

Welcome
Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge is home to over 26 species of plants and animals that exist nowhere else on earth.

The refuge was established and is managed to protect rare, threatened, and endangered plants, animals, and their habitats. The information in this pamphlet supports the refuge management plan.

Safety
Visitors, staff, and private landowners are always present on the refuge and will not be wearing orange safety vests. Always use caution! Do not enter private lands or restricted areas for any reason.

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.)

Shotguns are the only firearms permitted and must be used in regulation with state hunt program. Only non-toxic shot may be possessed by hunters in the field. All firearms must be unloaded and dismantled or cased while in vehicles. Hunters are responsible for picking up litter, including discharged shells.

Vehicles
Only registered and insured passenger vehicles are allowed on the refuge. Passenger vehicle is defined as a “motor vehicle that is designed, constructed or adapted for the principal purpose of transporting passengers,” but excludes off-highway vehicles.

All off-highway vehicles (OHVs) are prohibited.

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>.

Activity	Season Dates	Harvest	Hunt Areas	Regulation
Quail, geese, ducks, coots, moorhen, snipe and dove	During the appropriate season, as outlined in Nevada hunt guide.	As specified in Nevada hunt guide.	Waterfowl only at Crystal and Peterson Reservoir, Horseshoe Marsh, and Lower Crystal Marsh.	Decoys may be used but not left overnight.
Cottontail and Jackrabbits	During the appropriate season, as outlined in Nevada hunt guide. Hunting of Jackrabbits is permitted only during the state cottontail season.	As specified in Nevada hunt guide.		

Boats
Boats and all other watercraft are not allowed on the refuge, including use during waterfowl 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 Nevada regulations for the current year, except where federal regulations differ to protect visitors, staff, or protected species. Brochures may be obtained by mail, at the refuge headquarters, or from the refuge website.

<https://www.ndow.org/rules-regulations/>

Access
Hunters may only access the refuge 1 hour before legal sunrise and until 1 hour after legal sunset (CFR 32.47 (a)).

Invasive Species
Invasive species are a preventable problem. Help the refuge protect the endemic species living here by taking these precautions before hunting on the refuge:

Clean visible plants, animals, and mud from boots, waders, hip boots, decoys, decoy lines, and all other hunting gear before using at the refuge. Use non-felt soled boots to

further reduce the spread of aquatic invasive species. Brush hunting dogs and rinse kennels with tap water before hunting.

Sanitize gear and allow it to thoroughly dry before transporting to the refuge. Dry times for gear used in muddy areas, streams, or other water bodies should be at least 5-7 days.

Avoid crossing waterways and wetted areas on the refuge. Dogs are not allowed in waterways.

Do not wear boots or waders that were worn in areas known to contain quagga mussels, golden mussels, zebra mussels, or New Zealand mud snails. For more information on preventing aquatic invasives, please visit: <https://www.fws.gov/apps/program/aquatic-invasive-species>.

