



This goose, designed by J.N. "Ding" Darling, is the symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Arrowwood National Wildlife Refuge

Hunting Regulations

General Refuge Information

Welcome to Arrowwood National Wildlife Refuge, one of over 565 refuges and 38 wetland management districts in the National Wildlife Refuge System - a network of lands set aside specifically for wildlife. Managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Refuge System is a living heritage, conserving wildlife and habitat for people today and for generations to come.

Refuge headquarters is open from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, except for Federal holidays. The Refuge is open from 1½ hours before sunrise until 1½ hours after sunset.

Refuge headquarters can be reached via Highway 281 by driving east on 11th Street SE for 5½ miles and 1 mile north on the Refuge road. To reach the Refuge headquarters from Highway 9, travel west on 11th Street SE for 5½ miles and 1 mile north on the Refuge road.

General Regulations

The area surrounding the Refuge headquarters is closed to all hunting and entry as shown on the map.

Off-trail vehicle travel is strictly prohibited.

Snowmobiles and all other off-road vehicles are prohibited.

Parked vehicles must not block Refuge gates.

Open fires, camping, and littering are prohibited.

Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on National Wildlife Refuge System lands must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (50 CFR 27.42 and specific refuge regulations in 50 CFR Part 32).

General Hunting Information

Hunting is allowed in accordance with State and Federal regulations. It is the responsibility of the hunter to be aware of all special Refuge regulations and the boundaries of the hunting units before going afield.

Hunting is allowed for deer, pheasant, sharp-tailed grouse, partridge, fox, and cottontail rabbits as described below. Hunting of all other wildlife species is prohibited on the Refuge.

Legal hunting weapons are State-allowed firearm and archery equipment.

Hunters requiring special accommodations should contact the Refuge Manager.

Deer Hunting

The Refuge is open to North Dakota deer bow, youth, gun, and muzzleloader seasons.

A State-issued license is required to hunt deer on the Refuge. Hunters are restricted to the unit, species, sex, and weapon indicated on the license.

On the opening day of bow, youth, gun, or muzzleloader season, hunters must wait to enter the Refuge until 12:00 pm (noon). Thereafter, hunters may enter the Refuge 1½ hours before sunrise. Gun hunters may not re-enter the Refuge after harvesting a deer unless un-armed and wearing blaze orange.

Bow hunters must wear blaze orange during the regular deer gun season.

Permanent tree stands are not allowed on the Refuge. Temporary stands, blinds, and game cameras are allowed, but must be removed daily. Stands, steps, or cameras may be clamped, roped, or chained to trees, but may not be nailed or screwed directly to trees.

The Refuge is open to deer hunting by foot travel. Bicycles, boats, and horses are prohibited from accessing the Refuge for deer hunting.

Vehicles may use designated trails on the east side of the Refuge, as shown on the map, to retrieve harvested deer only during the following hours: 9:30 am to 10:00 am; 1:30 pm to 2:00 pm; and for 1 hour following legal shooting time. Retrieval times are posted on trail gates where vehicle access is allowed for retrieval. Hunting is NOT allowed while using a vehicle to retrieve a deer.

Vehicle access is NOT allowed for transporting hunters into or out of the Refuge.

The auto tour route is closed during the youth, gun, and muzzleloader deer hunting seasons. Vehicles may be used on the auto tour route to retrieve harvested deer during bow season when it is open for general public use.

Baiting is strictly prohibited.

Upland Game Bird Hunting

Late season upland game bird hunting opens for pheasant, sharp-tailed grouse, and partridge on the first Monday after the deer gun season closes and remains open to the end of the State season.

Approved non-toxic shot is required for all shotgun hunting. Toxic shot may not be in the hunter's possession.

The use of dogs is encouraged, but they must be under control at all times.

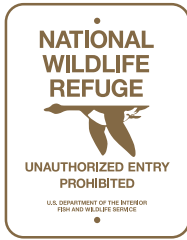
Fox Hunting

Fox hunting opens the first Monday following deer gun season and closes March 31.

Cottontail Rabbit Hunting

Cottontail rabbit hunting opens the first Monday following deer gun season and closes March 31.

