

**RACHEL CARSON
NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
2025-2026 HUNTING SEASON
HUNTER INFORMATION**



INTRODUCTION

The first refuge was established by Teddy Roosevelt in 1903 and today more than 560 refuges exist throughout the United States and its territories. Rachel Carson NWR, established in 1966, was renamed in 1970 to honor the former U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist and author of the famous book *Silent Spring*. The refuge currently covers over 5,600 acres in 11 divisions between Kittery and Cape Elizabeth. The refuge protects valuable coastal salt marsh and adjacent uplands, providing habitat for many species of wildlife and plants including some species protected under state or federal endangered species laws.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recognizes hunting to be an effective tool for wildlife management. Hunting has been identified as an appropriate wildlife-dependent public use at Rachel Carson NWR. Continue Maine's tradition of responsible use of our natural resources and enjoy your hunt but provide for public safety first.

GENERAL HUNT INFORMATION

Refuge hunting maps are attached with regulations for that division on the back of the map. Please **READ THOROUGHLY** as regulations are updated each year.

HUNTING PERMIT ALLOWS YOU TO BE ON REFUGE LANDS ONLY DURING THE APPROPRIATE SEASON!! YOU MUST BE ENGAGED IN HUNTING ACTIVITIES!!!

If you have any questions, please contact the refuge office before entering the field:

Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge
321 Port Road
Wells, Maine 04090
207-337-4462
Monday-Saturday, 8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

*** HUNTING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED ***

*** A FEE IS REQUIRED FOR EACH PERMIT ***

*** MOTORIZED VEHICLES ARE NOT PERMITTED***

The refuge will be open to the following hunting seasons:

Big Game: Deer and Fall Turkey Only - Shotgun and Archery with valid State permits.

-Fox & Coyote may be taken with bow or shotgun with Big Game permit during the State Firearm Deer Season

Migratory Birds- (Ducks, Geese, Woodcock) with valid Duck Stamp

Upland Game Birds- (Ruffed Grouse) with valid stamp

Special Falconry Season

Certain areas are designated as Youth Hunting Areas. These areas are open only to individuals 17 and under with a refuge hunt permit. Youths under 16 must be accompanied by an adult, who can hunt and must also have a valid refuge hunt permit.

The refuge is closed to All HUNTING (except Falconry) from February 1 - August 31, annually.

All applicable Federal, State and local laws apply to hunters utilizing the Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge. The refuge boundaries are designated by white "National Wildlife Refuge" or "Boundary" signs. (See hunting maps).

YOU, THE HUNTER, ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR KNOWING WHICH AREAS ARE OPEN. IF YOU ARE NOT SURE CHECK WITH THE REFUGE OFFICE BEFORE ENTERING AN AREA.

The refuge contains many private parcels of land and borders several developed areas. Please be courteous and respect the rights of private landowners. Obey the State safety zone distance of 300 feet (Kennebunk ordinance of 500 feet) when hunting near buildings.

Please practice good tree stand safety- **ALWAYS HARNESS UP BEFORE YOU CLIMB UP!**

OPEN MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING and FALCONRY AREAS

BRAVE BOAT HARBOR DIVISION
LOWER WELLS DIVISION
UPPER WELLS DIVISION
MOUSAM RIVER DIVISION
GOOSE ROCKS DIVISION
SPURWINK RIVER DIVISION
YORK RIVER DIVISION

OPEN BIG GAME and UPLAND GAME HUNTING AREAS

BRAVE BOAT HARBOR DIVISION
LOWER WELLS DIVISION
UPPER WELLS DIVISION
MOUSAM RIVER DIVISION
GOOSE ROCKS DIVISION
GOOSEFARE BROOK DIVISION
SPURWINK RIVER DIVISION
YORK RIVER DIVISION

OPEN BIG GAME (Archery only) HUNTING AREAS

LITTLE RIVER DIVISION

REFUGE LANDS CLOSED TO ALL HUNTING

MOODY DIVISION-Refuge lands south of Eldridge Rd., Wells to mouth of Ogunquit River.
BIDDEFORD POOL DIVISION-Refuge lands adjacent to the Biddeford Pool in Biddeford.

Information collected for issuance of hunting permits is in accordance with OMB approved forms (OMB Control Number 1018-0140).

YORK RIVER DIVISION HUNTING AREA

Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge
321 Port Road
Wells, Maine 04090
207-337-4462

***** HUNTING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED *****

The refuge is closed to All HUNTING (except Falconry) from February 1 - August 31, annually.

SPECIAL REFUGE REGULATIONS

- Fee permit required and must be carried with you while hunting.
- ONLY Shotgun, Archery and Falconry hunting is permitted. No Muzzleloader season.
- During firearms deer season you must wear two articles of hunter orange clothing. One article must be a solid-colored hunter orange hat; the other must cover a major portion of the torso, such as a jacket, vest, coat, or poncho and must be a minimum of 50% hunter orange in color.
- Only youths 17 and under may hunt in specially designated areas, youths under 16 must be accompanied by a licensed and permitted adult, who can also hunt.

BIG GAME

- A permit fee of \$10.00 is required to hunt **deer and/or fall turkey**
 - Shotgun and Archery hunting permitted. No Muzzleloader season.
 - Designated areas are open for archery and firearm seasons only.
 - Only **portable** tree stands are permitted. Tree stands MUST BE REMOVED each day.
- WEAR A HARNESS!
- The use of nails, wire, screws or bolts to attach a stand to a tree, or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven to support a hunter is prohibited. You must keep vegetation disturbance (including tree limbs) to a minimum.
 - Fox & coyote may be hunted ONLY during the State archery and firearm deer seasons with shotgun or bow.
 - The refuge will be open on the special one-day youth season for deer only as designated by the State to youths with valid refuge permits.
- Only** the **Fall Turkey** season, as designated by the State, will be allowed on the refuge. All State laws apply.

MIGRATORY BIRDS

- A permit fee of \$10.00 is required to hunt **migratory birds.**
- Hunting of migratory game birds (ducks, geese, woodcock and), is permitted in designated areas.
- **Nontoxic shot** is required for hunting Migratory Birds.
- Only portable blinds permitted. Blinds, boats, and decoys MUST BE REMOVED each

day.

- Sea ducks may **only** be hunted within the refuge when their open season coincides with the regular waterfowl season.
- The refuge will be open on the special one-day youth season as designated by the State to youths with valid refuge permits.
- Valid Federal and State Duck Stamps required for hunting migratory birds.

UPLAND GAME BIRDS

- A permit fee of \$5.00 is required to hunt **upland game birds** (grouse).
- Hunting upland game birds is permitted in designated areas.
- **Non-toxic shot** is required for hunting **upland game birds**.

FALCONRY

- A permit fee of \$5.00 is required to hunt during the **falconry** season.
- Falconry is permitted during the Special Falconry Season.
- Falconry is permitted in designated migratory bird areas.

