



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge

2010-2011 Hunt Regulations



Those hunting within the refuge must follow all regulations as described in the New Hampshire or Maine hunting regulations, seasons, and bag limits as well as refuge-specific regulations outlined below.

Although hunters will not be required to obtain permits to hunt on the refuge, they may be asked to participate in hunter surveys in conjunction with state agencies. This will enable the refuge to gather information regarding the hunt, which will be valuable in assessing and managing future hunting programs.

General Guidelines

- Refuge hunting hours coincide with state hunting hours but can not be longer than from one half hour before legal sunrise to one half hour after legal sunset. The refuge is closed to night hunting.
- Use of an artificial light to spot, locate, or take wildlife is prohibited.
- When state and refuge regulations differ, the more restrictive rule applies.
- Any commercial/profit making venture on refuge lands, including guiding, requires a Special Use Permit (contact refuge office).
- Distributing bait or hunting over bait is prohibited on the refuge.
- The use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) is prohibited.
- Cars and trucks are welcome to drive on logging roads to access the refuge, however, driving on skid roads or skidder trails is prohibited.
- While hunting, possession or use of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.

Firearms and Hunter-Orange

- Individuals may lawfully possess a firearm on the refuge in accordance with federal and state laws, and only use (discharge) firearms while hunting (target shooting is prohibited). Possession of firearms is prohibited in all refuge buildings.
- Hunters may only possess non-toxic shot when hunting waterfowl, migratory game birds and upland game (using a shotgun) on refuge lands.
- Hunter must wear two articles of

hunter-orange clothing or material. One article must be a solid-colored hunter-orange hat; the other must cover a major portion of the torso, such as a jacket, vest, coat or poncho and must be a minimum of 50% hunter-orange in color (i.e. orange camouflage) except; when hunting waterfowl or hunting with a bow and arrow while in an elevated tree stand or ground blind (archery hunters must wear orange as outlined above while moving on the ground).

- All persons participating in a hunt with hounds must also wear hunter orange as outlined above.

Hunting With Dogs

- Hunters may use a maximum of four (4) dogs for bear and coyote, and a maximum of two (2) dogs for rabbits, hares, migratory game birds, and upland game birds per hunter.
- Dog training is not permitted on the refuge.
- All dogs must be under the control of their owner at all times, except; when hunting coyote and bear, dogs must be equipped with working radio-telemetry collars and hunters must be in possession of a working radio-telemetry receiver for the collars.
- Dogs must be picked up the same day they are released and may only be present on the refuge when the owner or an accountable person is accompanying them.

Waterfowl and Migratory Game Birds

- We allow hunting of ducks, geese, American crow and woodcock.

Big Game

- We allow hunting of bear, white-tailed deer, and moose.

Upland Game

- We allow hunting of coyote, fox, raccoon, woodchuck, red and eastern gray squirrel, porcupine, skunk, snowshoe hare, ring-necked pheasant and ruffed grouse.
- Currently, the refuge is not open to bobcat or turkey hunting.

Blinds and Tree Stands

- Permanent waterfowl blinds are available at various locations on the refuge and may be reserved on a first come, first served basis by calling the refuge.
- Reservations for particular blinds may be made up to one year in advance for a maximum of one week from Monday through Sunday during the hunting season.
- Reservations for additional weeks may be made up to one week in advance on a space available basis.
- No other permanent blinds are permitted on the refuge.
- Temporary blinds are permitted on the refuge, but blinds, boats, and decoys must be removed from the refuge at the end of each day.
- Only removable tree stands are permitted and they must be removed by the end of the season.
- No one shall insert a nail, screw, spike, wire, or ceramic metal, or other damaging object into trees.

Trapping

- Currently, the refuge is not open to trapping.

For more information, please call
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