

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 Fish Springs National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). Established in 1959 to provide habitat for migratory birds within the Pacific Flyway, Fish Springs NWR encompasses nearly 18,000 acres, including a 10,000-acre wetland area.

Safety

The Refuge is located in a remote and rugged area with no gas stations or public services. Cell phone coverage is extremely limited. Visitors are highly encouraged to bring extra supplies in case of emergency.

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 or roads, even for the purpose of retrieving downed game.
- Off-road vehicle travel.

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 and Parking

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

Parking is permitted in designated parking areas and on the road shoulder adjacent to open hunting areas (see map). Vehicles must not block access to roadways, parking lots, or dikes.

Hunting Regulations

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. See Hunting Regulations Table for regulations by species.

Consult the Utah Waterfowl, Upland Game, and Big Game Hunting Guidebooks for a complete list of State regulations. <https://wildlife.utah.gov/hunting/hunting-regulation.html>

Some areas are closed to hunting. Be familiar with regulations and boundaries. Hunting is permitted in designated areas for species listed in the Hunting Regulations Table. Hunting of all other species is prohibited.

Hours

Hunters may enter the Refuge two hours before legal sunrise and must exit the Refuge by one and a half hours after legal sunset.

Blinds

Hunters may only use portable blinds or construct temporary blinds. Portable blinds must be removed from the Refuge each day.

Hunting blinds are available in the Special Blind Area (see map). Hunters must register and receive reservation confirmation by email at fishsprings@fws.gov to use one of these blinds. Priority will be given to persons with disabilities.

Boats

Boats that are 15 feet or less are allowed when hunting in open hunting areas. The use of gasoline motors and airboats are prohibited.

Personal Gear

Hunters must remove boats, decoys, portable blinds, personal property, and any other materials brought onto the Refuge by the end of each day.

Game Retrieval

Reasonable attempts must be made to retrieve downed or crippled game. The use of dogs to retrieve downed game, 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 game. Be sure to allow enough room between the closed area boundary and where you are hunting to retrieve your game.

Accessibility

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Hunting Information



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 | Harvest | Other Regulations |
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| Mule deer | State general deer archery season only. | State regulations apply. | The Refuge is not open for the State's muzzleloader, any legal weapon, and extended archery hunts. |
| Pronghorn | State general antelope archery season only. | State regulations apply. | The Refuge is not open for the State's any legal weapon hunt. |
| Coot, duck, goose, snipe | State regular season. | State regulations apply. | The Refuge is not open for the extended light goose season. Shotgun only. (Archery, crossbow, and falconry hunting is prohibited.) Non-toxic shot required. |
| Chukar partridge | Begins with the State season and ends on the last day of waterfowl hunt on the Refuge. | State regulations apply. | Shotgun and archery equipment only. (Crossbow, falconry, and handgun hunting is prohibited.) Non-toxic shot required. |
| Mourning dove | First 15 days of the State's season. | State regulations apply. | Shotgun only. (Archery, crossbow, and falconry hunting is prohibited.) Non-toxic shot required. |
| Cottontail rabbit | Begins with the State season and ends on the last day of waterfowl hunt on the Refuge. | State regulations apply. | Shotgun and archery equipment only. (Crossbow, falconry, handgun, and other firearm hunting is prohibited.) Non-toxic shot required. |

