Welcome
Welcome to North Platte National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), established in 1916 as a preserve and breeding ground for native birds.

General Information
North Platte NWR is located approximately 10 miles northeast of Scottsbluff, Nebraska. The 2,722-acre Refuge has four separate units:

- Stateline Island: open year-round
- Winters Creek Lake: open January 15 - October 14
- Lake Minatare: open January 15 - October 14
- Lake Alice: open January 15 - October 31

Within their open seasons, these units are open from sunrise to sunset to general entry. Exceptions to these hours for hunting are noted in the hunting regulations table.

Motor vehicles are allowed only on designated roads and in hunter parking areas.

Pets must be on a leash with the exception of dogs that are used for hunting upland game.

Prohibited Activities
- Possession of alcoholic beverages.
- Commercial guiding or use of a commercial guide to hunt.
- Target shooting.
- Use of tree stands, tree-climbing spikes, or screw-in steps that penetrate bark and cause damage to the tree.
- Use of boats powered by internal combustion motors.
- Camping.
- Open fires.
- Driving on frozen lakes.

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.

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<td>Beginning of State season through October 31.</td>
<td>Lake Alice Unit</td>
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<td>Youth - Mule deer, white-tailed deer</td>
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<td>Lake Alice Unit and Stateline Island Unit</td>
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Youth - Pheasant
- Nebraska Youth Pheasant Season.
- Lake Alice Unit
- Non-toxic shot required.

Youth - Turkey
- Nebraska Youth Spring Turkey Season and Fall Turkey Season through October 31.
- Lake Alice Unit and Stateline Island Unit
- To provide for safety, a limited number of hunters are allowed on Stateline Island Unit. Contact Refuge Manager for details.

Youth - Badger, coyote, fox, long-tailed weasel, mink, opossum, porcupine, prairie dog, rabbit, raccoon, squirrel, striped skunk
- Beginning of State season through October 31.
- Lake Alice Unit
- Non-toxic shot required for all shotgun hunting.

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, https://www.doi.gov/pmb/seo/public-civil-rights.
**North Platte National Wildlife Refuge**

- **Refuge boundary**
- **County road**
- **Canal**
- **Open to hunting** (see hunting regulations table)
- **Open to youth deer and youth turkey hunting** (see hunting regulations table)
- **Closed to hunting**

**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.

Hunting and fishing are allowed on the Refuge in accordance with State regulations and the Refuge-specific regulations in this brochure.

**Hunting**
The Refuge is open to hunting of resident game species following State regulations and Refuge-specific regulations, as indicated in the hunting regulations table and on the map. Please note that the majority of hunting opportunities are for youth hunters.

**Fishing**
Fishing is allowed only on Winters Creek Lake from January 15 through October 14. Boats with electric motors may be used.

Refuge boundary sign – area behind these signs are Refuge lands.

Closed area sign – all public entry prohibited.

No hunting is allowed in the area behind these signs.