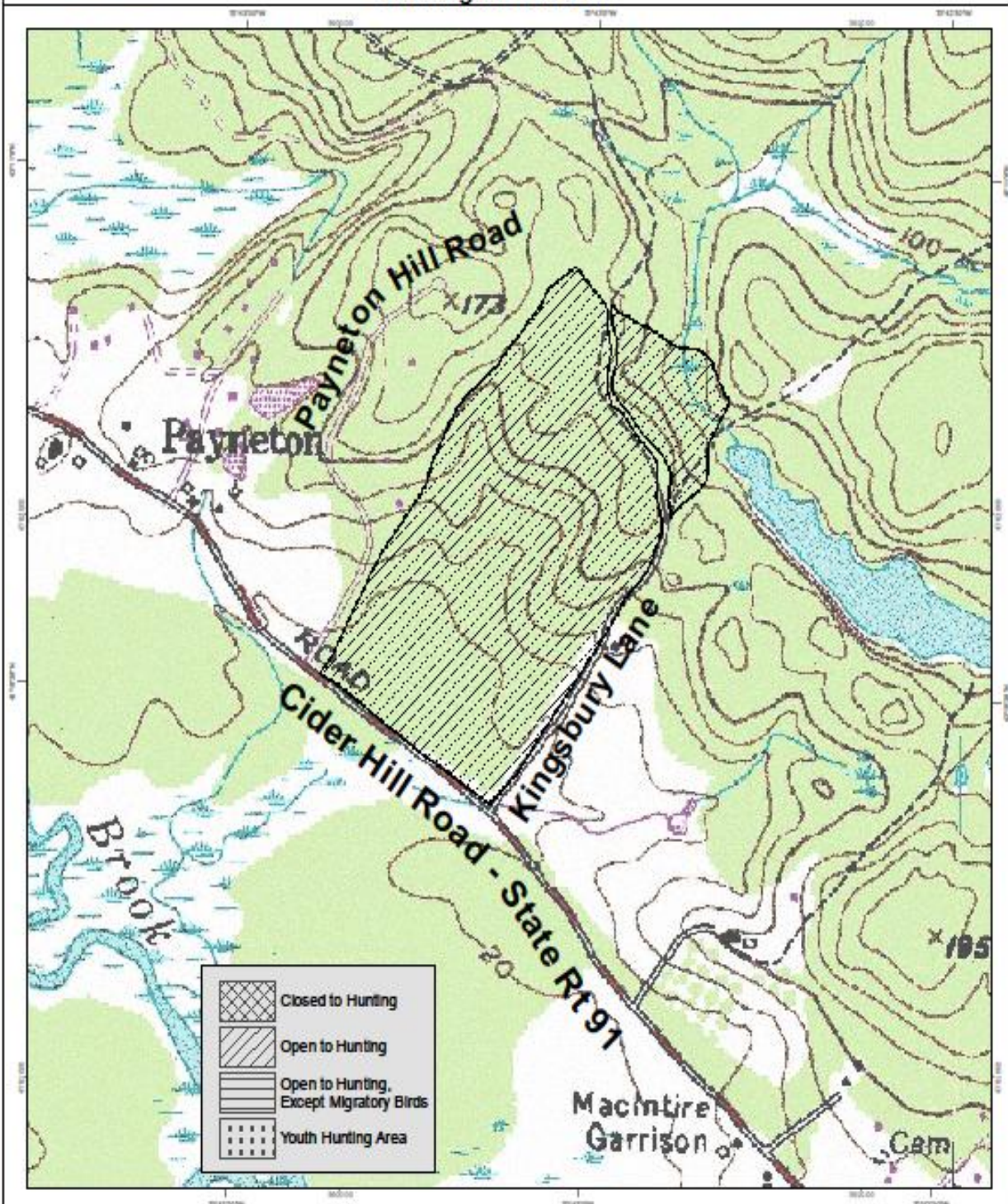
-NOTE: Day Road will remain open to the public during hunting season. Do not shoot towards the trail.

*** BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET AND BEYOND***



Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge
York River Division
Hunting Information

US Fish & Wildlife Service
Department of the Interior



Refuge boundaries and hunt information from USFWS
Map Projection: NAD_1983_UTM_Zone_18N



BRAVE BOAT HARBOR DIVISION HUNTING AREA

Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge

321 Port Road

Wells, Maine 04090

207-337-4462

***** HUNTING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED *****

The refuge is closed to All HUNTING (except Falconry) from February 1 - August 31, annually.

SPECIAL REFUGE REGULATIONS

- Fee permit required and **must be carried with you while hunting.**
- **ONLY** Shotgun, Archery and Falconry hunting is permitted. No Muzzleloader season.
- During firearms deer season you must wear two articles of hunter orange clothing. One article must be a solid-colored hunter orange hat; the other must cover a major portion of the torso, such as a jacket, vest, coat, or poncho and must be a minimum of 50% hunter orange in color.
- Only youths 17 and under may hunt in specially designated areas, youths under 16 must be accompanied by a licensed and permitted adult, who can also hunt.

BIG GAME

- A permit fee of \$10.00 is required to hunt **deer and/or fall turkey**
 - Shotgun and Archery hunting permitted. No Muzzleloader season.
 - Designated areas are open for archery and firearm seasons only.
 - Only **portable** tree stands are permitted. Tree stands **MUST BE REMOVED** each day.
- WEAR A HARNESS!**
- The use of nails, wire, screws or bolts to attach a stand to a tree, or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven to support a hunter is prohibited. You must keep vegetation disturbance (including tree limbs) to a minimum.
 - Fox & coyote may be hunted **ONLY** during the State archery and firearm deer seasons with shotgun or bow.
 - The refuge will be open on the special one-day youth season for deer only as designated by the State to youths with valid refuge permits.
 - **Only the Fall Turkey** season, as designated by the State, will be allowed on the refuge. All State laws apply.

MIGRATORY BIRDS

- A permit fee of \$10.00 is required to hunt **migratory birds.**
- Hunting of migratory game birds (ducks, geese, woodcock and), is permitted in designated areas.
- **Nontoxic shot** is required for hunting **Migratory Birds.**
- Only portable blinds permitted. Blinds, boats, and decoys **MUST BE REMOVED** each day.
- Sea ducks may **only** be hunted within the refuge when their open season coincides with the regular waterfowl season.
- The refuge will be open on the special one-day youth season as designated by the State to youths with valid refuge permits.
- Valid Federal and State Duck Stamps required for hunting migratory birds.

UPLAND GAME BIRDS

- A permit fee of \$5.00 is required to hunt **upland game birds** (grouse).
- Hunting upland game birds is permitted in designated areas.
- **Non-toxic shot** is required for hunting **upland game birds.**

FALCONRY

- A permit fee of \$5.00 is required to hunt during the **falconry** season.
- Falconry is permitted during the Special Falconry Season.
- Falconry is permitted in designated migratory bird areas.

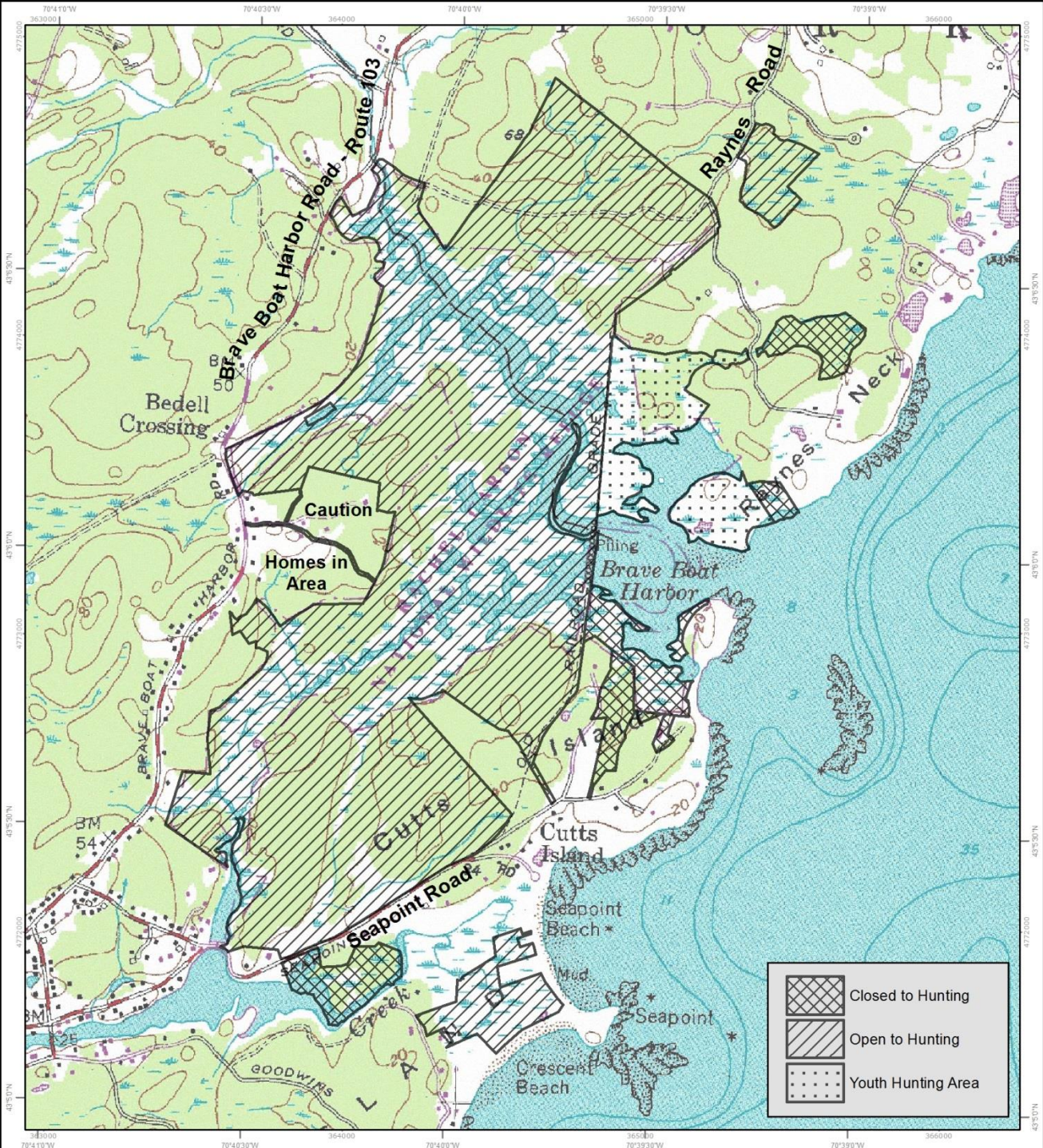
NOTE: Cutts Island Trail will remain open to the public during hunting season. Do not shoot towards the trail.

*** BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET AND BEYOND ***

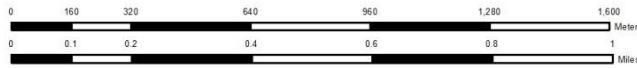


Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge Brave Boat Harbor Division Hunting Information

US Fish & Wildlife Service
Department of the Interior



Refuge boundaries and hunt information from USFWS
Map Projection: NAD_1983_UTM_Zone_19N



1 = 18,000



LOWER WELLS DIVISION HUNTING AREA

Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge
321 Port Road
Wells, Maine 04090
207-337-4462

***** HUNTING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED *****

The refuge is closed to All HUNTING (except Falconry) from February 1 - August 31, annually.

SPECIAL REFUGE REGULATIONS

- Fee permit required and must be carried with you while hunting.
- ONLY Shotgun, Archery and Falconry hunting is permitted. No Muzzleloader season.
- During firearms deer season you must wear two articles of hunter orange clothing. One article must be a solid-colored hunter orange hat; the other must cover a major portion of the torso, such as a jacket, vest, coat, or poncho and must be a minimum of 50% hunter orange in color.
- Only youths 17 and under may hunt in designated areas, youths under 16 must be accompanied by a licensed and permitted adult, who can also hunt.

BIG GAME

- A permit fee of \$10.00 is required to hunt **deer and/or fall turkey.**
 - Shotgun and Archery hunting permitted. No Muzzleloader season.
 - Designated areas are open for the archery and firearm seasons only.
 - Only **portable** tree stands are permitted. Tree stands MUST BE REMOVED each day.
- WEAR A HARNESS!
- The use of nails, wire, screws or bolts to attach a stand to a tree, or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven to support a hunter is prohibited. You must keep vegetation disturbance (including tree limbs) to a minimum.
 - Fox & coyote may be hunted ONLY during the State archery and firearm deer seasons with shotgun or bow.
 - The refuge will be open on the special one-day youth season for deer only as designated by the State to youths with valid refuge permits.
 - **Only** the **Fall Turkey** season, as designated by the State, will be allowed on the refuge. All State laws apply.

MIGRATORY BIRDS

- A permit fee of \$10.00 is required to hunt **migratory birds.**
- Hunting of migratory game birds (ducks, geese, woodcock and), is permitted in designated areas.
- **Non-toxic shot** is required for hunting Migratory Birds.
- Only portable blinds permitted. Blinds, boats, and decoys MUST BE REMOVED each day.
- Sea ducks may **only** be hunted within the refuge when their open season coincides with the regular waterfowl season.
- The refuge will be open on the special one-day youth season as designated by the State to youths with valid refuge permits.
- Valid Federal and State Duck Stamps required for hunting migratory birds.

UPLAND GAME BIRDS

- A permit fee of \$5.00 is required to hunt **upland game birds** (grouse).
- Hunting upland game birds is permitted in designated areas.
- **Non-toxic shot** is required for hunting **upland game.**

FALCONRY

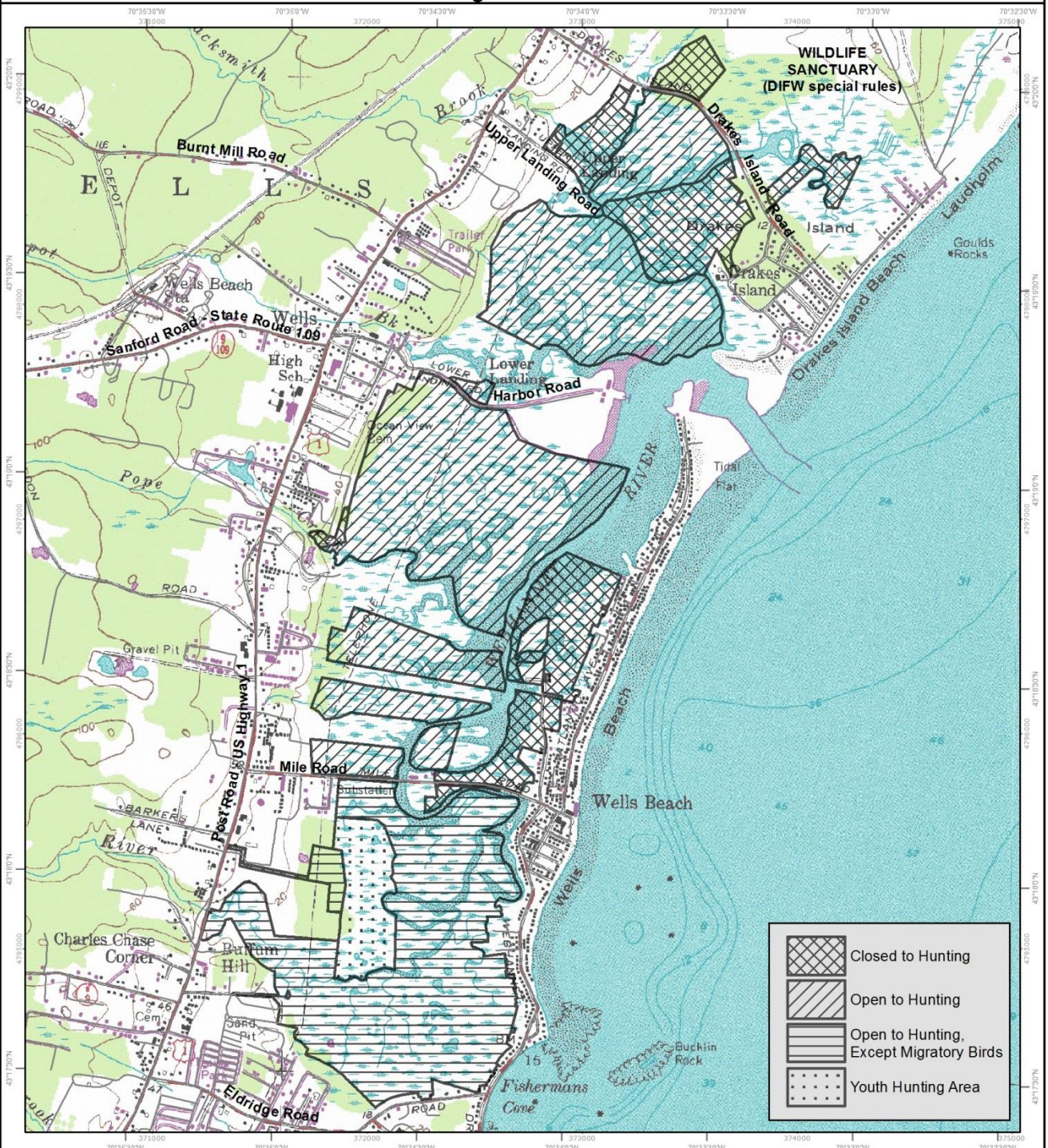
- A permit fee of \$5.00 is required to hunt during the **falconry** season.
- Falconry is permitted during the Special Falconry Season.
- Falconry is permitted in designated areas.

*** BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET AND BEYOND ***

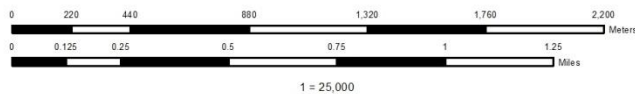


Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge Lower Wells Division Hunting Information

US Fish & Wildlife Service
Department of the Interior



Refuge boundaries and hunt information from USFWS
Map Projection: NAD_1983_UTM_Zone_19N



UPPER WELLS DIVISION HUNTING AREA

Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge
321 Port Road
Wells, Maine 04090
207-337-4462

***** HUNTING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED *****

The refuge is closed to All HUNTING (except Falconry) from February 1 - August 31, annually.

SPECIAL REFUGE REGULATIONS

- Fee permit required and must be carried with you while hunting.
- ONLY Shotgun, Archery and Falconry hunting is permitted. No Muzzleloader season.
- During firearms deer season you must wear two articles of hunter orange clothing. One article must be a solid-colored hunter orange hat; the other must cover a major portion of the torso, such as a jacket, vest, coat, or poncho and must be a minimum of 50% hunter orange in color.

BIG GAME

- A permit fee of \$10.00 is required to hunt **deer and/or fall turkey.**
 - Shotgun and Archery hunting permitted. No Muzzleloader season.
 - Designated areas are open for the archery and firearm seasons only.
 - Only **portable** tree stands are permitted. Tree stands MUST BE REMOVED each day.
- WEAR A HARNESS!
- The use of nails, wire, screws or bolts to attach a stand to a tree, or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven to support a hunter is prohibited. You must keep vegetation disturbance (including tree limbs) to a minimum.
 - Fox & coyote may be hunted ONLY during the State archery and firearm deer seasons with shotgun or bow.
 - The refuge will be open on the special one-day youth season for deer only as designated by the State to youths with valid refuge permits.
 - **Only the Fall Turkey** season, as designated by the State, will be allowed on the refuge. All State laws apply.

MIGRATORY BIRDS

- A permit fee of \$10.00 is required to hunt **migratory birds.**
- Hunting of migratory game birds (ducks, geese, woodcock), is permitted in designated areas.
- **Nontoxic shot** is required for hunting Migratory Birds.
- Only portable blinds permitted. Blinds, boats, and decoys MUST BE REMOVED each day.
- Sea ducks may **only** be hunted within the refuge when their open season coincides with the regular waterfowl season.
- The refuge will be open on the special one-day youth season as designated by the State to youths with valid refuge permits.
- Valid Federal and State Duck Stamps required for hunting migratory birds.

UPLAND GAME BIRDS

- A permit fee of \$5.00 is required to hunt **upland game birds** (grouse).
- Hunting upland game birds is permitted in designated areas.
- **Non-toxic shot** is required for hunting **upland game.**

FALCONRY

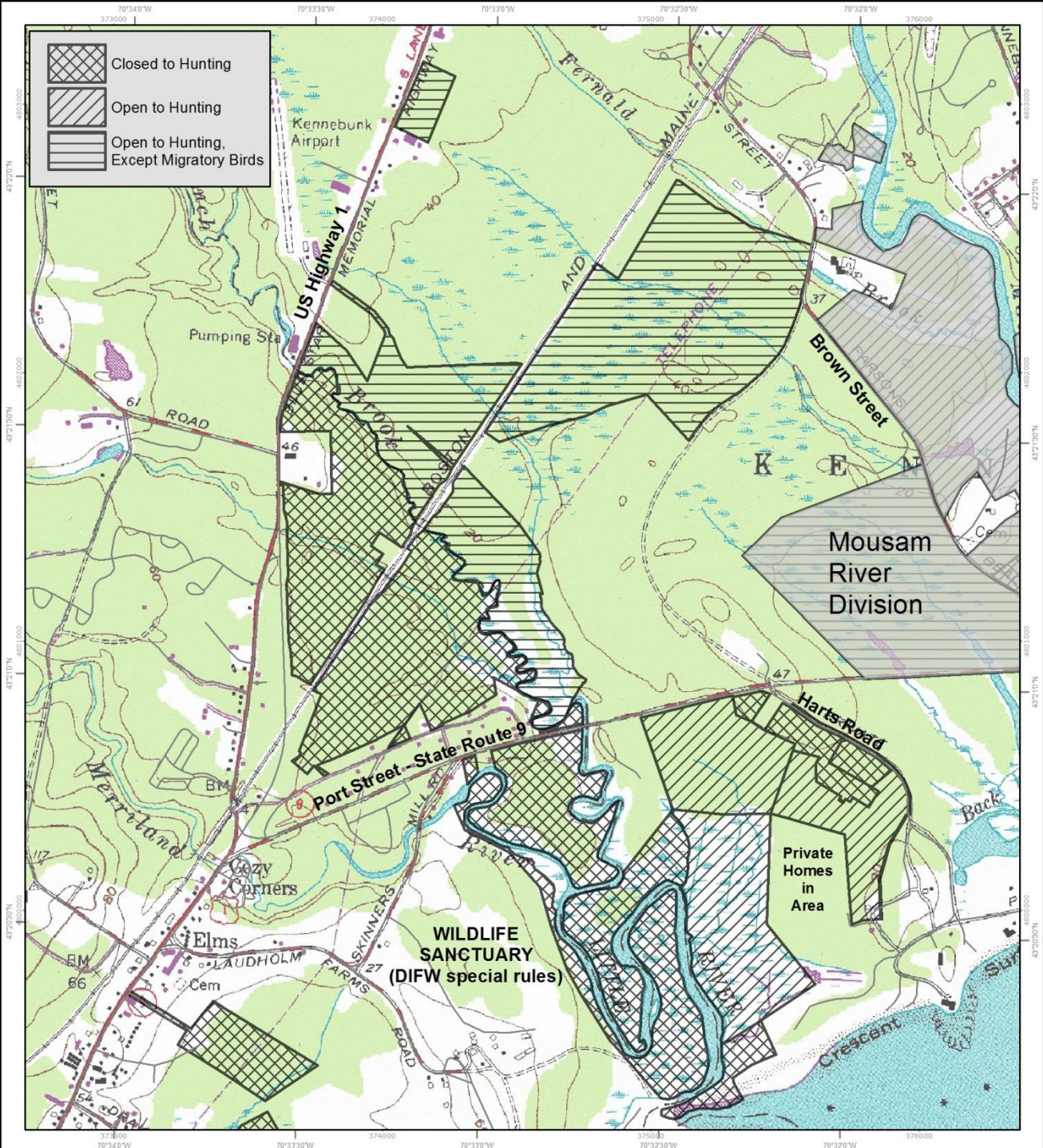
- A permit fee of \$5.00 is required to hunt during the **falconry** season.
- Falconry is permitted during the Special Falconry Season.
- Falconry is permitted in designated areas.

*** BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET AND BEYOND ***

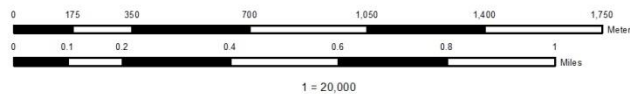


Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge Upper Wells Division Hunting Information

US Fish & Wildlife Service
Department of the Interior



Refuge boundaries and hunt information from USFWS
Map Projection: NAD_1983_UTM_Zone_19N



MOUSAM RIVER DIVISION HUNTING AREA

Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge
321 Port Road
Wells, Maine 04090
207-337-4462

***** HUNTING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED *****

The refuge is closed to All HUNTING (except Falconry) from February 1 - August 31, annually.

