

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

J. Clark Salyer

National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Information



Welcome

Welcome to J. Clark Salyer National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), one of over 570 refuges and 38 wetland management districts in the National Wildlife Refuge System--a living heritage, conserving wildlife and habitat for people today and for generations to come. The Refuge was established in 1935 as a breeding ground for migratory birds and other wildlife. The diversity of the over 58,000 acres of wetlands, native grasslands, and woodlands found here provide excellent habitat for a variety of wildlife species.

General Information

To provide an enjoyable hunting experience and ensure the safety of all visitors, please familiarize yourself with the following information and regulations.

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.)

Access and Vehicle Use

Vehicle and bicycle travel is restricted to public roads. When parked, vehicles should not block gates. Access to Refuge land is walk-in only. The use of ATVs, UTVs, ORVs, OHVs, snowmobiles, and other off-road vehicles is not allowed.

General Hunting Regulations

Hunting is allowed in accordance with Federal regulations governing public use on national wildlife refuges as set forth in Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations, State regulations, and the Refuge-specific regulations in this brochure.

Hours and Location

Hunting hours follow those set in the State hunting regulations.

The Refuge is open to the public daily from 5:00 am to 10:00 pm. The Refuge headquarters office and visitor center is located 2 miles north of Upham, North Dakota, on State Highway 14. Office hours are from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Areas Open to Hunting (See map)

Hunting Area 1 – There are nine areas included in Hunting Area 1. These areas are open to deer (antlered and antlerless), elk, moose, grouse, partridge, pheasant, and waterfowl (coot, duck, goose, and merganser) hunting in accordance with State regulations and seasons, and Refuge-specific regulations.

Hunting Area 2 – This area is open to deer, elk, grouse, moose, partridge, pheasant, and turkey hunting in accordance with State regulations, State seasons, and Refuge-specific regulations. Please refer to the Special Refuge Permits section regarding antlered deer gun permitting.

Hunting Area 3 – This area is open to deer, elk, and moose hunting during the State hunting seasons. Area 3 is also open during a special late-season hunt that begins the day after the close of the State rifle deer season. During this special late-season period, hunting is allowed for grouse, partridge, and pheasant through the end of the State season, and for fox through March 31. Area 3 is closed to waterfowl hunting. Please refer to the Special Refuge Permits section regarding antlered deer gun permitting.

Areas Closed to Hunting

The area surrounding Headquarters is closed to hunting. The area is posted with No Hunting Zone signs.

Special Refuge Permits

To hunt antlered deer with a gun in Area 2 or Area 3 during the State deer gun season, hunters must have a Special Refuge Permit. To get this permit, an individual must both draw a state unit (3A4) and the Special Refuge Permit for J. Clark Salyer NWR through the North Dakota lottery drawing process.

Gun hunters do not need a Special Refuge Permit to hunt antlered or antlerless deer with a firearm in Area 1.

Bow hunters do not need a Special Refuge Permit to hunt deer in Areas 1, 2, and 3.

Accessibility

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, www.doi.gov/accessibility.

This is a unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System, a network of lands and waters managed for the benefit of wildlife and people.



Prohibited Activities

- By law, recreational activities on national wildlife refuges are prohibited unless expressly permitted.
- Entering areas posted No Hunting Zone.
- Hunting any species not specifically listed.
- Pre-season scouting.
- Target shooting and/or target practice.
- Use of electronic or photographic trail monitoring devices.
- Marking or flagging any tree, brush, or other refuge feature with reflectors, paint, or other substance.
- Baiting or use of scent wicks/lures.
- Drones (UAVs) taking off, landing and/or flying on or over refuge lands.
- Use or possession of toxic (lead) shot while hunting birds and elk.
- Permanent tree stands, nails, screw-in steps, or other items that penetrate the outer bark of a tree.
- Leaving treestands, ladders, blinds, and other personal equipment overnight.
- Searching for or removal of any natural items such as antlers, skulls, plants, and/or historic and archaeological features protected by Federal law.
- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances.
- Off-road travel with motorized vehicles, and bicycles.
- Use of horses, or other pack animals.
- Camping and fires.
- Littering.

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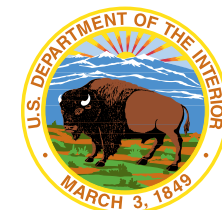
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Hunting Regulations Table

Hunting is in accordance with State regulations; in addition, Refuge-specific regulations must be followed and are listed in the table below.

Activity	Season	Hunting Areas (see map)	Other Regulations
Deer (bow, gun, muzzleloader)	Youth season and State bow, gun, and muzzleloader seasons	All Hunting Areas	Hunters may not enter the Refuge prior to 12:00 pm (noon) on opening day. Youth deer hunters are allowed to hunt in Hunting Areas 1, 2, and 3 according to State regulations. Muzzleloader hunters must possess a State special muzzleloader deer permit to hunt in Hunting Areas 1, 2, and 3.
		Hunting Area 1	Rifle hunters hunting under a general NDGF permit for Unit 3A4, (Antlered Deer), are restricted to Hunting Area 1.
		Hunting Area 2	Deer hunters may access Area 2 using non-motorized boats or boats with electric trolling motors on the river from Johnson Bridge to Dam 1 only.
Elk (bow, rifle)	State Season	Hunting Areas 1, 2, and 3	Bow and rifle hunters must possess a NDGF permit for Unit E7 (Antlered or Antlerless). Elk hunters must use non-toxic bullets.
Moose (bow, rifle)	State Season	Hunting Areas 1, 2, and 3	Bow and rifle hunters with a unit permit for Unit M9 (Antlered or Antlerless), issued by the NDGF Department, are allowed to hunt in Hunting Areas 1, 2, and 3.
Fox	Late season - Opens the day after the close of the State rifle deer season until March 31	Hunting Areas 1, 2, and 3	Hunters using a shotgun must use non-toxic shot and may not have toxic (lead) shot in their possession.
Waterfowl: coot, duck, goose, merganser (shotgun, bow)	State Season	Hunting Area 1	Non-motorized boats or boats with electric trolling motors are allowed for waterfowl hunting on the area located north of Dam 357. Hunters may retrieve legally taken waterfowl within 100 yards of exterior Refuge boundary and interior boundaries of designated public hunting areas, but may not carry a firearm when retrieving. The use of dogs is encouraged but they must always be under the handler's control.
Grouse, partridge, pheasant (shotgun, bow)	State Season	Hunting Area 1	Blaze orange vest and cap must be worn when hunting during deer firearm season.
	Late Season – Opens the day after the close of the State rifle deer season	Hunting Areas 1, 2, and 3	The use of dogs is encouraged but they must always be under the handler's control. Hunters must use non-toxic shot and may not have toxic shot in their possession.
Turkey (shotgun, muzzleloader shotgun, and bow)	State Season	Hunting Area 2	Hunters must possess a State-issued unit tag from NDGF Department. Muzzleloader rifles and handguns are not allowed. Hunters may use or have toxic shot in their possession in alignment with State regulations.

