

Malheur

National Wildlife Refuge Hunting and Fishing Regulations



Welcome

Malheur National Wildlife Refuge is located in the high desert country of southeastern Oregon. The 187,000-acre Refuge is a remote, arid land of shallow marshes, lakes, small ponds, flood irrigated meadows, alkali flats, rimrock and grass and sagebrush covered hills.

The Refuge is open daily from sunrise to sunset. Information may be obtained by contacting the Refuge, at Refuge headquarters, or from the Refuge website. Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 7:00 am to 4:30 pm and Friday, 7:00 am to 3:30 pm. The Visitor Center is open Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm and staffed with volunteers most weekends.

Safety

The Refuge is situated at 4,100 feet in elevation. Radical weather changes including lightning storms and intense heat or cold can occur. You should be prepared to experience temperature extremes and to travel long distances over gravel roads. Make sure your vehicle is in good condition and your gas tank is full. Carry mosquito repellent from May through August.

Firearms

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.)

Only nontoxic shot may be possessed or used.

Vehicles

Motorized vehicles are permitted on all roads as identified on the map below. All other roads and dike tops not shown on the Refuge map are closed to the public. Gates, dikes, and road access may not be blocked by vehicles.

Boats

Non-motorized or electric boats are permitted on Malheur Lake during the hunting season, and on Krumbo Reservoir during the fishing season. All other Refuge waters are closed to boating.

When ice is present at the Krumbo Reservoir boat launch, boats are not permitted.

Hunting and Fishing Regulations

Hunting and fishing regulations are designed to provide safe recreational opportunities through wise use of renewable wildlife resources. Hunting and fishing are permitted in accordance with Federal regulations governing public use on National Wildlife Refuges as set forth in Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Hunting and fishing will be in accordance with applicable State of Oregon regulations subject to the conditions stated below. Brochures may be obtained by mail, at the Refuge headquarters, or from the Refuge website.

Hunting Access

WHEN: Hunters may only access the Refuge from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

WHERE: Hunters must park in designated parking areas, as identified on the map below, to access the Refuge for hunting on the Malheur Lake Hunt Areas and on the Krumbo Creek Hunt Area. Parking for the Buena Vista Hunt Area and the Boundary Hunt Area west of Hwy 205 are off-road parking. Off-road parking must be within one vehicle length from the roadways. Gates opened to enter the hunting area from designated access points must be closed immediately after passing through. Access to the Refuge from private property is prohibited.

Fishing Access

WHEN: Fishing is permitted year-round. For season limits see ODFW Sport Fishing Regulations.

WHERE: Reservoir Fishery – Krumbo Reservoir

Stream Fisheries – South Fishing Loop and Headquarters Fishing Unit

Foot travel is permitted along the river, streams, canals, and Krumbo Reservoir open to fishing.

Dogs

To reduce the disturbance of flying birds, retrieving dogs are strongly encouraged. Dogs must be kept under close control. Dogs not used for hunting are not permitted to be off-leash.

Blinds

Temporary blinds may be erected on Malheur Lake Hunt Areas during the hunt season. Blinds and all private property must be removed daily.

Accessibility Information

Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs and activities of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is available to all individuals regardless of physical or mental ability. For more information please contact the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Equal Opportunity, <https://www.doi.gov/pmb/eeo/public-civil-rights>.

