

Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuge

2023-24 Hunting Regulations



Recreation User Fee - An annual recreation pass is required for all hunters 16 and older on Lower Klamath and Tulelake National Wildlife Refuges. All State, Federal and Refuge required hunting licenses, stamps or validations, and permits must be in your possession while hunting. Passes are available for purchase online at <https://klamathrefuges.recaccess.com>.

Refuge Hours - hunting is permitted 7 days per week. Entry time is 4:30 a.m. unless otherwise posted. Waterfowl shooting hours on the California side begins at the state regulated shoot time and ends at 1:00 p.m. Pheasant hunting and special hunt shooting hours will correspond to State regulations. Standard Refuge hours are from sunrise to sunset.

Huntible Species - Only pheasants, waterfowl (ducks, geese and mergansers), coots, moorhens and snipe may be hunted on the Refuge. All other wildlife species are protected.

Access Routes and Parking - Motor vehicles are allowed on hunter access routes only and must park in the designated parking areas with the exception of the League of Nations, the north half of the South West Sump, and the Oregon Straits. Maximum speed limit on the Refuge is 35 MPH unless otherwise posted. Waterfowl hunters may drive into fields to set out or pick up decoys in all hunt areas. Driving off access routes is at your own risk. The Refuge takes no responsibility for damage to vehicles or equipment.

Retrieval Zones - Retrieval zones are no hunt zones. Refer to signs in the field delineating retrieval zones. Setting decoys and blinds or harvesting birds inside these zones is prohibited. Only unloaded firearms may be taken through the retrieval zones when necessary to reach hunting areas or retrieve birds legally shot in the hunt area.

Hunter-Made Blinds - Only portable and temporary blinds are allowed. Digging in the fields is prohibited.

Boats and OHVs - Boats may be used in all flooded areas open to waterfowl hunting. Boat launching is not permitted after 1:00p.m. All State boating requirements are enforced. Off highway vehicles (OHV's) are permitted inside drivable units only. OHVs are not allowed in marsh units. OHVs are not allowed on roads or dikes.

Removal of Personal Property – Hunters and all personal property including decoys, boats and other equipment must be removed from waterfowl hunt areas within 1 ½ hours of ending shoot time; and from the refuge at the close of each day. Hunters are responsible for removing ALL trash including shot shell hulls when leaving hunting areas. Disposing of harvested birds utilizing Refuge trash cans is prohibited.

Disabled Hunters - Mobility impaired hunting blinds are available through reservation only. For more information or to reserve a blind, call the refuge office.

Permitted Hunting Guides - Only guides who have been permitted by the Refuge are allowed to provide guiding services on the Klamath Basin Refuges. For more information, visit the refuge web page.

Blaze Orange – Blaze orange is required at all times while hunting pheasants. Outer garments must be worn above the waist that consist of at least 50% blaze orange which is visible from both front and back. Outer garments may consist of hat, cap, vest, jacket, shirt or coat.

For More Information:

<https://www.fws.gov/refuge/tule-lake/visit-us/activities/hunting>

Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuge Complex

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TULELAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

2023-24 HUNT SEASON MAP

Legend

- Closed to all Hunting
- Waterfowl Hunting - Free Roam
- Waterfowl and Pheasant Hunting - Free Roam
- Pheasant Hunting - Free Roam
- Refuge Boundary
- Hunter Information
- Boat Ramp
- Designated Parking
- Hunter Line Up
- No Hunting From Dike
- Retrieval Zone
- Hunter Access Route (35 MPH)

