General Hunting Regulations
All Minnesota State regulations pertaining to hunting and trapping will be enforced. You may only hunt and trap in the areas specified in this brochure during open state seasons. Each activity may be subject to refuge specific regulations.

For authorized hunting, refuge is open two hours before legal shooting time to one hour after legal shooting time.

Some areas have been posted in the field to protect buildings, private property or critical habitat areas. Please respect any signed area you encounter in the field.

The possession of alcohol while hunting is prohibited.

Gas or electric boat motors are prohibited on the refuge.

It is unlawful to drive a metal object into a tree or to hunt from a tree in which a metal object has been driven. Screw-in steps are prohibited.

All items, including boats, must be removed at the end of the day.

All stands must be removed from the refuge at the end of each day. It is unlawful to hunt from a permanent stand.

The distribution of bait and hunting over bait, including salt licks, mineral blocks or any chemical substance applied to the ground or vegetation is prohibited on National Wildlife Refuge Units.

No motorized vehicles are allowed within the hunting units except at designated parking areas.

No hunting on, across or within 50 feet of any road, parking lot or marked trail.

Target shooting is prohibited.

The use or possession of center fire rifles, pistols or air guns is prohibited on the refuge.

Waterfowl Hunting will be held in accordance with all state and federal hunting regulations and seasons.

Allowed hunting activities by unit and unit specific regulations
Rapids Lake Unit
The entire unit is open to the following:
- Deer Hunting
  Bow and Arrow Hunting
  Shotgun
  Muzzleloading
- Waterfowl Hunting
- Small Game Hunting
  Restricted to 22 caliber rimfire only or shotguns utilizing non-toxic ammunition.
- Turkey Hunting
  Open for both fall and spring state turkey seasons. A Minnesota state turkey permit is required.Only shotguns with non-toxic shot or bow and arrows may be used. Only non-toxic shot may be possessed.

Louisville Swamp Unit
(North of Middle Road)
- Deer Hunting
  Bow and Arrow Hunting ONLY.

(South of Middle Road)
- Deer Hunting
  Bow and Arrow Hunting ONLY.
- Waterfowl Hunting
- Small Game Hunting
  Only non-toxic shot may be used or possessed.
  Single projectiles are prohibited.
  Open to all state seasons with the exception that furbearers and crows MAY NOT be harvested.
- Turkey Hunting
  Open for both fall and spring state turkey seasons. A Minnesota state turkey permit is required.
  Only shotguns with non-toxic shot or bow and arrows may be used. Only non-toxic shot may be possessed.

Wilkie Unit
- Deer Hunting
  Allowed west of Eagle Creek
  Bow and Arrow Hunting ONLY.
- Waterfowl Hunting
  Waterfowl hunting is restricted to the Rice Lake area which is defined as the area East of old Hwy 18 and Hwy 169 West of Eagle Creek and South of the Minnesota River and North of Hwy 13.

No Small Game or Turkey Hunting will be allowed on this unit.

Trapping
Various refuge units are open to qualified trappers with a refuge permit.

All trappers must attend a mandatory orientation session to receive a permit.

Trapping on the refuge is limited to muskrat, beaver, racoon, and mink.

Special Note
Other areas of the refuge may be hunted with a special refuge permit by people with disabilities or participants of the Young Waterfowlers Program.

For other hunting opportunities on ***Waterfowl Production Areas*** *visit our website at:****http://midwest.fws.gov/minnesotavalley/***

Hunting at Minnesota Valley NWR	Deer (Bow/Arrow)	Deer (Shotgun)	Deer (Muzzle-loader)	Waterfowl	Small Game	Turkey
Rapids Lake	●	●	●	●	●	●
Louisville Swamp (North of Middle Rd)	●					
Louisville Swamp - (South of Middle Rd)	●			●	●	●
Wilkie	●					
Wilkie-Rice Lake	●			●		

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Bloomington, MN 55425-1600
952/854-5900

People with hearing impairments may reach Minnesota Valley NWR through the Federal Information Relay System at 1 800/877 8339

Minnesota Valley's website address:
http://midwest.fws.gov/minnesotavalley

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
1 800/344 WILD
http://www.fws.gov

Contacts:
Emergencies..... 911

To report violations

State Conservation Officer..... 952-447-3374

Refuge Law Enforcement Officer. 952-858-0703

TIP Line.....1-800-652-9093

Carver Rapids Unit - DNR..... 952-492-6400

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Getting There

Rapids Lake Unit
DNR and Refuge land south of the Carver Bluffs development, mostly east of Co. Rd. 45, west of the Minnesota River, and downstream from the Co. Rd. 9 bridge near Jordan.

