



## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# Nocona Unit



## Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge Regulations 2025-2026

### Welcome

The Nocona Unit of Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge, established in 1992, consists of 822-acres located in Montague County, Texas. The habitat is mostly open, gently rolling topography with a variety of native grasses on the uplands and riparian areas along East Belknap Creek.

### Safety

Portions of the refuge may not have cell phone coverage. Venomous snakes including copperhead, cottonmouth, timber rattlesnake, diamondback rattlesnake, and pigmy rattlesnake along with a variety of biting and stinging insects may be present.

### General Information

The Nocona Unit is part of the TPWD Public Hunting Lands Program (Unit #513). An Annual Public Hunting Permit (\$48) is required to hunt on this Unit. All other uses of this unit (i.e. wildlife observation and photography, birdwatching, hiking) require a Limited Public Use Permit (\$12). Both permits are available by calling 1-800-TX-LIC-4U, ordering online at [www.txfgsales.com](http://www.txfgsales.com), or by visiting any retail hunting and fishing license dealer.

When accessing the Unit, Electronic On-Site Registration using the TPWD “Texas Hunt & Fish App” mobile app is required. Hunting as per state regulations unless otherwise noted.

### Accessibility

Refuge staff will accommodate hunter access needs related to impairments to the extent possible. Please call 903-786-2826 to make a request or for more information.

### 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

All motorized vehicles including ATVs, UTVs, and ORVs are prohibited.

### Hunting Regulations

Hunting regulations are designed to provide safe recreational opportunities through wise use of renewable wildlife resources. 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 will be in accordance with applicable Texas regulations subject to the conditions stated below:

Legal species are: white-tailed deer, feral hog, squirrel, rabbit, turkey, and dove in the permitted seasons. Taking of coyotes, bobcats, or any other species at any time is prohibited.

### Access

**WHEN:** Hunters may only access the refuge two hours before legal sunrise until one hour after legal sunset.

**WHERE:** Hunters must park in the designated parking area (as identified on the map below) or along Kirby Road (without blocking traffic). Entry into the unit is by foot or bicycle only. Access to the Refuge from private property is prohibited.

### Tree Stands

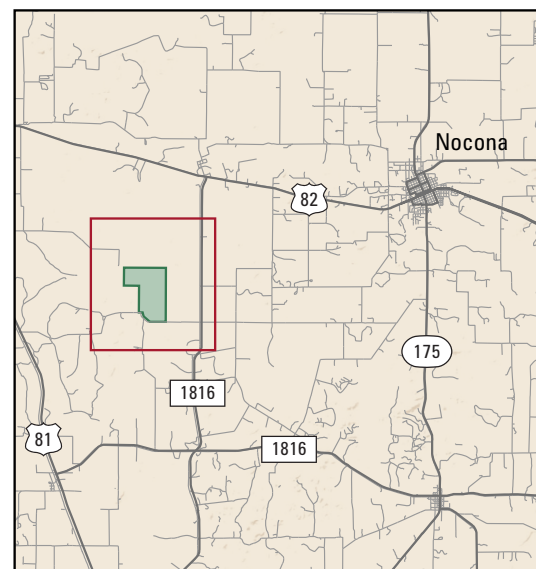
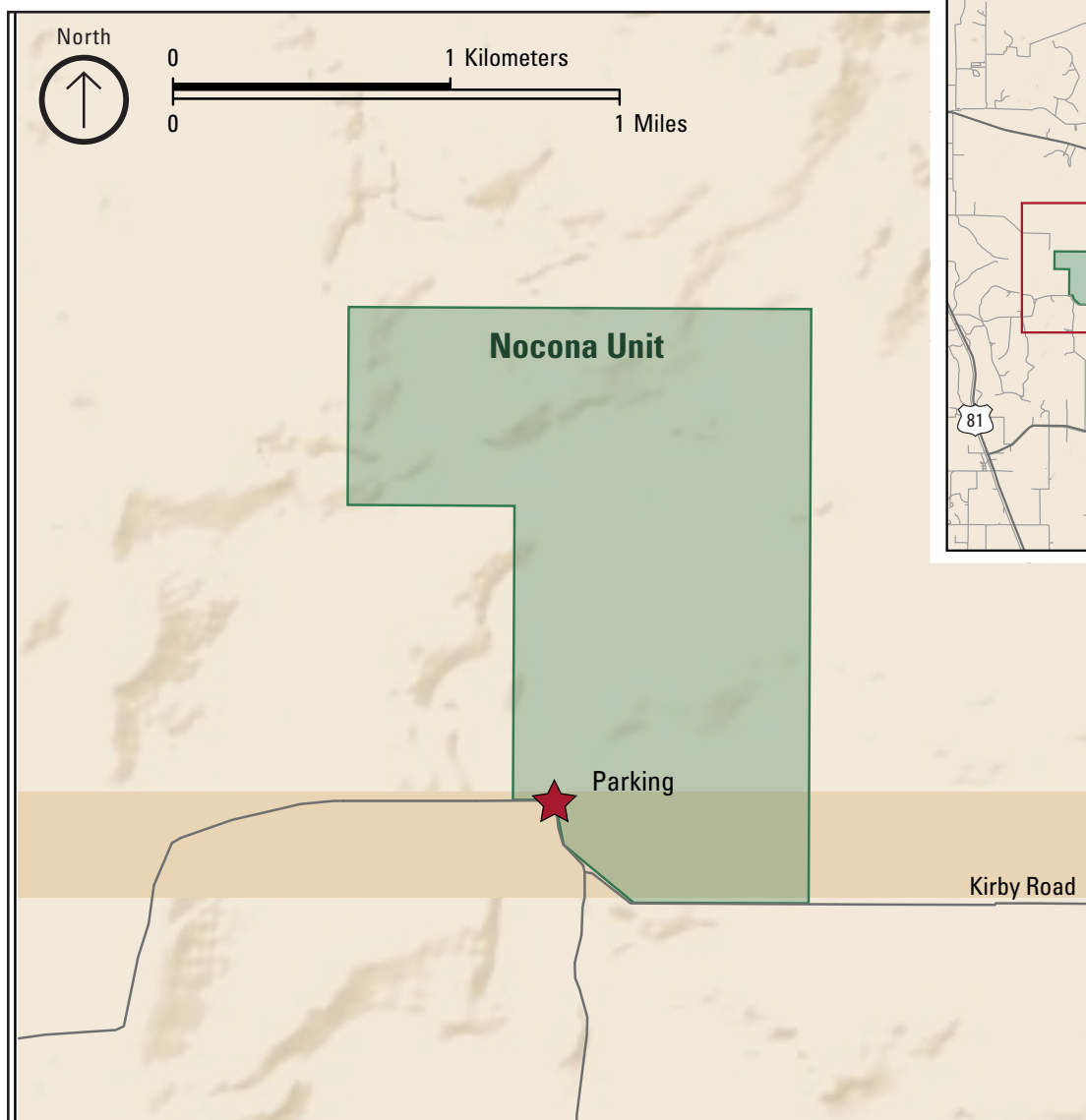
Tree stands, elevated platforms, and ground blinds are allowed and must be removed from the refuge each day.

