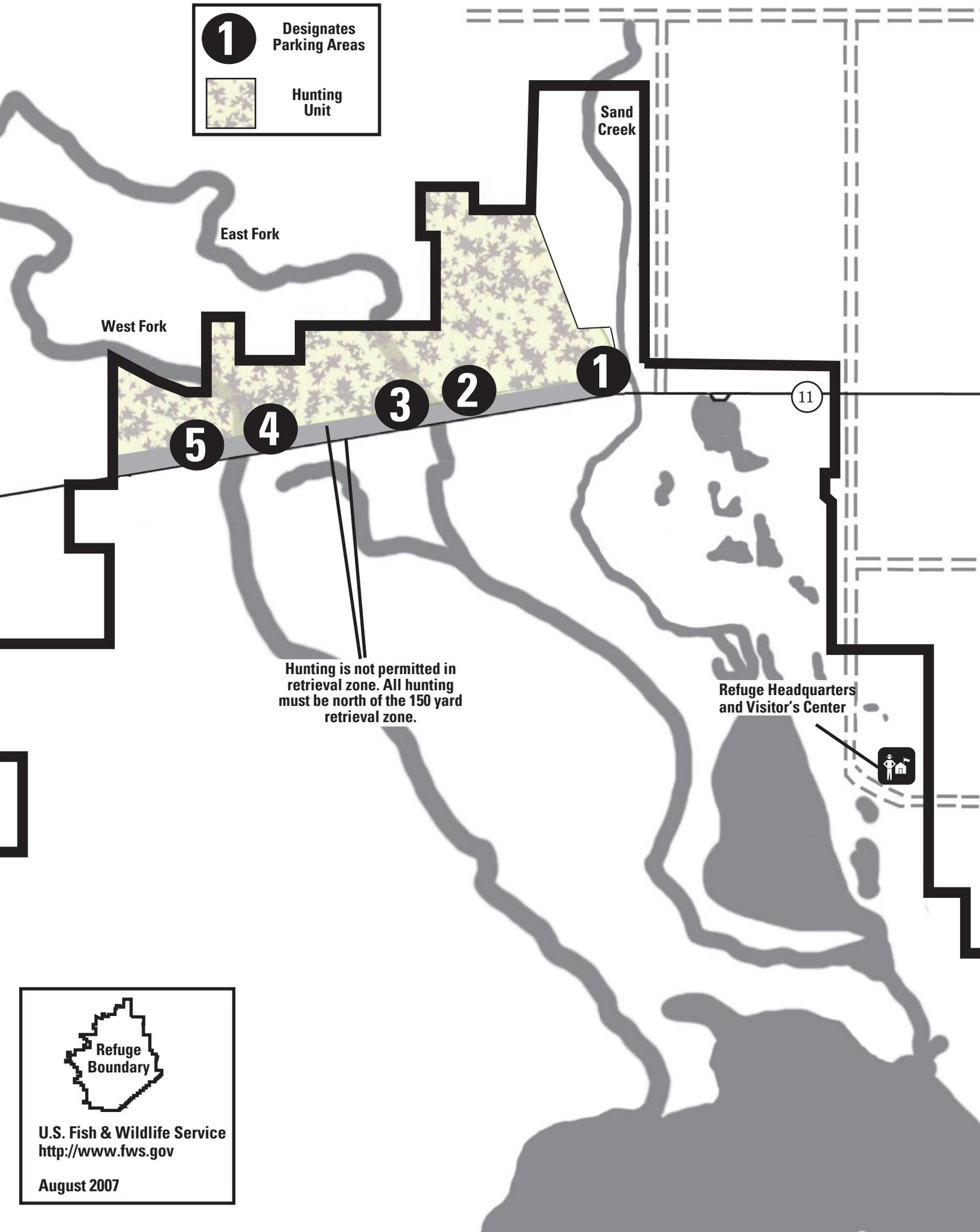
Pelican



Snow Goose

1 Designates Parking Areas

 Hunting Unit



Hunting is not permitted in retrieval zone. All hunting must be north of the 150 yard retrieval zone.

Refuge Headquarters and Visitor's Center

 Refuge Boundary

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
<http://www.fws.gov>
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