

# Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge

## Hunting Information



The Blue Goose is the symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System, a network of lands and waters managed for the benefit of wildlife and people.



### Welcome

Welcome to Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge (MBR). Established in 1928 to protect feeding and breeding grounds for migratory birds. Bear River MBR consists of nearly 80,000 acres of marsh, open water, uplands, and alkali mudflats.

### General Information

Please observe all the regulations covered in this brochure. See the Refuge general brochure and website for additional information.

### Prohibited Activities

- Camping or overnight parking, including RVs.
- Lighting of fires or campfires.
- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting.
- Littering, including spent shell casings.
- Commercial guiding and outfitting.
- Target shooting.
- Entering closed areas, even for the purpose of retrieving downed birds.
- Hunting or shooting within 100 yards of Refuge roads, the D line dike, parking areas, and observation platforms.
- Hunting any wildlife species aside from coot, duck, goose, pheasant, and tundra swan.
- Entering the hunt units prior to opening day of hunting season.

### 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.)

### Hunting Regulations Table

Hunting is in accordance with State regulations. In addition, Refuge-specific regulations must be followed and are listed in the table below and described in this brochure.

Activity	Season Dates	Other Regulations
<b>Coots, ducks, geese</b>	State season and regulations apply	Closed for spring and extended season goose hunts. Shotgun hunting only. Non-toxic shot required.
<b>Tundra swans</b>	State season and regulations apply	Requires a Utah swan permit in addition to state hunting license. Shotgun hunting only. Non-toxic shot required.
<b>Pheasants</b>	State season and regulations apply	May not hunt or take pheasants with a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells. Shotgun hunting only. Non-toxic shot required.

**See map for areas open to hunting.**

### Vehicles and Parking

Legally licensed vehicles are allowed on Refuge roads open to the public. The speed limit is 25 mph unless otherwise posted. The auto tour route is one way.

Parking is permitted in designated parking areas only, as identified on the hunt map. Vehicles must not block access to roadways, parking lots, or kiosk pullouts.

### Boats

Motorboats are permitted in all hunt units during waterfowl hunting season. Boats including canoes, kayaks, and other self-propelled watercraft may be launched only at designated boat ramps. Air boats are permitted only in open areas of Unit 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10. (see map).

### Hours

Hunters may enter the Refuge 2 hours before legal sunrise and must exit the Refuge by 2 hours after legal sunset during Refuge hunting seasons.

The Wildlife Education Center is open Tuesday - Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, except for Federal holidays.

### Accessibility

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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 is allowed on the Refuge in accordance with State regulations and the Refuge-specific regulations in this brochure.

Consult the Utah Waterfowl Guidebook for a complete list of State regulations <https://wildlife.utah.gov/hunting/main-hunting-page/waterfowl.html>

## Game Retrieval

Reasonable attempts must be made to retrieve downed or crippled birds. The use of dogs to retrieve downed birds, as permitted under State hunting regulations, is strongly encouraged. Dogs must always be under the direct control of a responsible person. Hunters and dogs may not enter closed areas to retrieve birds. Be sure to allow enough room between the closed area boundary and where you are hunting to retrieve your birds.

## Blinds

Only temporary blinds are permitted. No personal property may be left on the Refuge overnight. Blinds may not be built prior to the opening day of hunting season.

An accessible hunting blind, located in Unit 10, is available to ADA certified hunters. For more information or to make a reservation, email the Refuge at [bearriver@fws.gov](mailto:bearriver@fws.gov).

