

# Medicine Lake

## National Wildlife Refuge Hunting and Fishing



### Welcome

Welcome to the Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), a 31,000-acre Refuge located in northeastern Montana.

### General Information

Refuge headquarters is open Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Refuge is open sunrise to sunset. The Wildlife Drive is closed during the State waterfowl season and during inclement weather.

Medicine Lake itself, its islands, and the adjacent Sandhills Unit are designated Wilderness. You are welcome to visit but remember that no mechanical or motorized equipment is permitted within the designated Wilderness.

### *Prohibited Activities*

- Overnight camping and overnight parking.
- Open fires.
- Disturbing, injuring, or removing plants, animals, natural objects, or artifacts.
- Consumption of alcohol.
- Littering, including leaving spent shotgun shells or remains of hunted animals.
- Shooting into or retrieval of game from areas closed to hunting.
- Hunting dog trials.
- Commercial guiding and outfitting.
- Artificial light to harvest any animal.
- The use of mechanical or motorized equipment, including game carts, spinning wing decoys, and electronic game calls within the designated Wilderness.

### *Boats*

Follow all State boating laws. Motorboats and sailboats are not allowed on Medicine Lake.

### *Pets*

Pets must be under the owner's control when not on a leash. All pet waste must be properly disposed of in a trash can.

### *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.)

### Hunting and Fishing Regulations

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, and in accordance with State regulations and the Refuge-specific regulations in this brochure.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service cooperates with Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks to survey and manage wildlife populations on the Refuge and to enforce Federal and State regulations.

### *Hunting*

Hunting is permitted in designated areas for species listed in the Hunting Regulations Table. **Hunting of all other species is prohibited.**

Hunters may enter a hunting area one hour before legal shooting time and must exit by one hour after legal shooting time.

Blinds, tree stands, decoys, and other personal property must be removed daily.

An accessible hunting blind for migratory bird hunting is available for reservation. Check with Refuge staff for information.

Trapping is only allowed on a permitted basis.

### *Fishing*

Fishing is allowed year-round on Medicine Lake and in Areas 1, 2, and 3 (see map). A Montana fishing license is required to fish on the Refuge. State fishing regulations and limits apply to the Refuge.

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