

Agassiz

National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Regulations



Welcome

Agassiz is located in northwestern Minnesota in the aspen/parkland transitional zone between the boreal forest, tallgrass prairie and the prairie pothole region of the United States.

Deer hunting on Agassiz refuge is a long-standing tradition. In 2009 Agassiz expanded its hunting opportunities to include muzzleloader and archery deer hunting, grouse hunting, and special youth deer and waterfowl hunts. Some seasons are in accordance with state regulations; others have delayed openers. The youth waterfowl hunt is restricted to a limited area; contact refuge manager for more details.

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

Vehicles must remain on designated roads. Following the deer firearms season, vehicle access changes – see map for details. Portions of refuge roads may be closed at various times due to prescribed burning, wildfire, or weather-related emergencies. Snow is not removed from roads, travel with caution.

Boats

Only non-motorized boats may be used.

Accessibility Information

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/eo/public-civil-rights>

Agassiz has two permanent, accessible hunting stands available for use. Call or stop in at refuge headquarters for more details and reservation information.

Hunting Regulations

Hunting regulations are designed to provide safe recreational opportunities through wise use of renewable wildlife resources. Hunting is 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 will be in accordance with applicable State of Minnesota regulations subject to the conditions stated below. Brochures may be obtained by mail, at the refuge headquarters, or from the refuge website.

The refuge is divided into areas which are designated as open or closed to hunting as shown on the map. Areas closed to hunting are posted with “No Hunting Zone” or “Closed Area” signs.

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U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
1-800-344-WILD

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We allow the public onto the refuge the day prior to the season for scouting purposes for youth waterfowl, youth deer and the deer firearms hunt.

Access

The Refuge is closed from 7:00pm to 5:30am.

Use of non-motorized bicycles, boats, and wheeled carts is allowed EXCEPT in the designated Wilderness Area.

Tree Stands

Only portable tree stands/blinds are permitted. The use of nails, wire, screws, or bolts to attach a stand to a tree, or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven or screwed to support a hunter or hunting equipment, is prohibited. Stands/blinds may be placed no sooner than the day prior to the state rifle deer season and must be removed by the last day of your licensed season. Unoccupied stands/blinds may be used by anyone. Only 2 stands/blinds per hunter are allowed on the refuge. They need to be clearly labeled with your State license number.

To Report Violations

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service TIPS: 1-844-FWS-TIPS (1-844-397-8477)
- Turn In a Poacher (TIP) Line: 1-800-POACHER

