

Cedar Point

National Wildlife Refuge Hunting and Fishing Regulations



Welcome

Cedar Point National Wildlife Refuge, established in 1964, covers 2,445 acres and was donated by the Cedar Point Shooting Club before being sold to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. It serves as a sanctuary for migratory birds and resident wildlife, including endangered species, and offers controlled hunting, wildlife viewing, photography, paddling, and fishing opportunities to the public.

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

The Refuge allows non-motorized boats (i.e., canoe, kayak, john boat) in the fishing access area and within the areas designated for waterfowl hunting (i.e., Potter's Pond, Pheasant Farm, Gradel Marsh). Boats are prohibited in Cedar Point Pool 1. Motorized boats are allowed in the lake which includes Potter's pond.

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 Civil Rights, <https://www.doi.gov/pmb/eeo/public-civil-rights>.

Hunting and Fishing Regulations

Hunting and fishing regulations are designed to provide safe recreational opportunities through wise use of renewable wildlife resources. Hunting and fishing are 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.

State and local laws are also applicable while hunting on Cedar Point National Wildlife Refuge. Non-Toxic shot, as defined in 50 CFR 20.21(j) for upland / small game, turkey & waterfowl is required. We allow the use of dogs while hunting in accordance with state law. The dog must remain under control of the hunter at all times.

Fishing is allowed in designated fishing areas in accordance with State of Ohio regulations, seasons, and harvest limits, subject to the conditions stated here. The refuge prohibits the take of any turtle, frog, leech, minnow, crayfish, and mussel species by any method. Fishing is permitted from legal sunrise to legal sunset. Anglers must remove all boats, ice fishing structures, devices, and personal property from the refuge each day.

Types of Hunts

Refuge offers three types of hunter access, Open, Daily Permit (Gradel Marsh), and Controlled Hunting Access Lotteries. The areas are listed in the table and map of this brochure.

- Open units, and their applicable species are listed in the table and map of this brochure. No additional permit is required to access these units.

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For State relay service: V/TTY: 1-800-750-0750

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
1-800-344-WILD

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- Gradel Marsh Unit is part of daily permit system run by Ottawa NWR. Individuals obtain these access permits through recreation.gov (https://www.recreation.gov/search?activity_tags=featured-hunt-fish) to reserve a daily access permit.
- Controlled Hunting Access Lottery units are issued through ODNR. Individuals apply through the states website ([https://ohiodnr.gov/buy-and-apply/hunting-fishing-boating / hunting-resources/controlled-hunting-trapping](https://ohiodnr.gov/buy-and-apply/hunting-fishing-boating/hunting-resources/controlled-hunting-trapping)) to receive an access permit.

Hunting Access

Hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 1½ hours before legal sunrise or state designated shooting hour and must leave the refuge no later than 1 hour after legal sunset or state designated shooting time, unless otherwise stated in a permit.

Hunting Hours:

State listed hunting hours with the exception of upland game species.

We prohibit night hunting of upland / small game from ½ hour after legal sunset until ½ hour before legal sunrise the following day.

Equipment

We allow one portable deer stand or ground blind per refuge unit. We allow placement of tree stands and ground blinds after September 1 and require hunters to remove tree stands and ground blinds by the last day in February of each year. We require deer stands and ground blinds to be labeled with the hunter's Ohio customer identification number. Permanent tree stands, nails, screw-in steps, or other items that penetrate the outer bark of a tree is prohibited.

To Report Violations

Turn In a Poacher (TIP) Line: 1-800-POACHER

Report Wildlife Crimes 1-844-FWS-TIPS (397-8477)
fws_tips@fws.gov

Prohibited Activities

By law, recreational activities on national wildlife refuges are prohibited unless expressly permitted.

- Possession of alcoholic beverages or any illegal drug or drug paraphernalia.
- Camping and fires.
- Use of ATV / UTVs
- Use of motor vehicles other than on designated routes of travel.
- Target shooting.
- Destroying or removing any natural items such as antlers, plants, historic, and archaeological features, which are protected by Federal law.
- Littering, marking, flagging any tree or other refuge feature with reflectors, paint, or other human-made materials to mark trails or hunting locations.
- Introducing, liberating or placing plants or animals, or their parts taken elsewhere, on refuge lands or waters.
- Abandoning or disposing of personal property, animal carcasses, trash, refuse, rocks, wood or other debris.
- Disturbing of plants and animals other than those authorized to be harvested, including cutting, mowing, sawing, digging, collecting, injuring or removing vegetation.
- Permanent tree stands, nails, screw-in steps, or other items that penetrate the outer bark of a tree.
- Use of electronic or photographic trail monitoring devices.
- Use a spotlight, headlight or other artificial light to spot, locate or take any wild animal.
- Use of any aircraft, drones, and other unmanned aerial vehicles on the refuge - for either recreational or commercial purposes.
- Distribution of feed or bait, or hunting over bait.
- Hunting or shooting within 150 feet (45.7 meters) of any structure, building, or parking lot.
- Trapping without a permit from ONWR

