

# Bandon Marsh

## National Wildlife Refuge Waterfowl Hunting Regulations 2023-2024



### Welcome

Established in 1983, Bandon Marsh Refuge is located along the picturesque southern Oregon coast near the mouth of the Coquille River and the city of Bandon. The two marshes that make up the refuge, Bandon Marsh and Ni-les'tun Marsh total 889 acres. The refuge's invertebrate-laden mudflats fuel the migration of tens of thousands of shorebirds and young salmon and trout find sanctuary in the estuary's steep-banked tidal channels and anchored driftwood. The mix of freshwater, saltwater and brackish estuary at Bandon Marsh NWR draws multitudes of ducks and geese each year, as well as waders and divers including herons, grebes, and cormorants.

### 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.)

### Boats

Hunters accessing refuge lands by boat must do so from the Coquille River. Hunters may moor boats within the marsh while hunting, but boats landing on the bank of the Coquille River adjacent to Ni-les'tun Marsh are required to do so within the signed and designated location.

### Accessibility Information

Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs and activities of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is available to all individuals regardless of physical or mental ability. For more information please contact the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Equal Opportunity, <https://www.doi.gov/pmb/eeo/public-civil-rights>.

### 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.

Fishing will be in accordance with applicable State of Oregon regulations subject to the conditions stated below.

### Access

WHEN: Hunting on Ni-les'tun Marsh, east of Highway 101, is allowed only on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday of each week.

Hunting on Bandon Marsh, west of Highway 101, is allowed seven days per week. Hunters are permitted to enter either two hours before sunrise and remain until one hour after sunset.

WHERE: Public hunting on Bandon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge is permitted on 542 acres. See the map for specific areas.

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**WHAT:** Geese, ducks, and coots may be hunted on both. Snipe hunting is allowed on Bandon Marsh only. No other wildlife species may be hunted on the refuge.

### **Blinds**

Only portable blinds or blinds constructed of on-site dead vegetation or driftwood may be used. Blinds must be deconstructed at the end of the day.

### **Dogs**

Hunters may use dogs as an aid to retrieving waterfowl during the hunting season. Dogs must be in a vehicle or on a leash until they are within the designated hunt area unless they are retrieving downed game. Dogs must remain under control of the handler at all times.

### **Retrieval Zones**

These are refuge managed areas that are closed to all hunting. Setting decoys or blinds inside these zones is prohibited. The discharge of firearms in retrieval zones is prohibited. Hunters may enter posted retrieval zones to retrieve downed birds and when traveling to and from the hunting areas.

### **Removal of Personal Property**

It is the responsibility of hunters to remove all personal property including blinds, decoys, boats, shot shell hulls, and refuse from the refuge at the end of each day.