Prohibited Activities

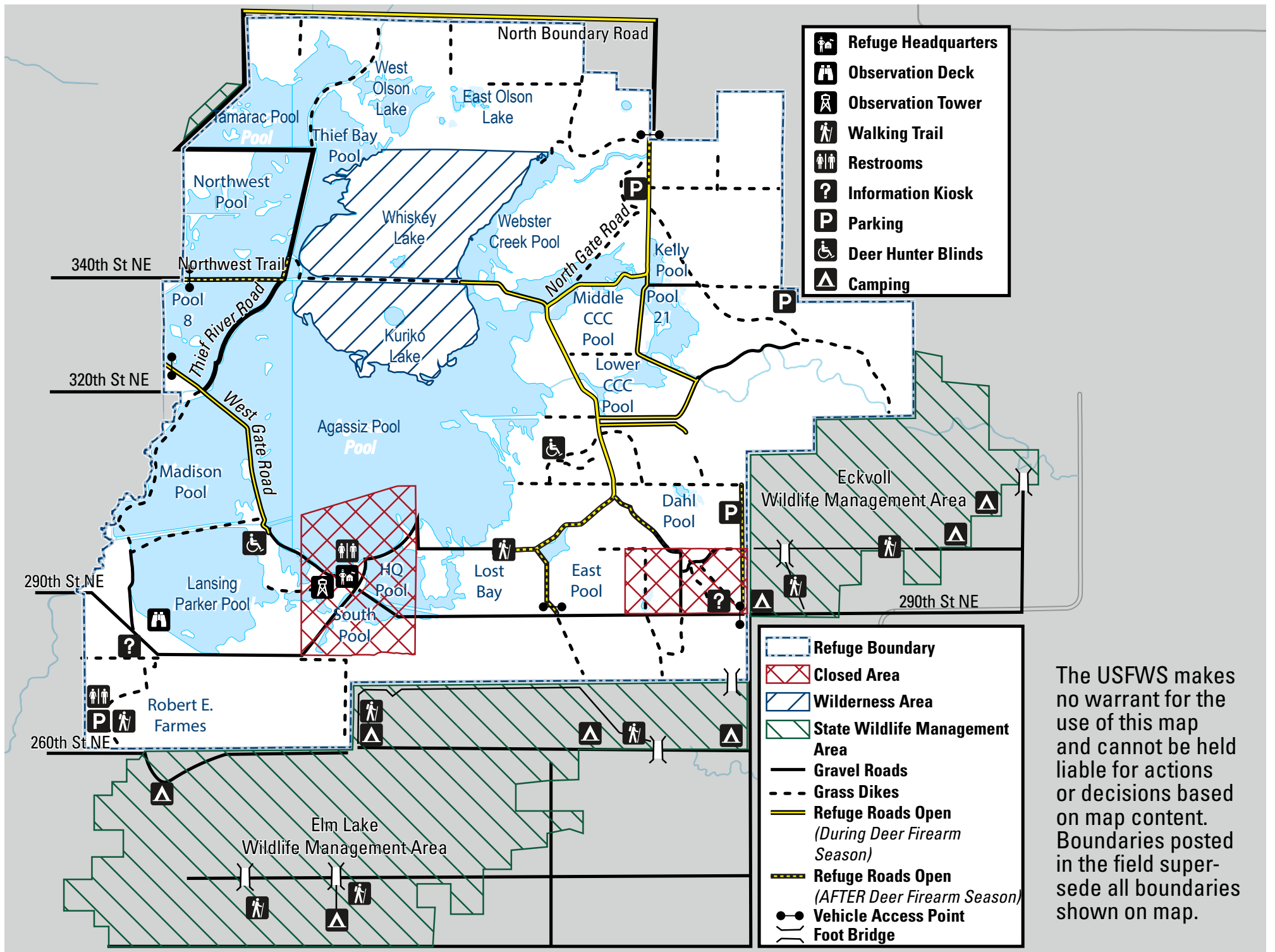
- By law, recreational activities on national wildlife refuges are prohibited unless expressly permitted.
- Possession of alcoholic beverages
- Camping, littering, overnight parking and fires
- Parking, blocking, or restricting access to roads and gates
- Off-road vehicles (ATV, OHV, UTV and ORV) or snowmobiles
- Searching for or removal of any natural items such as antlers, skulls, plants, historic, and archaeological features, are protected by Federal law.
- Use of non-motorized bicycles, boats, and wheeled carts is allowed EXCEPT in the designated Wilderness Area.
- Using horses to hunt or retrieve game.
- Permanent tree stands, nails, screw-in steps, or other items that penetrate the outer bark of a tree, ground blinds or elevated blinds
- Shooting on, from, over, across or within 30' of a road edge open to public vehicle transportation
- Distribution of feed or bait (including salts and minerals), or hunting over bait
- Occupying illegally set up or constructed ground blinds or elevated stands
- Entering into a No Hunting Zone/Closed Area

State Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs)

Questions regarding state lands should be directed to the Area Wildlife Management Office, Thief River Falls, MN 218-219-8587.

Activity	Season Dates	Regulation
Archery Deer	Opens the first day of the deer firearm season and closes in accordance to the state season	State, Federal and refuge regulations apply and as posted
Deer Firearm, Muzzleloader and Youth Deer	Follow state seasons	State, Federal and refuge regulations apply and as posted
Ruffed and Sharp-tailed Grouse	Open the first day of the deer firearms season and close in accordance with the state seasons.	Hunters may only possess approved non-toxic shot. Lead shot may not be used or carried while hunting on the refuge. Dogs must be under the control of the owner at all times.
Youth Waterfowl Hunt	Follows state youth season.	In accordance with all applicable state, federal and refuge regulations, and as posted. Restricted to a limited area, contact refuge manager for more details. Only non-motorized boats may be used.





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