SPECIAL REFUGE REGULATIONS

- Fee permit required and must be carried with you while hunting.
- **ONLY** Shotgun, Archery and Falconry hunting is permitted. No Muzzleloader season.
- During firearms deer season you must wear two articles of hunter orange clothing. One article must be a solid-colored hunter orange hat; the other must cover a major portion of the torso, such as a jacket, vest, coat, or poncho and must be a minimum of 50% hunter orange in color.

BIG GAME

- A permit fee of \$10.00 is required to hunt **deer and/or fall turkey.**
 - Shotgun and Archery hunting permitted. No Muzzleloader season.
 - Designated areas are open for the archery and firearm seasons only.
 - Only **portable** tree stands are permitted. Tree stands MUST BE REMOVED each day.
- WEAR A HARNESS!
- The use of nails, wire, screws or bolts to attach a stand to a tree, or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven to support a hunter is prohibited. You must keep vegetation disturbance (including tree limbs) to a minimum.
 - Fox & coyote may be hunted **ONLY** during the State archery and firearm deer seasons with bow or shotgun.
 - The refuge will be open on the special one-day youth season for deer only as designated by the State to youths with valid refuge permits.
 - **Only the Fall Turkey** season, as designated by the State, will be allowed on the refuge. All State laws apply.

MIGRATORY BIRDS

- A permit fee of \$10.00 is required to hunt **migratory birds.**
- Hunting of migratory game birds (ducks, geese, woodcock), is permitted in designated areas.
- **Nontoxic shot** is required for hunting Migratory Birds.
- Only portable blinds permitted. Blinds, boats, and decoys MUST BE REMOVED each day.
- Sea ducks may **only** be hunted within the refuge when their open season coincides with the regular waterfowl season.
- The refuge will be open on the special one-day youth season as designated by the State to youths with valid refuge permits.
- Valid Federal and State Duck Stamps required for hunting migratory birds.

UPLAND GAME BIRDS

- A permit fee of \$5.00 is required to hunt **upland game birds** (grouse).
- Hunting upland game birds is permitted in designated areas.
- **Non-toxic shot** is required for hunting **upland game.**

FALCONRY

- A permit fee of \$5.00 is required to hunt during the **falconry** season.

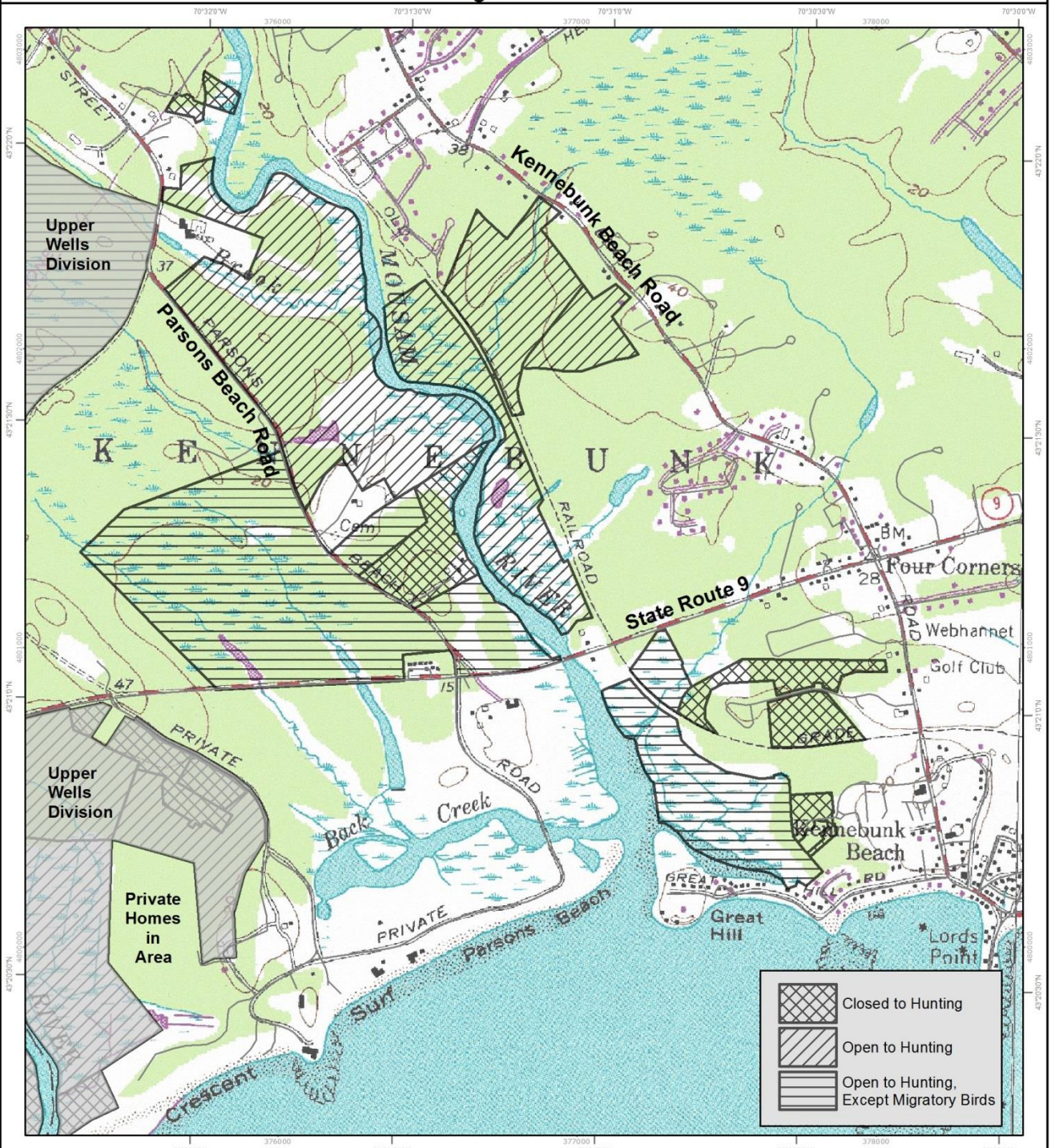
- Falconry is permitted during the Special Falconry Season.
- Falconry is permitted in designated areas.

*** BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET AND BEYOND ***



Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge Mousam River Division Hunting Information

US Fish & Wildlife Service
Department of the Interior



Refuge boundaries and hunt information from USFWS
Map Projection: NAD_1983_UTM_Zone_19N



GOOSEROCKS DIVISION HUNTING AREA

Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge
321 Port Road
Wells, Maine 04090
207-337-4462

***** HUNTING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED *****

The refuge is closed to All HUNTING (except Falconry) from February 1 - August 31, annually.

SPECIAL REFUGE REGULATIONS

- Fee permit required and must be carried with you while hunting.
- ONLY Shotgun, Archery and Falconry hunting is permitted. No Muzzleloader season.
- During firearms deer season you must wear two articles of hunter orange clothing. One article must be a solid-colored hunter orange hat; the other must cover a major portion of the torso, such as a jacket, vest, coat, or poncho and must be a minimum of 50% hunter orange in color.
- Only youths 17 and under may hunt in specially designated areas, youths under 16 must be accompanied by a licensed and permitted adult, who can also hunt.

BIG GAME

- A permit fee of \$10.00 is required to hunt **deer and/or turkey.**
- Shotgun and Archery hunting permitted. No Muzzleloader season.
- Designated areas are open for the archery and firearm seasons only.
- Only **portable** tree stands are permitted. Tree stands MUST BE REMOVED each day. WEAR A HARNESS!
- The use of nails, wire, screws or bolts to attach a stand to a tree, or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven to support a hunter is prohibited. You must keep vegetation disturbance (including tree limbs) to a minimum.
- Fox & coyote may be hunted ONLY during the State archery and firearm deer seasons with shotgun or bow.
- The refuge will be open on the special one-day youth season for deer only as designated by the State to youths with valid refuge permits.
- **Only** the **Fall Turkey** season, as designated by the State, will be allowed on the refuge. All State laws apply.