### Harvest Reporting

Harvest reporting through TPWD “Texas Hunt & Fish App” mobile app is required.

Hagerman NWR  
6465 Refuge Road  
Sherman, TX 75092-5817  
903/786-2826 Office  
[www.fws.gov/refuge/hagerman/](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/hagerman/)

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### Prohibited Activities

- Cutting of trees or limbs greater than 1 inch (2.5 centimeters)
- The placement of screws or spikes in trees
- Trail and/or game cameras
- Baiting for any purpose
- Camping and campfires
- Target shooting
- Possession or use of any ammunition containing lead
- All night entry and/or use
- Falconry
- Dogs except to retrieve dove, rabbit, and squirrel
- Taking or attempting to take any species not listed on this information sheet, including coyote and bobcat

**Parking is available on refuge property or along Kirby Road.  
Entry into the unit is by foot or bicycle only.**

Hunt Type	Season Dates	Harvest	Other Regulations or Reminders
<b>Archery-only White-tailed Deer</b>	Each day of the Archery and General Season for Montague County. No special late or late youth season.	Bag limit one (1) deer (buck or antlerless) all seasons combined.	Firearms prohibited. Baiting prohibited.
<b>Feral hog, Squirrel, Rabbit</b>	The month of September and from the day after the close of General Deer Season for Montague County until the last day of February.	No bag limit.	Weapons as per state regulations. Taking of coyotes and/or bobcats at any time prohibited. Possession or use of ammunition containing lead is prohibited.
<b>Spring Wild Turkey</b>	Each day of Spring Turkey and Spring Youth-Only Seasons for Montague County.	Bag limit one (1 gobbler or bearded hen) all seasons combined.	Shotgun (Federally approved non-toxic shot no larger than #4 required) and archery equipment only. Upland game bird endorsement required.
<b>Dove</b> Mourning, White-winged, White-tipped	The month of September.	Limit 15 birds. No more than 2 white-tipped. Possession limit 3 times daily bag limit.	Shotgun (Federally approved non-toxic shot no larger than #4 required). A migratory game bird endorsement and HIP (Harvest Information Program) certification is required.
<b>Hunting permitted in entire area</b>			