



## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# Siletz Bay

## National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Regulations 2023–2024

### Welcome

Located in Lincoln City, Oregon the Siletz Bay National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1991. The refuge protects and enhances estuarine fish and wildlife resources and their habitats. At more than 560 acres it features salt marsh, brackish marsh, tidal sloughs, mudflats, and coniferous and deciduous forest.

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### Tides

Whether hunting from a boat or on land consult tide tables prior to your visit. The Siletz River and associated sloughs are tidally influenced.

### 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 use established boat launch areas. Hunters may moor boats within the marsh while hunting.

### Hunting Regulations

Hunting regulations are designed to provide safe recreational opportunities through wise use of renewable wildlife resources. 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 will be in accordance with applicable State of Oregon regulations subject to the conditions herein.

### Access

WHEN: Hunting is allowed in the fall and winter, check current Oregon Game Bird Regulations for specific dates. During the waterfowl hunting season, hunting on Millport Slough east of Highway 101 is allowed only on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday of each week. Hunting on Siletz Bay refuge lands west of Highway 101 is allowed seven days per week. Hunters are permitted to enter either unit of the refuge two hours before sunrise and may remain until one hour after sunset.

WHERE: Public hunting on Siletz Bay National Wildlife Refuge is permitted on 199 acres, see the map for specific areas.

WHAT: Geese, ducks, and coots may be hunted on both units of the refuge. 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 hunt 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 in the marsh as part of the hunt. 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.

### Areas Closed to Hunting

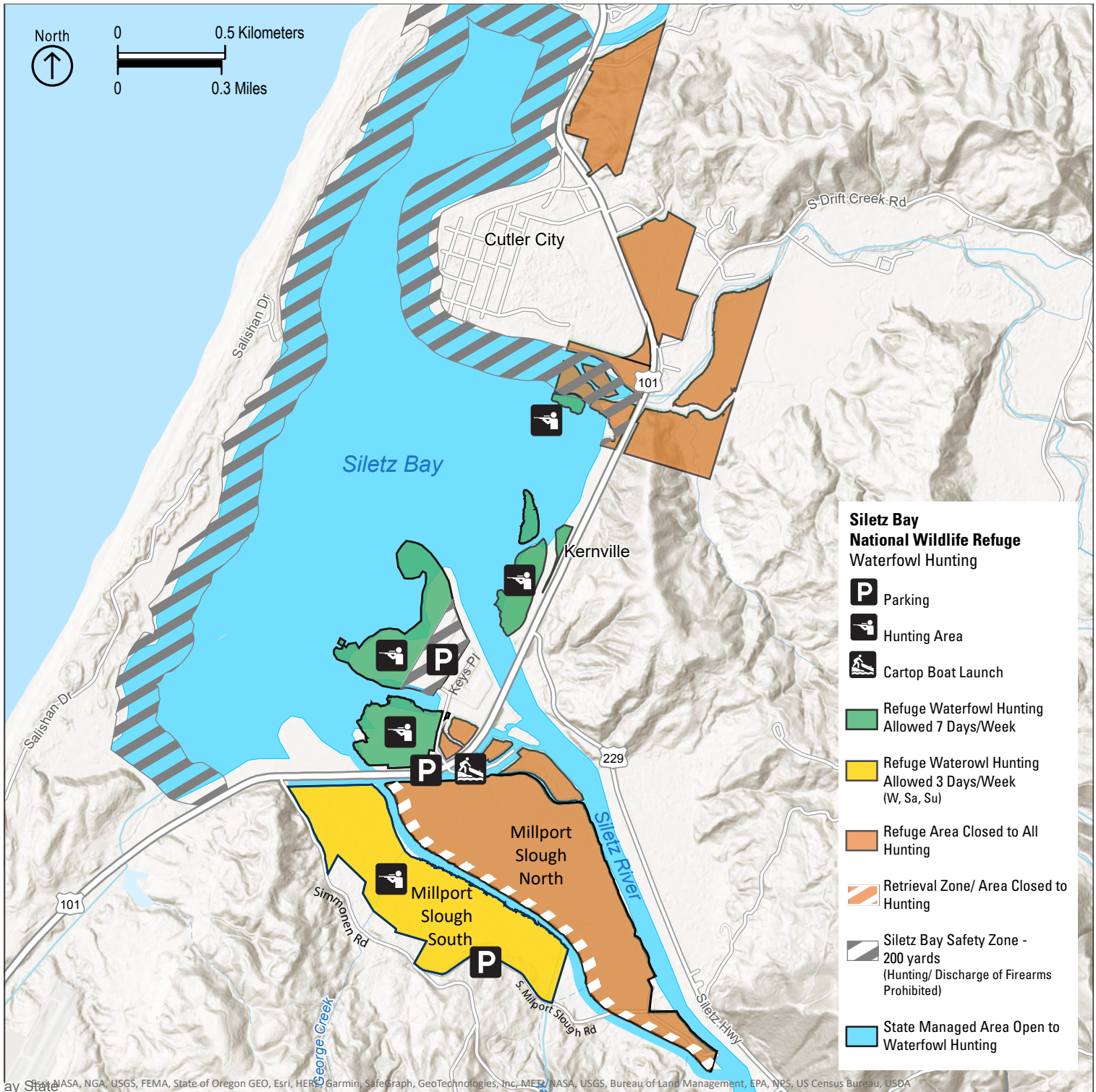
Hunters may not enter areas closed to hunting to retrieve downed birds. Hunters may not access hunt areas by walking through these areas closed to hunting.

### 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.

This is a unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System, a network of lands and waters managed for the benefit of wildlife and people.





**Accessibility Information**

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**Prohibited Activities**

- Possession of alcoholic beverages
- Camping and fires
- Permanent blinds
- Target practice or sighting in rifles
- Overnight use
- Launching, landing and disturbance of wildlife by an Unmanned Aircraft System/ Drone
- Dogs. Pets must remain in vehicles at all times
- Hunting is prohibited within 200 yards of any public use facility
- Ammunition that may not be legally used for taking waterfowl, only federally approved non-toxic shot may be used or possessed

**Signs and Boundaries**

- Applies to the area located behind the sign
- Refuge Boundary: Entry permitted in accordance with refuge regulations
  - Closed Area: All entry prohibited
  - Safety Zone: Discharge of Firearms Prohibited