MIGRATORY BIRDS

- A permit fee of \$10.00 is required to hunt **migratory birds.**
- Hunting of migratory game birds (ducks, geese, woodcock), is permitted in designated areas.
- **Nontoxic shot** is required for hunting Migratory Birds.
- Only portable blinds permitted. Blinds, boats, and decoys MUST BE REMOVED each day.
- Sea ducks may **only** be hunted within the refuge when their open season coincides with the regular waterfowl season.
- The refuge will be open on the special one-day youth season as designated by the State to youths with valid refuge permits.
- Valid Federal and State Duck Stamps required for hunting migratory birds.

UPLAND GAME BIRDS

- A permit fee of \$5.00 is required to hunt **upland game birds** (grouse).
- Hunting upland game birds is permitted in designated areas.
- **Non-toxic shot** is required for hunting **upland game.**

FALCONRY

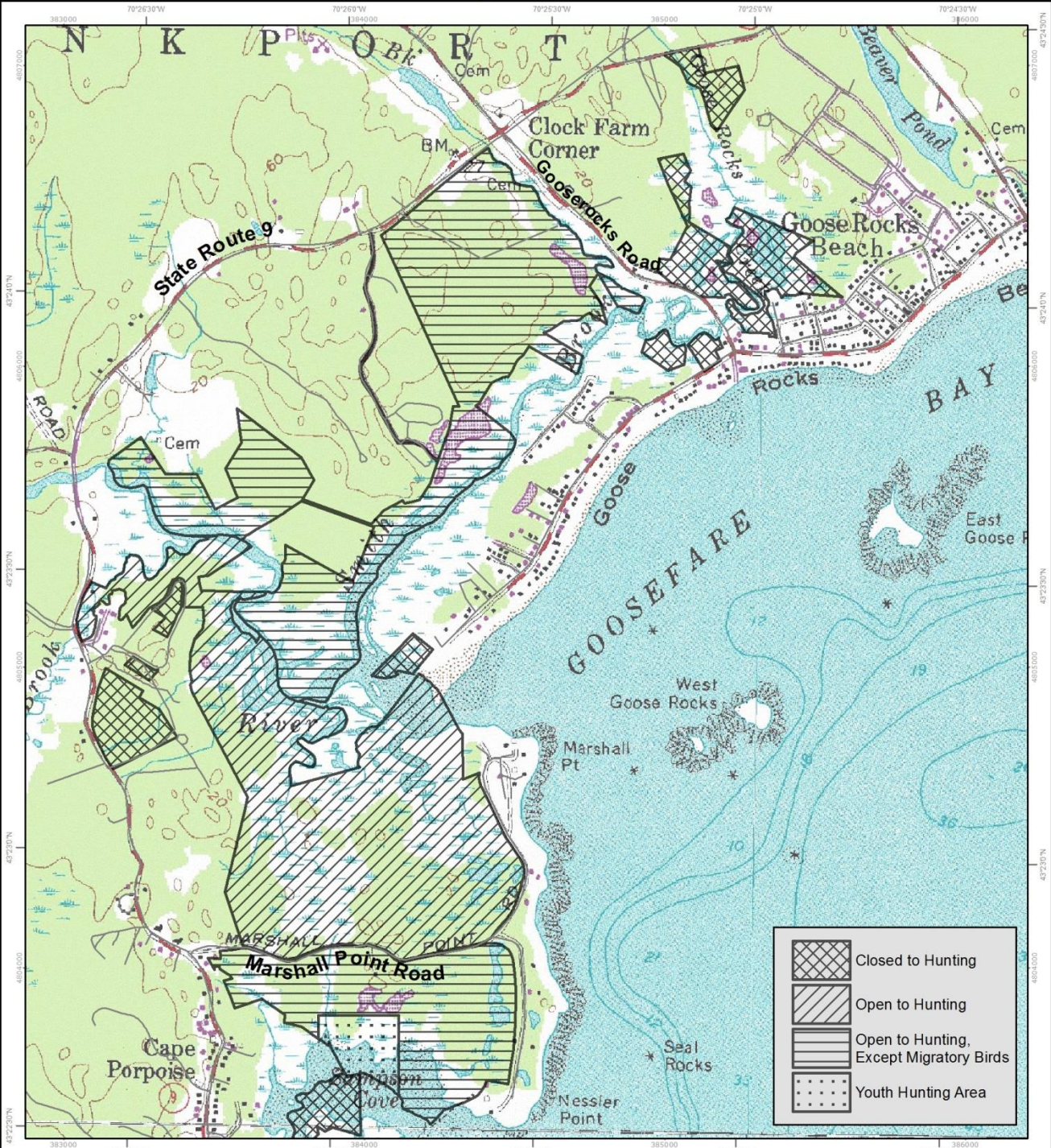
- A permit fee of \$5.00 is required to hunt during the **falconry** season.
- Falconry is permitted during the Special Falconry Season.
- Falconry is permitted in designated areas.

* BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET AND BEYOND *

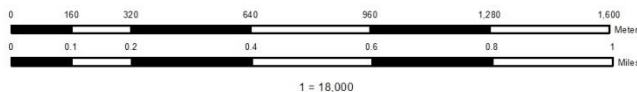


Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge Goose Rocks Division Hunting Information

US Fish & Wildlife Service
Department of the Interior



Refuge boundaries and hunt information from USFWS
Map Projection: NAD_1983_UTM_Zone_19N



LITTLE RIVER DIVISION HUNTING AREA

Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge
321 Port Road
Wells, Maine 04090
207-337-4462

*** HUNTING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED ***

The refuge is closed to All HUNTING (except Falconry) from February 1 - August 31, annually.

SPECIAL REFUGE REGULATIONS

- Fee permit required and must be carried with you while hunting.
- ONLY Archery hunting is permitted.

BIG GAME

- A permit fee of \$10.00 is required to hunt **deer and/or turkey.**
- Designated areas are open for the archery season only.
- Only **portable** tree stands are permitted. Tree stands MUST BE REMOVED each day. WEAR A HARNESS!
- The use of nails, wire, screws or bolts to attach a stand to a tree, or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven to support a hunter is prohibited. You must keep vegetation disturbance (including tree limbs) to a minimum.
- Fox & coyote may be hunted ONLY during the State archery deer seasons.
- The refuge will be open on the special one-day youth season for deer only as designated by the State to youths with valid refuge permits.
- Only the Fall Turkey season, as designated by the State, will be allowed on the refuge.
- All State laws apply.

