

Erie National Wildlife Refuge

Upland Small Game/Migratory Bird Hunting



Welcome to Erie National Wildlife Refuge. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service established the refuge in 1959 primarily for 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 in accordance with Pennsylvania State laws and the following refuge specific regulations.

Upland small game and migratory bird hunting is permitted between September 1 through the end of February.

Species not listed on this and the Big Game Hunting Fact Sheet may not be hunted.

Permits

Hunting permits are no longer required. However, hunters are still required to know and follow all refuge specific regulations.

Dog Use

Dogs may be used for hunting, but must be under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

Small Game and Furbearers

Hunting of ringneck pheasant, ruffed grouse, cottontail rabbit, and squirrels, woodchuck, quail, coyote, skunk, and opossum is permitted in Area A and B.

Migratory Birds

Hunting of mourning dove, rails, common snipe, American woodcock, Canada goose, ducks, coot and crow is permitted in Area B.

MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING IS NOT PERMITTED IN AREA A. The hunting of all other species listed in the Big Game Fact Sheet and small game species listed in Area A is permissible.

EAGLE NEST-

Hunters must remain at least 330 feet away from all eagle nests from January 15th-August 15th.

Scouting

Scouting is allowed from August 25 through the end of February.

Hunting Hours

Defined in the *Pennsylvania Hunting and Trapping Digest*.

Personal Property

Hunters must remove decoys from the refuge within one hour after hunting hours. Blinds or treestands may be placed two weeks prior to the area's season and must be removed within two weeks of the seasons end. The blind/stand must be clearly marked with the owner's name, address, or CID number.

The use of **game cameras** is not permitted.

Vehicles

Vehicle travel is allowed on designated roads and parking areas only. Vehicles must not block access to gates. ATVs and snowmobiles are not allowed.

Boats

We allow non-motorized watercraft use for waterfowl hunting. All other watercraft use is prohibited. Watercraft must be removed from the refuge within one hour after hunting hours.

To prevent the spread of invasive species such as zebra mussels, it is

encouraged that all watercraft be washed thoroughly prior to use on the refuge.

Injuries & Accidents

Report all injuries and accidents to Refuge Headquarters at the address listed below.

Prohibited Activities

- 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.
- **The use and possession of toxic shot is prohibited for shotgun hunting for all species except deer and turkey.**
- Field possession of migratory game birds is prohibited in areas of the refuge closed to migratory game bird hunting.

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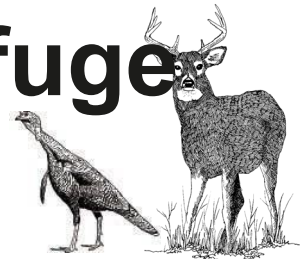


Areas Open to Hunting

SMALL GAME	AREA A	AREA B
Ruffed Grouse, Squirrels, Cottontail Rabbit, Ringneck Pheasant, Woodchuck, Quail, Skunk, Opossum & Coyote	yes	yes
Raccoon & Fox (Night Hunting) Under Review	no	no
MIGRATORY BIRDS		
Mourning Dove, Rails, Common Snipe, American Woodcock, Canada Goose, Ducks, Coot & Crow	no	yes

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Big Game Hunting



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Big game hunting is permitted on the refuge only from September 1 through the end of February and for spring gobbler season.

Species not listed on this and the Upland Small Game/Migratory Bird Hunting Fact Sheet may not be hunted.

Permits

Hunting permits are no longer required. However, hunters are still required to know and follow all refuge specific regulations.

Hunting Areas

Deer hunting is open in accordance with state seasons in areas A and B.

Spring gobbler turkey season is open in areas A and B.

Fall turkey season is open in areas A and B.

Bear hunting is open in accordance with state seasons in areas A and B.

EAGLE NESTS

Hunters must remain at least 330 feet away from all eagle nests from January 15th- August 15th.

Scouting

Scouting is allowed from August 25 through the end of February and for the seven days prior to the start of spring gobbler season.

Personal Property

Blinds or treestands may be placed two weeks prior to the area's deer season and must be removed within two weeks of the season's end. The blind/stand must be clearly marked with the owner's name, address, or CID number.

The use of **game cameras** is not permitted.

Hunting Hours

Defined in the *Pennsylvania Hunting and Trapping Digest*.