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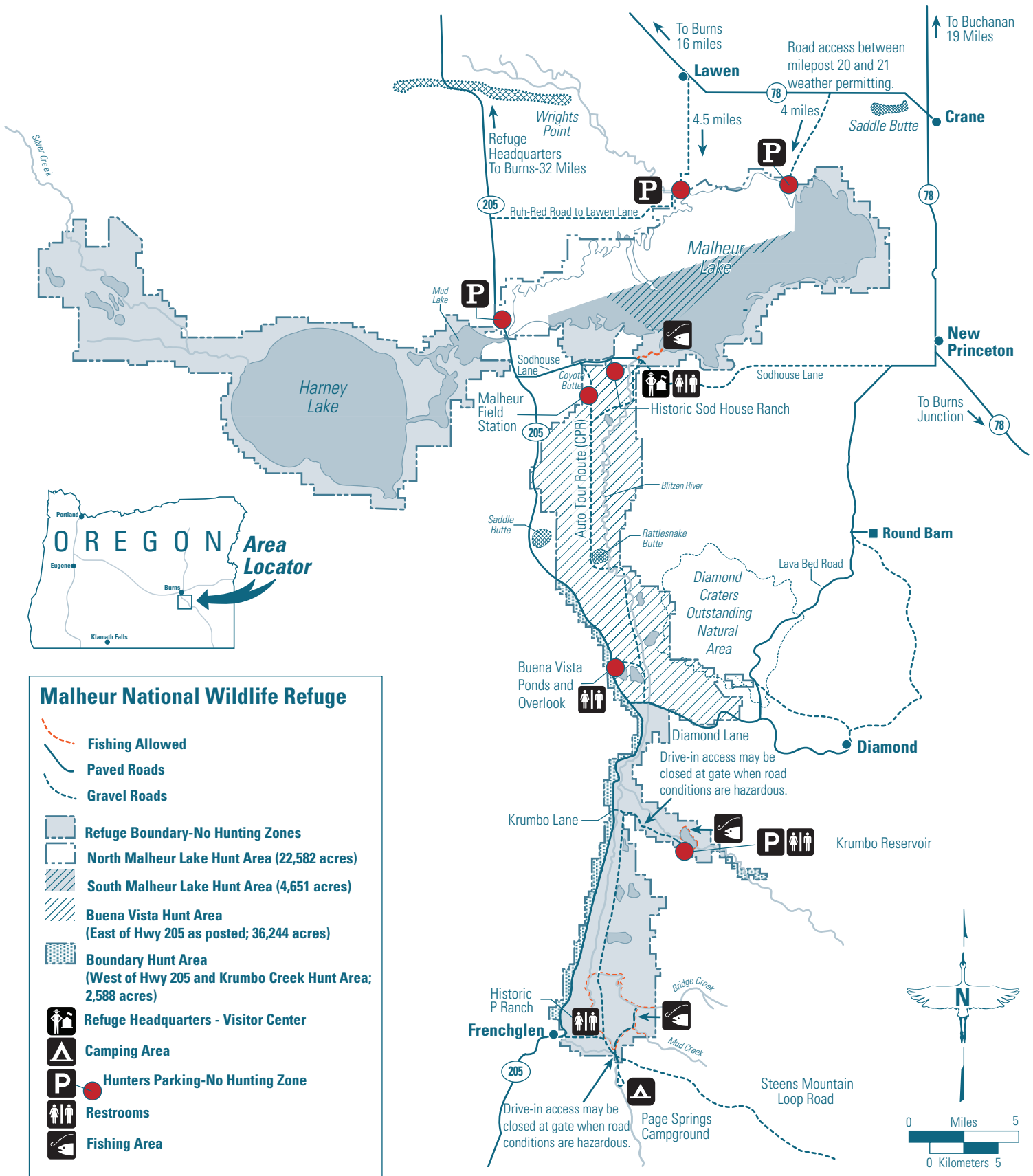
Activity	Season	Hunting Areas	Special Regulations
Coot, Dark Geese, Dove, Duck, Light Geese, Partridge, Pheasant, Quail, and Snipe	State Season and Limits	North Malheur Lake Hunt Area (22,582 acres)	At low water (<10,000 acres), waterfowl hunting will not be permitted.
Coot, Dark Geese, Duck, Light Geese, and Snipe	State Season and Limits	South Malheur Lake Hunt Area (4,651 acres)	Caspian Tern Island is closed to hunting. At low water (<10,000 acres), waterfowl hunting will not be permitted.
Coot, Dark Geese, Dove, Duck, Light Geese, Partridge, Pheasant, Quail, and Snipe	State Season and Limits	Buena Vista Hunt Area (East of Hwy 205 as posted; 36,244 acres)	
Mule Deer (Special Drawing)	Season coincides with the 169A Controlled 100 Series Buck Deer Tag. On the years the buck season overlaps with Oregon statewide rooster pheasant season, Refuge buck hunt will close the Friday before the opening day of the pheasant season.	Buena Vista Hunt Area (East of Hwy 205 as posted; 36,244 acres)	Applicant(s) will be drawn annually through a Refuge lottery allowing them to fill their 169A Controlled 100 Series Buck Deer Tag on the Buena Vista hunt unit. If a buck with a visible antler is harvested on the Refuge, it fulfills the 169A Controlled 100 Series Buck Deer Tag. Additional special regulations apply.
Coyote, Dove, Mule Deer, Partridge, Pheasant, Pronghorn, Quail, Rabbit, and Hare	State Season and Limits	Boundary Hunt Area (West of Hwy 205 and Krumbo Creek Hunt Area; 2,588 acres)	
See ODFW Hunting Regulations for limits and regulations.			

Prohibited Activities

- Shooting from or across public roads or road right-of-ways
- ATVs/UTVs
- Camping
- Overnight Parking
- Campfires
- Ice Fishing
- Swimming
- Target Shooting
- Collecting natural objects such as plants, animals, minerals, antlers, and objects of antiquity (including Indian artifacts)
- Hunting is prohibited within 200 yards of any public use facility
- Fishing is prohibited within 200 feet upstream and downstream of fish passage

Activity	Season	Fishing Areas	Special Regulations
Non-native Carp	August 1 – September 15	Headquarters Fishing Unit (north bank of the Blitzen River from Sodhouse Lane to the bridge)	Artificial flies and lures only. Catch and release for trout.
Rainbow Trout and Largemouth Bass	Year-round	Krumbo Reservoir	Use of bait allowed.
Redband trout	Year-round	South Fishing Loop (mainstem of the Blitzen River, East Canal, and tributaries upstream of Page Dam and including Bridge Creek)	Artificial flies and lures only.
See ODFW Sport Fishing Regulations for limits and regulations.			





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- Fishing Allowed
- Paved Roads
- Gravel Roads
- Refuge Boundary-No Hunting Zones
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- South Malheur Lake Hunt Area (4,651 acres)
- Buena Vista Hunt Area (East of Hwy 205 as posted; 36,244 acres)
- Boundary Hunt Area (West of Hwy 205 and Krumbo Creek Hunt Area; 2,588 acres)
- Refuge Headquarters - Visitor Center
- Camping Area
- Hunters Parking-No Hunting Zone
- Restrooms
- Fishing Area