P1 From the Twin Cities, exit HWY 212 on Co. Rd. 40 to Carver. From the Carver Village Hall near the center of town, continue driving on Co. Rd. 40 south from town 2.2 miles to Co. Rd. 45. Turn left. Drive .8 miles to P1 on your left.

P2 As for P1 above, but continue driving another 1.1 miles south on Co. Rd. 45 to Carver Highlands Drive. Turn left. Drive straight about a half-mile to P2.

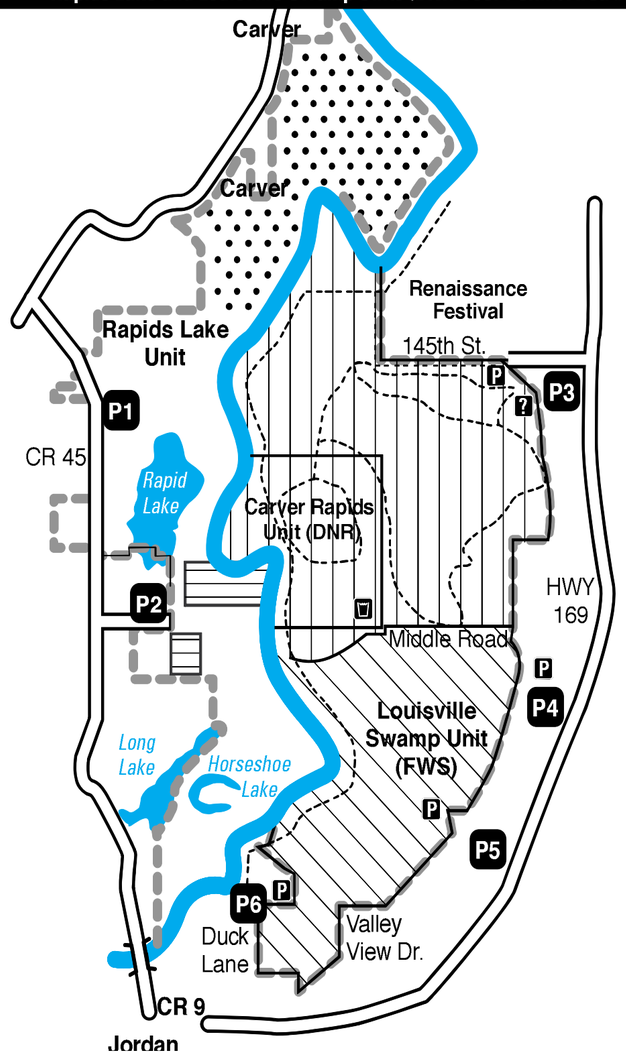
Louisville Swamp/Carver Rapids
State Park and Refuge land between the railroad and the Minnesota River, south of the Bryan Rock Quarry, and north of Duck Lane and the Valley View Nursing Home.

P3 Exit HWY 169 at 145th St. W. approximately 4.75 miles south of Shakopee. Parking is 1/2 mile in. Drive past the main entrance to the Renaissance Festival, over the next set of railroad tracks, and bear left.

P4 Exit HWY 169 6-1/2 miles south of Shakopee on Bluff Drive. Drive 1/4-mile in to Jordan Ave. Turn right at Jordan Ave. Park at the edge of Jordan Ave. at least 100 yards from the house. You'll need to walk through private property to get to the gate. Please do so quietly.