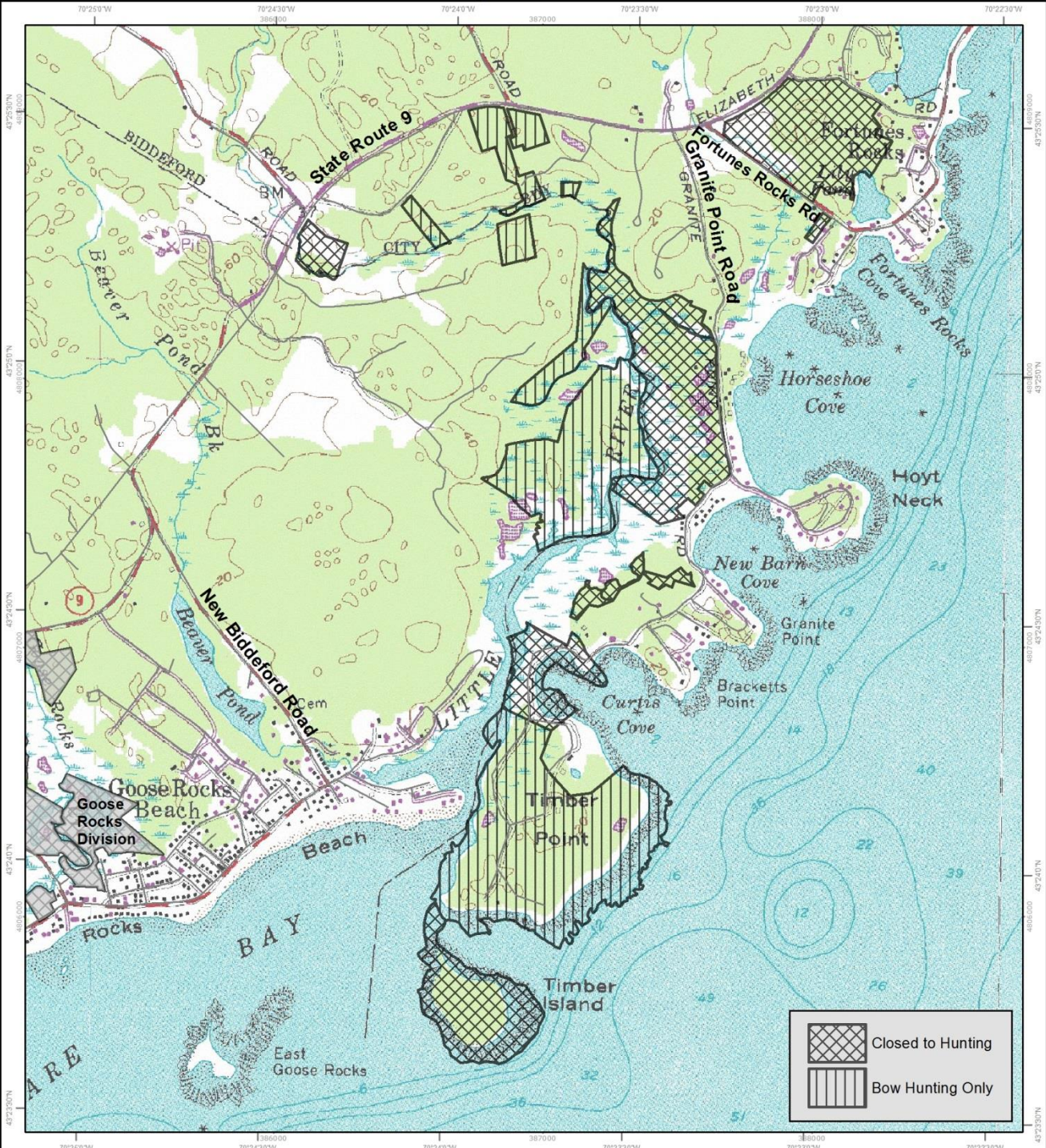
NOTE: Timber Point Trail will remain open to the public during hunting season. Do not shoot towards the trail.

* BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET AND BEYOND *

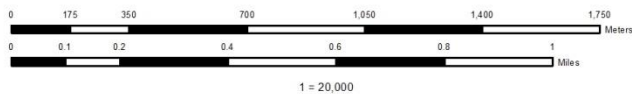


Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge Little River Division Hunting Information

US Fish & Wildlife Service
Department of the Interior



Refuge boundaries and hunt information from USFWS
Map Projection: NAD_1983_UTM_Zone_19N



GOOSEFARE BROOK DIVISION HUNTING AREA

Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge
321 Port Road
Wells, Maine 04090
207-337-4462

***** HUNTING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED *****

The refuge is closed to All HUNTING (except Falconry) from February 1 - August 31, annually.

SPECIAL REFUGE REGULATIONS

- Fee permit required and must be carried with you while hunting.
- **No** waterfowl, woodcock or falconry hunting allowed.
- ONLY Shotgun and Archery hunting are permitted. No Muzzleloader season.
- During firearms deer season you must wear two articles of hunter orange clothing. One article must be a solid-colored hunter orange hat; the other must cover a major portion of the torso, such as a jacket, vest, coat, or poncho and must be a minimum of 50% hunter orange in color.

BIG GAME

- A permit fee of \$10.00 is required to hunt **deer and/or fall turkey.**
 - Shotgun and Archery hunting permitted. No Muzzleloader season.
 - Designated areas are open for the archery and firearm seasons only.
 - Only **portable** tree stands are permitted. Tree stands MUST BE REMOVED each day.
- WEAR A HARNESS!
- The use of nails, wire, screws or bolts to attach a stand to a tree, or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven to support a hunter is prohibited. You must keep vegetation disturbance (including tree limbs) to a minimum.
 - Fox & coyote may be hunted ONLY during the State archery and firearm deer seasons with shotgun or bow.
 - The refuge will be open on the special one-day youth season for deer only as designated by the State to youths with valid refuge permits.
 - **Only the Fall Turkey** season, as designated by the State, will be allowed on the refuge. All State laws apply.

UPLAND GAME BIRDS

- A permit fee of \$5.00 is required to hunt **upland game birds** (grouse).
- Hunting upland game birds is permitted in designated areas.
- **Non-toxic shot** is required for hunting **upland game.**

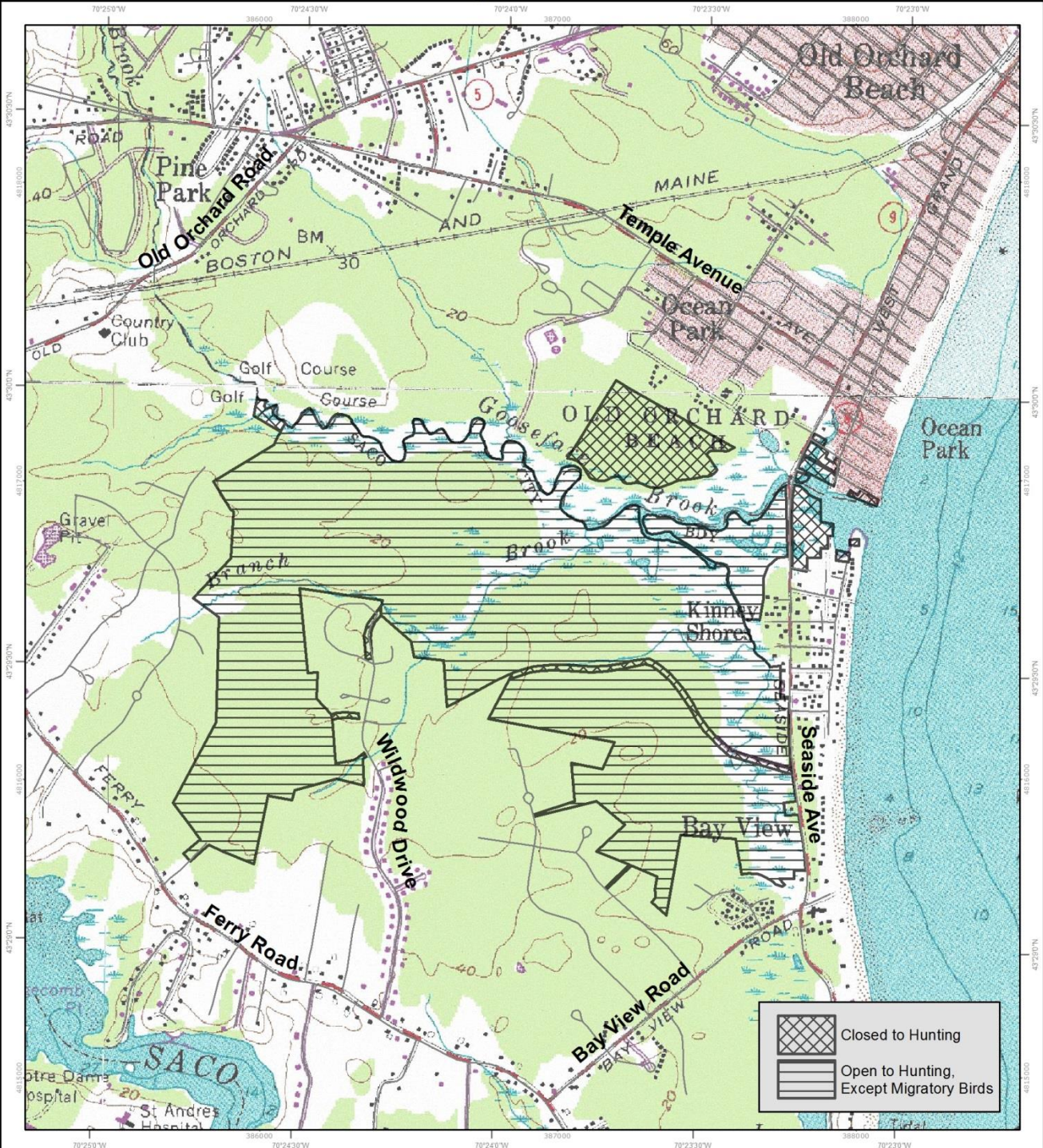
NOTE: Atlantic Way, Plymouth, and Vines Trails will remain open to the public during hunting season. Do not shoot towards the trails.

*** BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET AND BEYOND ***

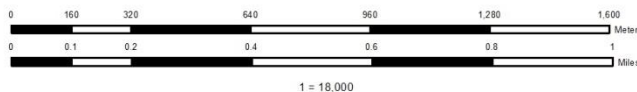


Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge Goosefare Brook Division Hunting Information

US Fish & Wildlife Service
Department of the Interior



Refuge boundaries and hunt information from USFWS
Map Projection: NAD_1983_UTM_Zone_19N



SPURWINK RIVER DIVISION HUNTING AREA

Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge
321 Port Road
Wells, Maine 04090
207-337-4462

***** HUNTING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED *****

The refuge is closed to All HUNTING (except Falconry) from February 1 - August 31, annually.

SPECIAL REFUGE REGULATIONS

- Fee permit required and must be carried with you while hunting.
- **ONLY** Shotgun, Archery and Falconry hunting is permitted. No Muzzleloader season.
- During firearms deer season you must wear two articles of hunter orange clothing. One article must be a solid-colored hunter orange hat; the other must cover a major portion of the torso, such as a jacket, vest, coat, or poncho and must be a minimum of 50% hunter orange in color.

BIG GAME

- A permit fee of \$10.00 is required to hunt **deer and/or turkey.**
 - Shotgun and Archery hunting permitted. No Muzzleloader season.
 - Designated areas are open for the archery and firearm seasons only.
 - Only **portable** tree stands are permitted. Tree stands MUST BE REMOVED each day.
- WEAR A HARNESS!
- The use of nails, wire, screws or bolts to attach a stand to a tree, or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven to support a hunter is prohibited. You must keep vegetation disturbance (including tree limbs) to a minimum.
 - Fox & coyote may be hunted **ONLY** during the State archery and firearm deer seasons with shotgun or bow.
 - The refuge will be open on the special one-day youth season for deer only as designated by the State to youths with valid refuge permits.
 - **Only the Fall Turkey** season, as designated by the State, will be allowed on the refuge. All State laws apply.

MIGRATORY BIRDS

- A permit fee of \$10.00 is required to hunt **migratory birds.**
- Hunting of migratory game birds (ducks, geese, woodcock), is permitted in designated areas.
- **Nontoxic shot** is required for hunting Migratory Birds.
- Only portable blinds permitted. Blinds, boats, and decoys MUST BE REMOVED each day.
- Sea ducks may **only** be hunted within the refuge when their open season coincides with the regular waterfowl season.
- The refuge will be open on the special one-day youth season as designated by the State to youths with valid refuge permits.
- Valid Federal and State Duck Stamps required for hunting migratory birds.

UPLAND GAME BIRDS

- A permit fee of \$5.00 is required to hunt **upland game birds** (grouse).
- Hunting upland game birds is permitted in designated areas.
- **Non-toxic shot** is required for hunting **upland game.**

FALCONRY

- A permit fee of \$5.00 is required to hunt during the **falconry** season.

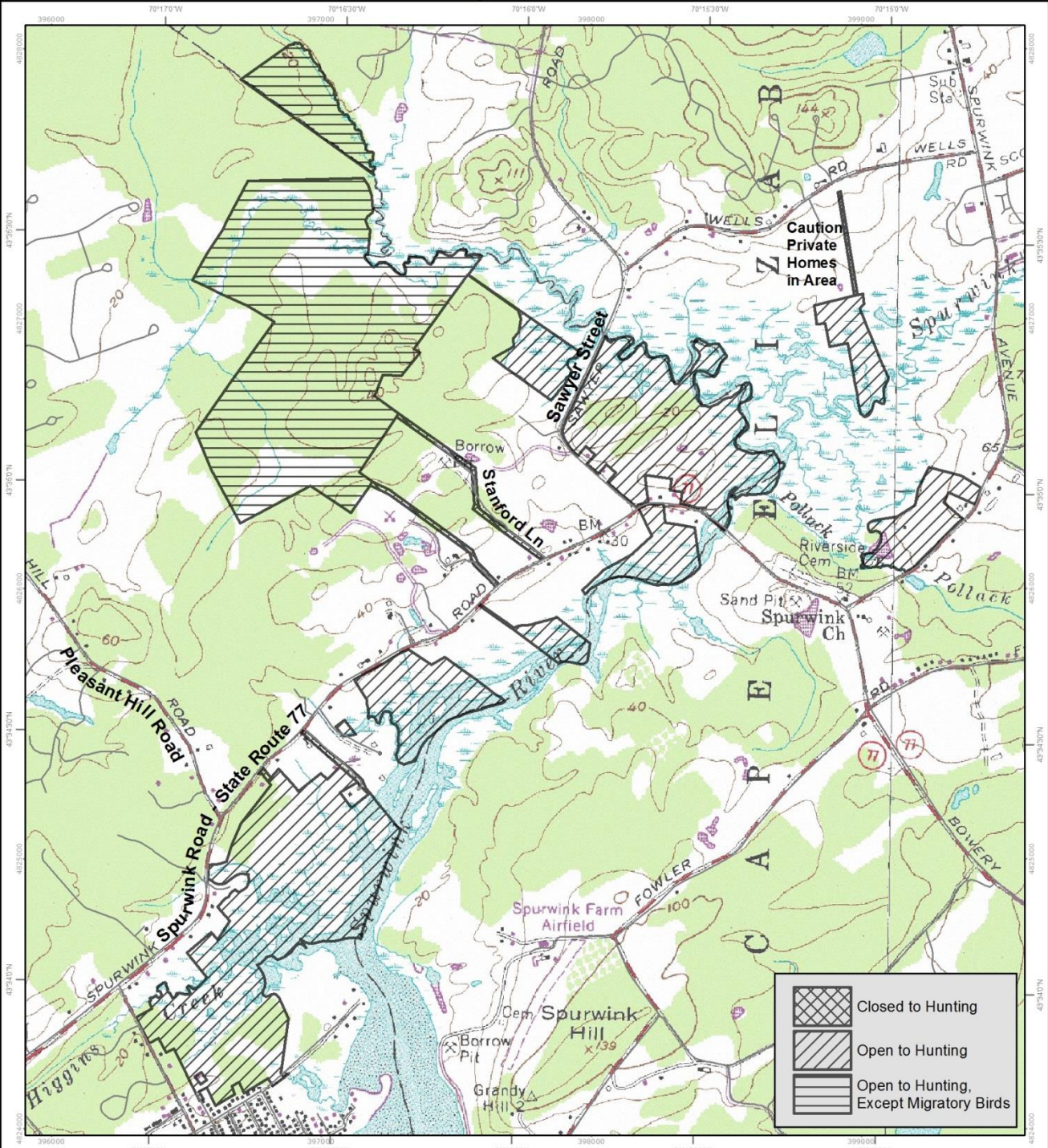
- Falconry is permitted during the Special Falconry Season.
- Falconry is permitted in designated areas.

*** BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET AND BEYOND**



Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge Spurwink River Division Hunting Information

US Fish & Wildlife Service
Department of the Interior



Refuge boundaries and hunt information from USFWS
Map Projection: NAD_1983_UTM_Zone_19N