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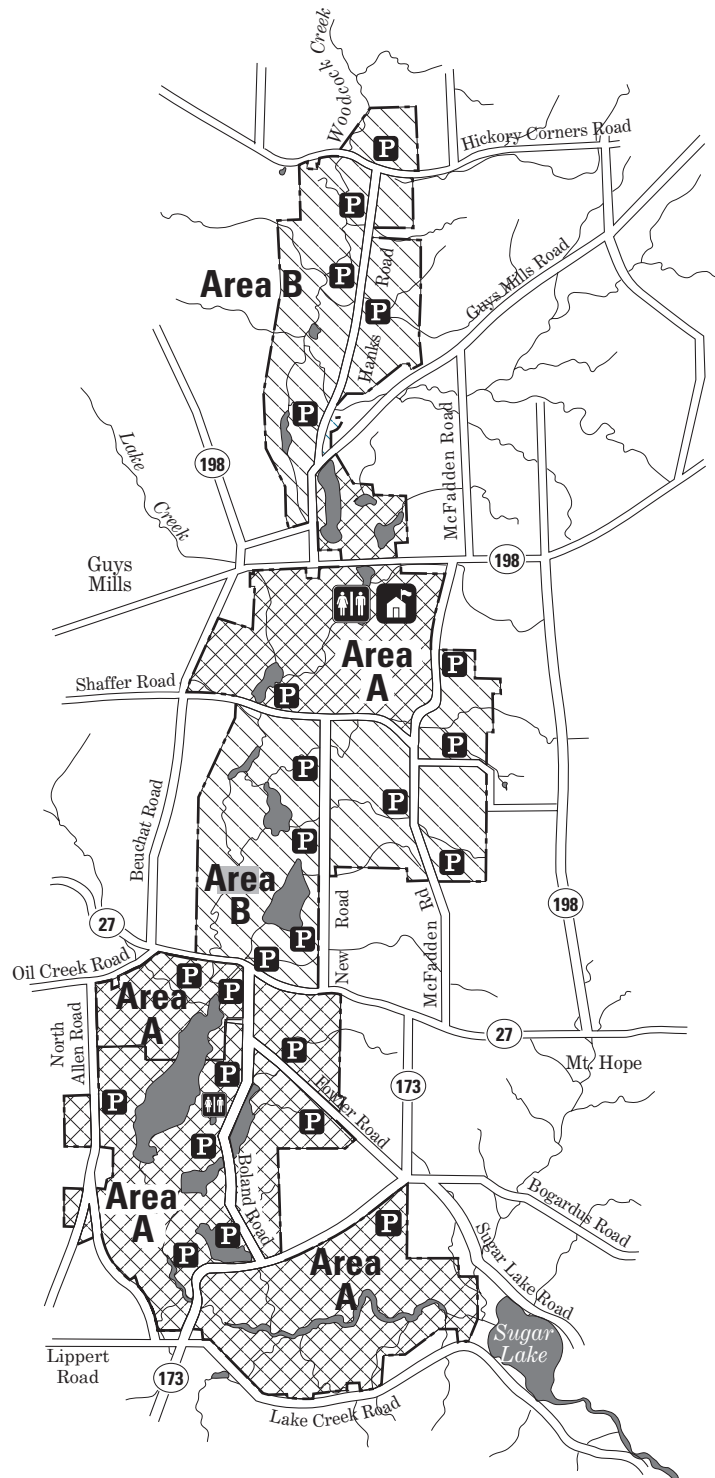
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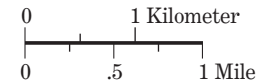
Areas Open to Hunting

BIG GAME	AREA A	AREA B
Deer (Archery and Muzzleloader Seasons)	yes	yes
Deer (Regular and Special Firearms Season)	yes	yes
Turkey (Spring Gobblers)	yes	yes
Turkey (Fall)	yes	yes
Bear	yes	yes









Sugar Lake Division

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Legend

See Pages 1 and 2 for huntable species

-  **Area A** – Open to Big and Small Game hunting
-  **Area B** – Open to all hunting
-  **Water Impoundments**
-  **Refuge Headquarters**
-  **Parking Areas** (approximate)
-  **Rest Room**

Seneca Division

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