

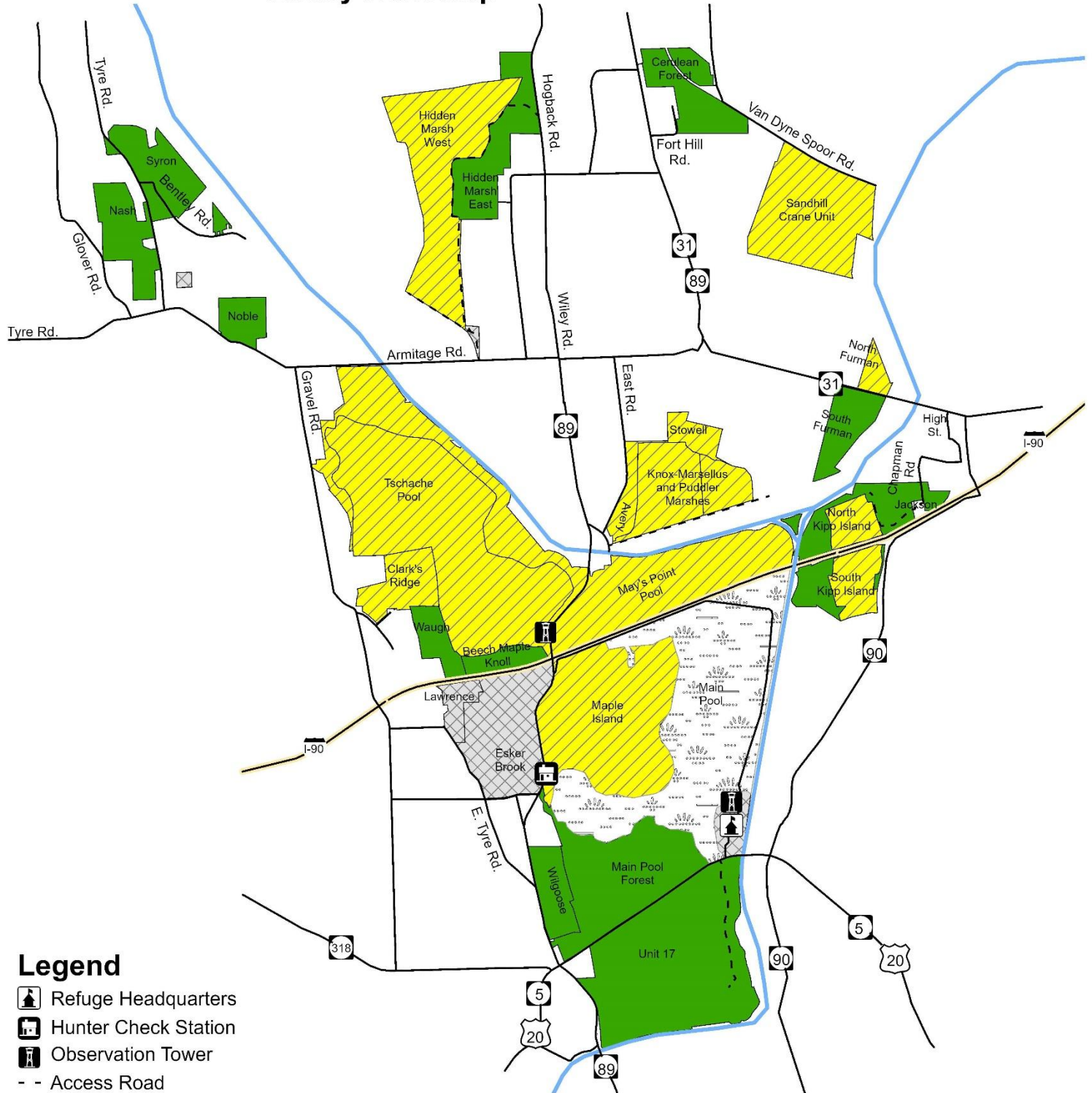


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Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge

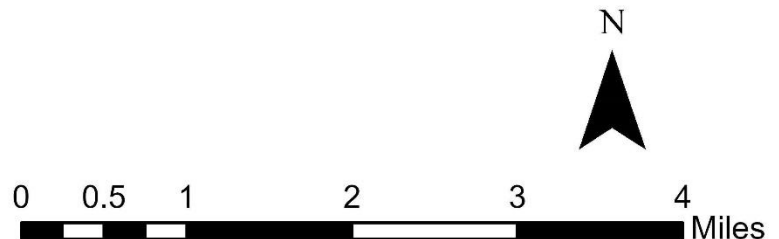
Turkey Hunt Map



Legend

- Refuge Headquarters
- Hunter Check Station
- Observation Tower
- Access Road

- Open Fall, Spring, and Youth Turkey Hunting
- Open Fall Only Turkey Hunting
- Open Water/Emergent Marsh - No Turkey Hunting
- No Turkey Hunting



- Abide by NY State implement discharge regulations.
- Other hunts also occur on the refuge during the fall turkey season.
- Refuge access roads only open during Fall Turkey Season



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Welcome

Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1938 as a refuge and breeding ground for migratory birds and other wildlife. Part of the Montezuma Wetlands Complex, this 10,000+-acre refuge provides essential habitat for many species of resident and migratory birds. A popular destination for outdoor recreation, Montezuma NWR turkey hunting in accordance with New York State laws and refuge specific regulations.

Hunt Dates

Fall 10/18/25 – 10/31/2025

Youth 4/25/26 & 4/26/26

Spring 5/1/26 – 5/31/26

NOTICE

- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages and of recreational and illegal substances while hunting is prohibited.
- Vehicles blocking gates or roads will result in a citation, a fine, and possible towing.
- Respect adjacent landowners' property; please do not trespass.

Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge

3395 U.S. Route 20 East

Seneca Falls, NY 13148

315-568-5987

<https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Montezuma>

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1-800-344-WILD

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

Hunt Information

Montezuma NWR is open for the New York State fall, spring, and youth turkey hunting seasons. **All hunters must possess a valid daily permit (FWS Form 3-2542 Harvest Report)**, which is available at the Hunter Check Station (1095 State Route 89, Seneca Falls, 13148). Keep your permit on your person while afield. You may enter the refuge to obtain a permit no earlier than 2 hours before legal sunrise.

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 New York regulations subject to the conditions stated below.

Blinds: We permit the use of ground blinds. Stands and blinds must be removed at the end of each hunt day per New York State Wildlife Management Area regulations. Hunting from a stand or blind that has been left overnight is not permitted.

Harvest Reporting

In addition to meeting statewide harvest reporting requirements, hunters must complete a Harvest Report (FWS form 3-2542) and return it to the refuge by the end of the day.

Access

The refuge is open to the State's fall, spring, and youth turkey seasons. Turkey hunters may access the Refuge two hours before legal sunrise until two hours after legal shooting time. Turkey hunting is permitted on designated areas of the refuge. The Wildlife Drive, Seneca Trail, and Esker Brook/South Spring Pool Trail areas are not open for turkey hunting. Access for turkey hunting is by foot from designated areas.

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>. An ADA-compliant hunting platform is available to hunters with a disabled hunting license or America the Beautiful Access pass (prior notice is needed; first come, first served; call (315) 200-8489).

Vehicles: Licensed motor vehicles are permitted only on public use roads as shown on the map. ATVs and UTVs are prohibited.