

Havasu

National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Regulations



Welcome

Havasu National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1941 as a refuge and breeding ground for migratory birds. The primary purpose of the refuge is as a refuge and breeding ground for migratory birds and other wildlife. The refuge is comprised of 37,515 acres along the Lower Colorado River (LCR) in Arizona and California. The refuge protects 26 river miles and encompasses over 200 miles of shoreline from Needles, California, to Lake Havasu City, Arizona. One of the last remaining natural stretches of the LCR flows through the 15-mile long Topock Gorge. Havasu NWR occurs within the Pacific Flyway, and thousands of birds use the refuge during their migration. Only species listed in this brochure are legal to hunt. All other species are protected.

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.)

Vehicles

We allow licensed and insured motor vehicles, all-terrain vehicles (ATV), and utility-terrain vehicles (UTV) only on public use roads. We do not allow vehicles to drive off designated roads.

Boats

The refuge allows canoes, kayaks, and motorized boats operated on navigable waters. Air thrust boats and floating aircraft are prohibited.

Accessibility Information

Hunters with disabilities will find the facilities at blinds 1, 3, and 4 most accessible. There are no blinds designated for handicapped use only.

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 will be in accordance with applicable State of Arizona regulations subject to the conditions stated below.

Access

WHEN: Hunters may access the refuge from sunrise to sunset. Waterfowl hunters may access the refuge one half-hour before sunrise. Anglers actively fishing may access the refuge 24 hours a day the entire year.

WHERE: Hunters can access five of Havasu's seven management units via roadways. The Pintail Slough and Topock Marsh Units are located off of County Route 1 (Mohave Valley Hwy.), and the Havasu Wilderness Management Unit can be accessed from Highway 95. The Lake Havasu Management Unit can be accessed from London Bridge Road near Lake Havasu City, Arizona as identified on the map below. We permit parking at roadside pullouts, and at designated gravel parking lots. Access to Havasu Wilderness Area is by foot traffic only and no structures, temporary or permanent may be constructed. Topock Marsh West is only accessible from Upper Levee Road, but access to this management unit is restricted from October 1st to January 31st.

Equipment

Duck blinds, boats, hunting stands, decoys, technology, hunting equipment, and fishing gear must be removed following each's day's activities.

Harvest Reporting

In addition to meeting statewide harvest reporting, please submit a Migratory Bird Hunt Report (FWS form 3-2361) accounting for all birds harvested and/or not retrieved. The data is important for the assessment of management of the waterfowl hunt at Pintail Slough.

Accident or Injury

Accidents involving damage to property, injury to the public or injury to wildlife that occur within the boundaries of any national wildlife refuge are to be reported as soon as possible. To report incidents or illegal activities after hours and weekends call 1-800-637-9152 for law enforcement dispatch office. Injuries or accidents occurring on the refuge during normal business hours, must be reported immediately to the Refuge Manager at 928/919-0966.

Permits

Guide service providers must obtain a special use permit from the refuge on which they provide services.

Signs and Boundaries

Please respect all refuge signs including:

- No hunting zone
- Non-toxic shot zone
- Unauthorized entry prohibited
- No camping
- No campfires
- Applies to the area located behind the sign:
- Refuge Boundary: Entry permitted in accordance with refuge regulations
- Closed Area: All entry prohibited
- No Hunting Zone: Hunting, weapons, and game retrieval prohibited
- No Wake Zone
- No PWC (Personal Watercraft)

Prohibited Activities

- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages, and illegal drugs
- Camping and fires
- Target practice or plinking
- Use of toxic ammunition, except when hunting bighorn sheep
- Leaving temporary blinds, boats, and hunting equipment in field overnight
- The use of pits, permanent blinds and stands, trail and scouting cameras, and baiting
- Falconry
- Use of air thrust boats including floating air craft
- Off-road vehicle use
- Collection of cultural artifacts, rocks, plants, animals, or any other objects
- Hunting within ¼ mile of any structure and within 50 yards of any public use trail



Activity	Season	Method of Take	Open Units	Other Regulations
Mourning Dove, White-winged Dove	State regulations apply	Shotgun shooting federally approved non-lead shot, and archery	Pintail Slough, Topock Marsh East, Topock Marsh West*, Havasu Wilderness, and Lake Havasu units	* Topock Marsh West is closed to all entry during the state of Arizona waterfowl season
Eurasian Collared Dove, African Collared Dove	Havasu Game Season (Sept. 1–March 15)	Shotgun shooting federally approved non-lead shot, pneumatic weapons, muzzleloader, handgun, crossbow, and archery	Pintail Slough, Topock Marsh East, Topock Marsh West*, Havasu Wilderness, and Lake Havasu units	* Topock Marsh West is closed to all entry during the state of Arizona waterfowl season
Duck, dark and light geese, American Coot, Common Gallinule, Wilson's Snipe	State regulations apply	Shotgun shooting federally approved non-lead shot, and archery	Pintail Slough, Topock Marsh East, and Lake Havasu units	* Topock Marsh West is closed to all entry during the state of Arizona waterfowl season
Gambel's Quail	State regulations apply	Shotgun shooting federally approved non-lead shot, pneumatic weapons, handgun, crossbow, and archery	Pintail Slough, Topock Marsh East, Topock Marsh West*, Havasu Wilderness, and Lake Havasu units	* Topock Marsh West is closed to all entry during the state of Arizona waterfowl season
Desert Bighorn Sheep	Aligns with state general season	Rifle, shotgun, pneumatic weapons, muzzleloader, handgun, crossbow, and archery	Topock Marsh East and Havasu Wilderness units	Refuge-issued Guide permit is required in addition to the State-issued permit.
Cottontail Rabbit	Havasu Game Season (Sept. 1 – March 15)	Shotgun shooting federally approved non-lead shot, pneumatic weapons, muzzleloader, handgun, crossbow, and archery	Pintail Slough, Topock Marsh East, Topock Marsh West*, Havasu Wilderness, and Lake Havasu units	* Topock Marsh West is closed to all entry during the state of Arizona waterfowl season
Black-tailed Jackrabbit	Havasu Game Season (Sept. 1 – March 15)	Shotgun shooting federally approved non-lead shot, pneumatic weapons, muzzleloader, handgun, crossbow, and archery	Pintail Slough, Topock Marsh East, Topock Marsh West*, Havasu Wilderness, and Lake Havasu units	* Topock Marsh West is closed to all entry during the state of Arizona waterfowl season
Coyote, Bobcat, Fox	Havasu Game Season (Sept. 1 – March 15)	Shotgun shooting federally approved non-lead shot, pneumatic weapons, muzzleloader, handgun, crossbow, and archery	Pintail Slough, Topock Marsh East, Topock Marsh West*, Havasu Wilderness, and Lake Havasu units	* Topock Marsh West is closed to all entry during the state of Arizona waterfowl season
Feral Swine	Incidental take while hunting another legal species during the Havasu Game Season (Sept. 1 – March 15)	Shotgun shooting federally approved non-lead shot, pneumatic weapons, muzzleloader, handgun, crossbow, and archery	Pintail Slough, Topock Marsh East, Topock Marsh West*, Havasu Wilderness, and Lake Havasu units	Only incidental take allowed for this species. * Topock Marsh West is closed to all entry during the state of Arizona waterfowl season
Sport Fish Species	Arizona regulations apply	Follows state regulations but only allow rod/reel and archery fishing 24/7		Fishing areas: North Dike Boat Launch and Fishing Area, Marsh Outlet and Catfish Day Use area and Mesquite Bay North Area
State hunting regulations, shooting hours, bag limits, and license requirements apply to all hunting on the refuge.				



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