



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Boating and Fishing

Cibola National Wildlife Refuge

Welcome

Cibola National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1964 as mitigation for the loss of fish and wildlife habitat due to dam construction and channelization of the Lower Colorado River. Cibola National Wildlife Refuge is working to restore and conserve historic fish and wildlife habitat and provide opportunities for compatible wildlife-oriented recreational activities.

Fishing and boating are permitted in designated areas during specific times of the year subject to the regulations provided in this brochure, the Refuge's general brochure, and Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and state fishing regulations.

Individuals utilizing the Refuge are subject to inspection of permits, licenses, fishing equipment, bag and creel, vehicles and boats (and their content) by refuge officers.

All refuge waters are wakeless speed zones (as defined by state law), with the exception of the main channel of the Colorado River. Only electric trolling motors or manually powered vessels may be used on Cibola Lake, Three Fingers Lake, and Hart Mine Marsh.

General Regulations

Fishing and boating regulations are designed to protect fish and wildlife populations while allowing use of a renewable natural resources. The regulations below supplement the general regulations governing public use of national wildlife refuges as set forth in 50 CFR.

Fishing and boating are permitted in the following areas in accordance with all applicable Federal and State fishing and boating laws and regulations unless otherwise specified in this brochure.

The appropriate state license is required while fishing on the refuge.

Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of federal, state, and local law.

Cibola Lake

Fishing and boating are permitted March 15 through September 30. Cibola Lake is closed to entry October 1 through March 14. Cibola Lake is a *no wake zone* and only electric trolling motor or manually powered vessels may be used.

Main Channel of the Colorado River

Fishing and boating are permitted year-round, except that fishing from the east shore south of the tie-back levee is prohibited from October 1 through March 14.

Hart Mine Marsh/Arnett Ditch

Fishing and boating are permitted March 15 through September 30. Fishing and boating from October 1 through March 14 are permitted only from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. MST. Hart Mine Marsh is a *no wake zone* and only electric trolling motor or manually powered vessels may be used. Some areas are walk-in access only.

High Levee Pond

Fishing and boating are prohibited year-round.

Old Colorado River Channel and Palo Verde Outfall Drain

Fishing and boating are permitted year-round. The old Colorado River channel and Palo Verde outfall drain are *no wake zones*.

Pretty Water

Fishing and boating are permitted year-round. Pretty Water is a *no wake zone*.

Three Fingers Lake

Three Fingers Lake is a *no wake zone* and only electric trolling motor or manually powered vessels may be used.

Old River Channel

Fishing and boating are permitted year-round. The Old River Channel is a *no wake zone*.

Water Skiing

Waterskiing and general boating are permitted on the Main Channel of the Colorado River. All other waters on Cibola National Wildlife Refuge are *no wake zones*.

Motor Vehicles

All operators and vehicles must be licensed, registered, and insured for highway use to be operated on refuge roads. Motor vehicle traffic is limited to designated roads and parking areas (see map). The refuge-wide speed limit is 25 mph. Other State and local traffic laws apply.

Watercraft can only be launched at designated boat ramps.

Prohibited Activities

- Littering
- Camping
- Fires
- Taking of wildlife or plants (including cutting trees or brush) unless specified in this or the refuge's hunting brochure or the state hunting and fishing regulations
- Digging up bait
- Searching for, damaging, or removing rocks, minerals, or objects of antiquity
- Overnight mooring of any watercraft and mooring of any watercraft to vegetation
- Fishing by means other than a pole
- Fishing or boating in waters not listed in this brochure