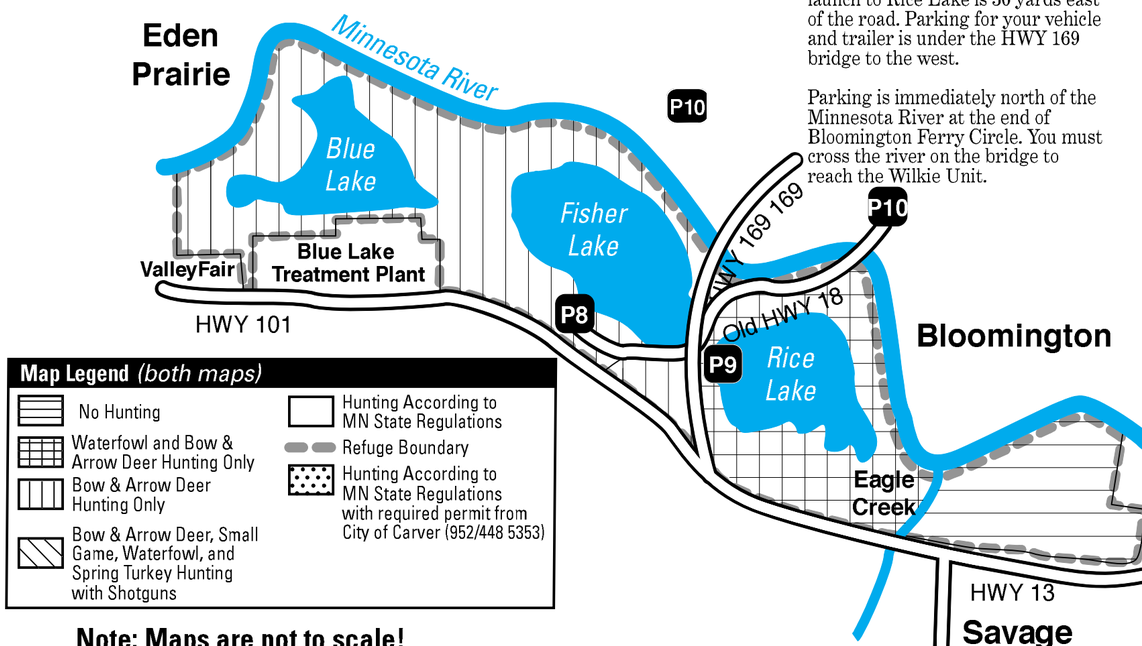
P5 Exit HWY 169 7.5 miles south of Shakopee. Turn right on 173rd St. Drive 1/4 mile on 173rd St. W. to a "T" intersection at Valley View Drive. Turn right. Drive over the railroad tracks carefully. Parking is 1/8 mile beyond the tracks.

Rapids Lake and Louisville Swamp Units (DNR Deer Permit Area #337)



P6 Exit HWY 169 as described for P5 above. Turn left at the "T" intersection. Drive 1.5 miles south on Valley View Drive, past the Scott County Jail Annex, over the railroad tracks, and then turn right on Circle Drive. Drive 1 block uphill to Highview Drive. Turn left and drive 1 block to Mendoza Ave. Turn right on Mendoza and drive 1 block to Duck Lane. Turn right on Duck Lane. Hunter Parking Area is at the gate 1 mile N. 4-wheel drive is recommended until freeze-up.

Wilkie Unit



Map Legend *(both maps)*

- No Hunting
- Waterfowl and Bow & Arrow Deer Hunting Only
- Bow & Arrow Deer Hunting Only
- Bow & Arrow Deer, Small Game, Waterfowl, and Spring Turkey Hunting with Shotguns
- Hunting According to MN State Regulations
- Refuge Boundary
- Hunting According to MN State Regulations with required permit from City of Carver (952/448 5353)

Note: Maps are not to scale!

Wilkie Unit
Refuge land east of Valleyfair and west of Eagle Creek.

Hunter Parking P7 has been eliminated. Park in P8 and walk the mowed trail from there to the Middle Road.

P8 Hunter Parking is 1/4 mile west of the Old HWY 18/101 Junction or right at the first light after you cross the new Hwy. 169 bridge and take the HWY 101 exit toward Shakopee.

P9 **Waterfowl hunter access only.** Drive through the gate at P8 .8 miles to the second gate. The boat launch to Rice Lake is 50 yards east of the road. Parking for your vehicle and trailer is under the HWY 169 bridge to the west.

P10 Parking is immediately north of the Minnesota River at the end of Bloomington Ferry Circle. You must cross the river on the bridge to reach the Wilkie Unit.