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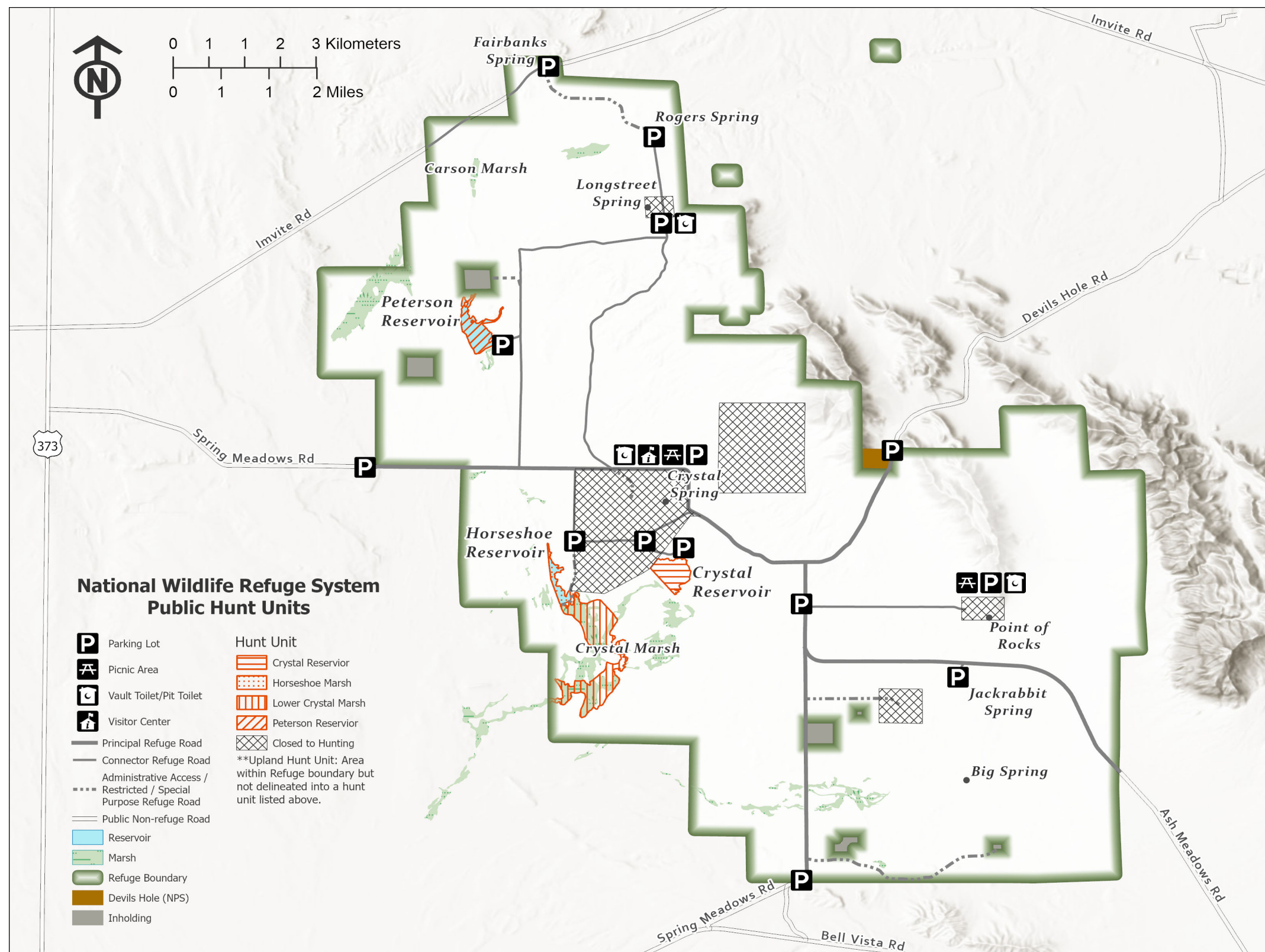


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Be A Good Steward. Clean. Drain. Dry.

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National Wildlife Refuge
Hunting and Fishing Regulations
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Prohibited Activities

By law, recreational activities on national wildlife refuges are prohibited unless expressly permitted. The following are prohibited at Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge:

- Hunting in or over any springs or stream channels.
- Boating or use of watercraft.
- Animal carcasses or remains in trash cans.
- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting.
- Hunting of predators.
- Shooting from or across maintained refuge roads.
- Fires, fireworks, or smoking outside vehicles or outside designated smoking areas.
- Fishing, off highway vehicles (OHVs) use, horseback riding, or collecting of antiquities, artifacts, plants, wildlife, or other natural objects.
- Hunting within 200 yards of any public use facility.
- Overnight parking or camping.
- Dogs off leash when not hunting.
- Dogs in springs or other waterways for any reason.

Signs and Boundaries

Please respect the following signs:

No Vehicles: All Traffic Prohibited

Refuge Boundary: Entry permitted in accordance with refuge regulations.

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

