

The Blue Goose is the symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System, a network of lands and waters managed for the benefit of wildlife and people.



Welcome

Welcome to Lostwood National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), home to one of the largest publicly owned tracts of northern mixed-grass prairie in the United States. This refuge is one of over 570 refuges and 38 wetland management districts in the National Wildlife Refuge System – a network of lands set aside specifically for wildlife. Encompassing a total of 27,589 acres, including a 5,577 acre federally-designated wilderness area, the Refuge protects a globally-representative home to breeding and migrating populations of native and resident wildlife.

General Information

Portions of the Refuge are open to deer, elk, moose, partridge, ring-necked pheasant, and sharp-tailed grouse. Hunting waterfowl or any other species not listed is prohibited. It is the hunter’s responsibility to be aware of all special Refuge regulations and the boundaries of the areas open and closed to hunting before going afield. For the protection of wildlife, habitat, and other visitors, please familiarize yourself with all information and regulations in this brochure.

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

The Refuge is only accessible by foot during hunting seasons.

- Snowmobiles, bicycles, off road vehicles, and motorized and non-motorized watercraft are prohibited.
- Parked vehicles should not block Refuge access gates.
- Hunters must carry, drag, or use a hand cart to transport a harvested deer, elk, or moose to their vehicle.
- Hand carts are prohibited within the wilderness boundary.

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	Other Regulations
Deer (bow, gun, and muzzleloader)	State seasons (including youth deer)	Deer hunters may not enter the Refuge before 12:00 pm (noon) on the first day of the respective season.
Elk and moose (bow and gun)		On opening day of the elk and moose season, hunters may enter the Refuge ½-hour before sunrise.
		Permanent tree stands are not allowed on the Refuge.
		Portable tree stands and ground blinds may be used, but they must be removed daily.
		Screw-in steps, bolts, nails, wire, or other objects that penetrate the bark and injure the tree cannot be used.
		Elk hunters must use non-toxic bullets.
Partridge, ring-necked pheasant, and sharp-tailed grouse	State seasons (including youth)	Hunters may possess and use only non-toxic shot.
		The use of dogs is encouraged but must be under the handler’s control at all times.

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 located near ND 8 and ND 50, north of Stanley, ND, and is open to the public daily from 5:00 am to 10:00 pm.

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Prohibited Activities

- By law, recreational activities on national wildlife refuges are prohibited unless expressly permitted.
- Hunting any species not specifically listed.
- 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.
- Permanent tree stands, nails, screw-in steps, or other items that penetrate the outer bark of a tree.
- 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 while hunting.
- Use of horses.
- Camping and fires.
- Littering.
- Fishing.

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](http://www.doi.gov/accessibility).