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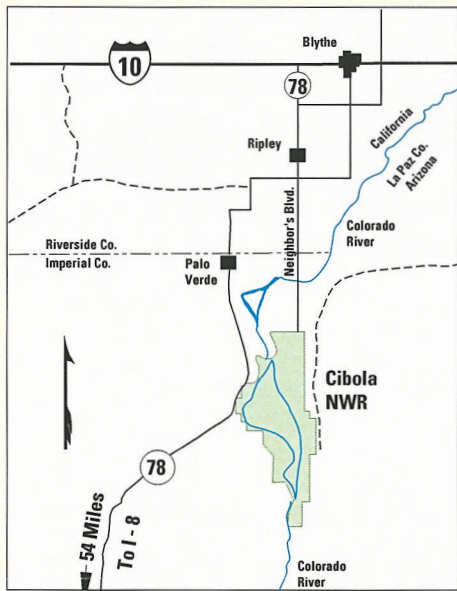
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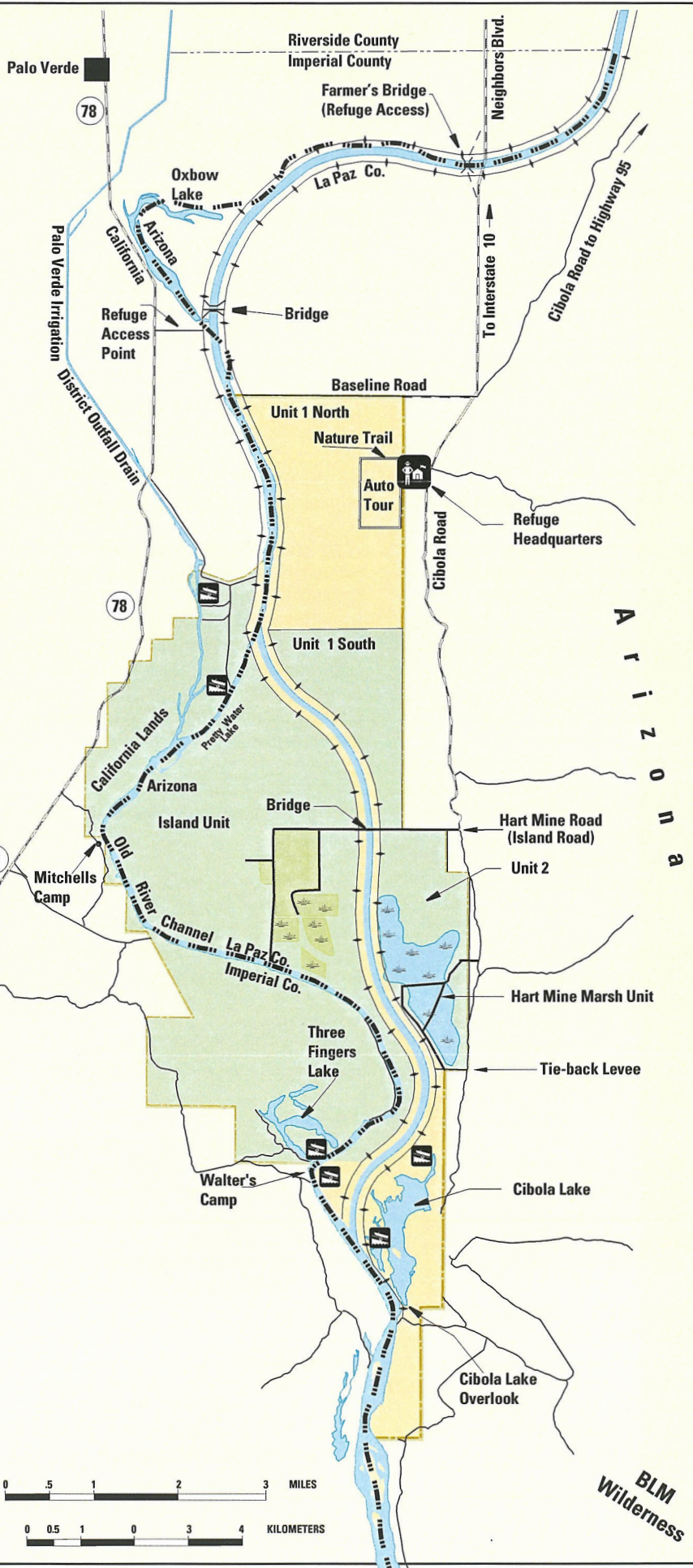
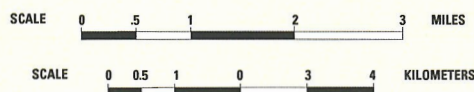
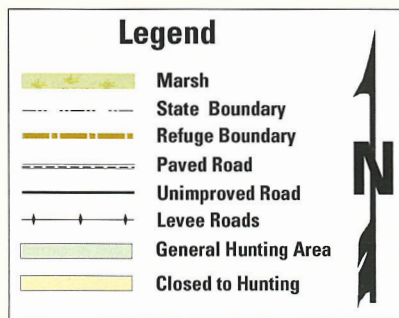
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