Refuge Signs and Their Meaning



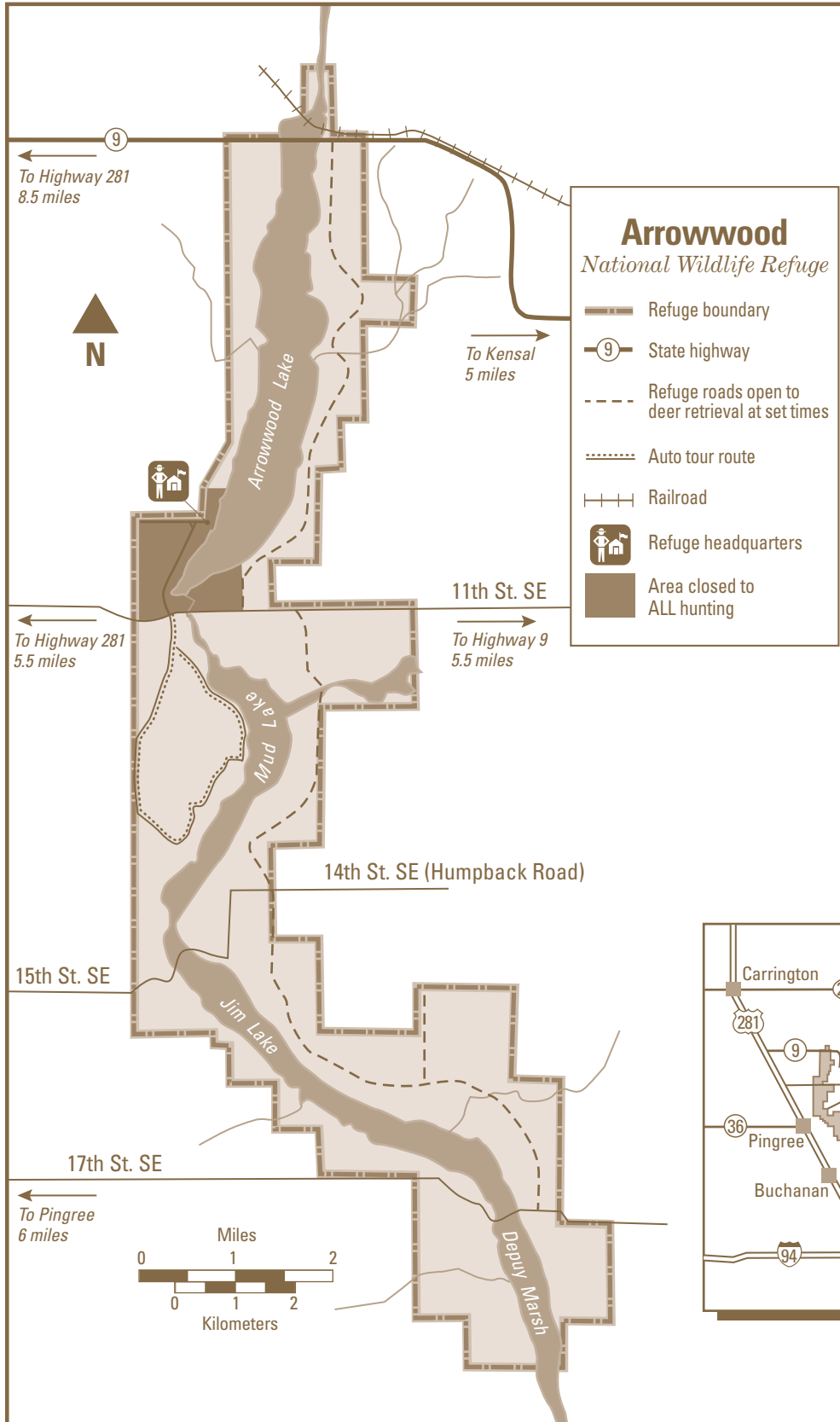
Refuge Boundary
Areas are open to permitted activities only. Regulations and further information are available at the Refuge headquarters.



No Hunting
Areas around offices and residences closed to hunting are posted (see map).



Area Beyond This Sign Closed
These areas are closed to all public entry.



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