

Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge

Upland Small Game and Other Migratory Bird Hunting



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REFUGE SYSTEM

Welcome to Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service established the Refuge in 1958 primarily for nesting, resting, staging and feeding migratory birds. Public hunting is a priority public use and can provide a quality recreational experience when pursued responsibly. We allow hunting of upland small game and migratory birds other than waterfowl in accordance with State regulations and the following Refuge specific regulations. See Waterfowl Hunting Fact Sheet for information on Refuge waterfowl hunting opportunities.

Upland small game and migratory bird hunting begins concurrent with the State seasons for each species and concludes at the end of the State season or on the last day of February, whichever comes first.

Access

Access to the Refuge is permitted two hours before sunrise until two hours after sunset. Hunting hours are in accordance with State regulations.

Permits

No Refuge specific permits are required.

Small Game and Furbearers

We allow hunting of ring-neck pheasant, ruffed grouse, cottontail rabbit, squirrel, coyote, raccoon, skunk, opossum, and fox. Upland small game hunting is permitted in all areas of the Refuge open to hunting.

Other Migratory Birds

We allow hunting of woodcock, snipe, rail, and gallinule. Other migratory bird hunting is permitted east of Sour Springs Road except during waterfowl hunting times. During waterfowl hunting times, other migratory birds may be hunted by permit in waterfowl hunt zones (see Waterfowl Hunting Fact Sheet).

No Hunting Zones

No Hunting Zones include but are not limited to: the immediate area around the refuge office; around refuge residences; the vicinity of the Iroquois Job Corps Center; HQ Trail, Swallow Hollow, Kanyoo and Onondaga Nature Trails, and safety zones around private residences adjacent to the refuge. Permission must be obtained from refuge personnel to enter a "No Hunting Zone" or "Closed Area" for the purpose of tracking and/or retrieving legally taken game animals.

Scouting

Scouting is allowed from September 1 through the end of February.

Vehicles

Vehicles are only allowed on established roads marked open for vehicular travel. Vehicles must be parked off the lane of travel and clear of gates. ATVs and snowmobiles are not allowed.

Prohibited Activities

- The distribution of bait or hunting over a baited area.
- Night hunting.
- Use of lead shot for shotgun hunting of all species except deer and turkey.
- Using illuminating devices, including automobile headlights, for the purpose of spotlighting game species.
- Camping, overnight parking, open fires and littering.
- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting.
- Weapons may not be discharged within, into or across a "No Hunting Zone", or "Closed Area," or from, on or across any refuge road or designated foot trail. Hunting from within 500 feet of any residence or refuge building is prohibited.
- Hunters may not possess axes, hatchets, saws, nails, tacks, paint or flagging for the marking of trees and shrubs.

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