Activity	Unit	Special Regulations
Big Game: (White-tailed deer & Wild Turkey)	Pheasant Farm, Potter's Pond and shoreline areas, *Gradel Marsh, *Cedar Point Pool 1 (Controlled Big Game)	State regulations apply. Non-toxic shot required for Turkey hunting.
Small Game: (fox, raccon, coyote, skunk, opossum, rabbit, squirrel, pheasant, woodchuck, chukar, and American crow)	Pheasant Farm, Potter's Pond and shoreline areas, *Gradel Marsh	State regulations apply. Non-toxic shot required.
Migratory Birds: (goose, duck, merganser, coot, moorhen/gallinule, mourning dove, rails, snipe, Woodcock)	Pheasant Farm, Potter's Pond and shoreline areas, *Gradel Marsh	State regulations apply. Non-toxic shot required.
Fishing (May-September)	Fishing in wetland units prohibited	State regulations apply. Fishing authorized in two borrow ponds only.
Refer to map for special hunt permit required units. Refer to the map for specific closed areas. Areas around the City of Toledo Low Service Pump Station are closed. *Access with special hunt permit. State regulations apply for bag limits and state seasons		

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Parking area coordinates:

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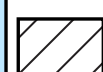
For the west parking lot:

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 Refuge Boundary

 Open Areas

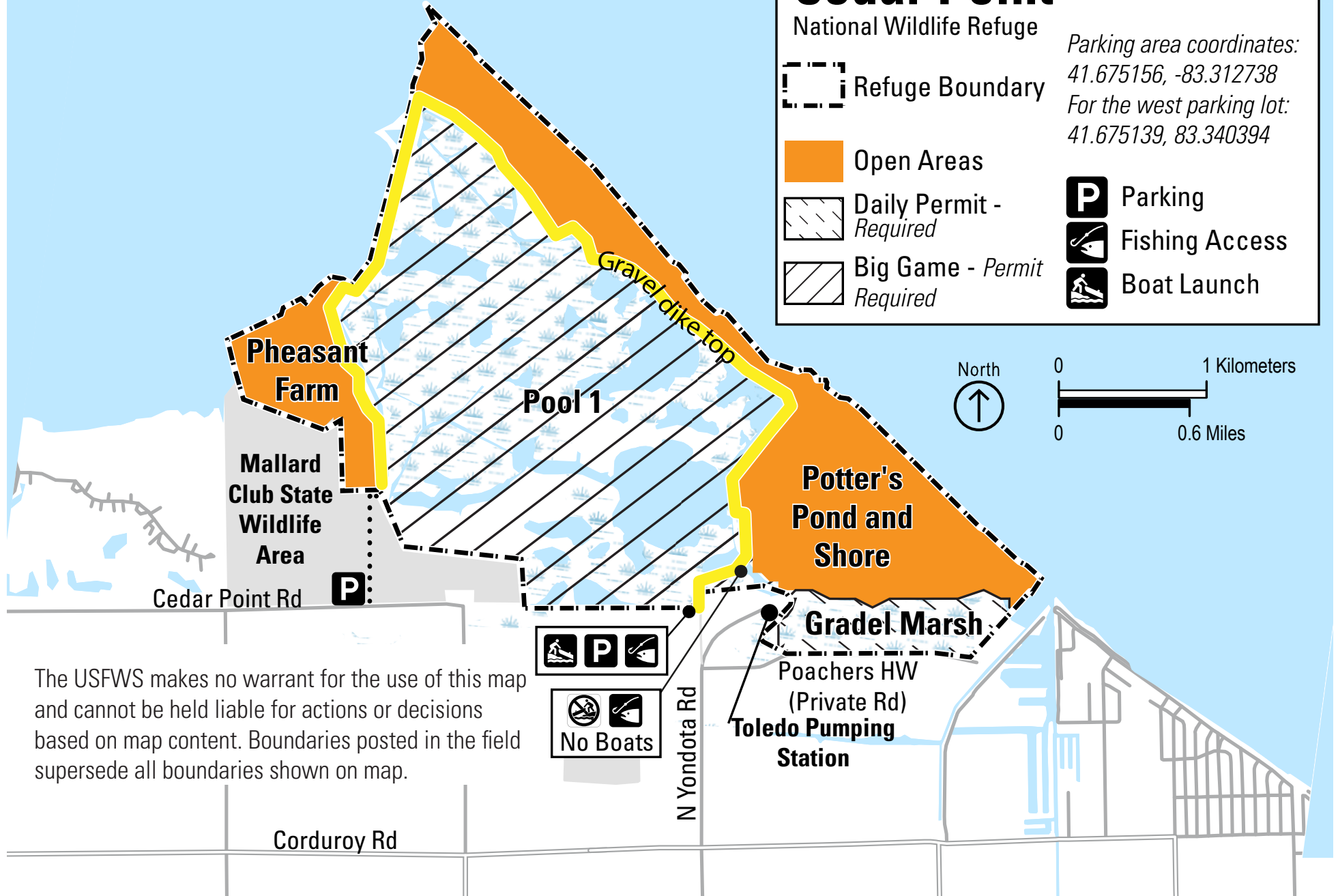
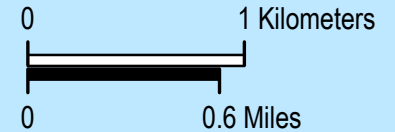
 Daily Permit -
Required

 Big Game - Permit
Required

 Parking

 Fishing Access

 Boat Launch



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