This goose, designed by J.N. "Ding" Darling, is the symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Arrowwood

National Wildlife Refuge

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General Refuge Information

Welcome to Arrowwood National Wildlife Refuge, one of over 570 refuges and 38 wetland management districts in the National Wildlife Refuge System—a network of lands set aside specifically for wildlife. Managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Refuge System is a living heritage, conserving wildlife and habitat for people today and for generations to come.

Refuge headquarters is open from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, except for Federal holidays. The Refuge is open from 1½ hours before sunrise until 1½ hours after sunset.

Refuge headquarters can be reached via Highway 281 by driving east on 11th Street SE for 5½ miles and 1 mile north on the Refuge Road. To reach the Refuge headquarters from Highway 9, travel west on 11th Street SE for 5½ miles and 1 mile north on the refuge road.

General Regulations

The area surrounding the refuge headquarters is closed to all hunting and entry as shown on the map.

- Off-trail vehicle travel is strictly prohibited.
- Snowmobiles and all other off-road vehicles are prohibited.
- Parked vehicles must not block refuge gates.
- Open fires, camping, and littering are prohibited.
- The distribution of bait and hunting over bait is prohibited.

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).

General Hunting Information

Hunting is allowed in accordance with State and Federal regulations, licenses and permits. It is the responsibility of the hunter to be aware of all special Refuge regulations.

Hunting is allowed for big game and upland game as described below. Hunting of all other wildlife species is prohibited on the Refuge.

Hunters requiring special accommodations should contact the Refuge Manager.

Big Game Hunting

White-tailed deer, mule deer, elk, moose and pronghorn antelope may be hunted on the refuge for all State offered seasons. Hunters are restricted to the unit, species, sex, and weapon indicated on State issued license and tags.

On the opening day of deer bow, youth, gun, or muzzleloader season, hunters must wait to enter the Refuge until 12:00 pm (noon). Thereafter, hunters may enter the Refuge 1½ hours before sunrise.

Bow and gun deer hunters must wear blaze orange during the regular deer gun season.

Permanent tree stands or blinds are not allowed on the Refuge. Temporary stands, blinds, and game cameras are allowed, but must be removed daily. Stands, steps, or cameras may be clamped, roped, or chained to trees, but may not be nailed or screwed directly to trees.

The refuge is open to big game hunting by foot travel only. Bicycles, boats, and horses are prohibited from accessing the refuge for big game hunting.

Vehicles may use designated trails on the east side of the refuge, as shown on the map, to retrieve harvested big game only during the following hours: 9:30 am to 10:00 am; 1:30 pm to 2:00 pm; and for 1 hour following legal shooting time. Retrieval times are posted on trail gates where vehicle access is allowed for retrieval. Hunting is not allowed while using a vehicle to retrieve tagged big game. Vehicle access is not allowed for transporting hunters into or out of the refuge.

Upland Game Hunting

Partridge, pheasant, grouse, tree squirrel, rabbit, fox, coyote, raccoon and skunk hunting is open from the close of North Dakota's regular deer gun season through the end of the state's upland game seasons, or March 31.

Lead-free shot is required for all shotgun hunting except turkey hunting (50 CFR §32.2(k)). Slugs, bullets, and other non-shot (single projectile) ammunition can contain lead. Lead shot may not be in the hunter's possession, unless turkey hunting with a state issued permit.

Dogs are only authorized on the refuge to hunt and retrieve legally shot upland game birds and must otherwise be confined or leashed while on the Refuge

Fox, Coyote, Racoon and Skunk

Individuals may hunt fox, coyote, skunk, raccoon, and rabbit from half an hour before sunrise until sunset. The use of dogs to hunt fox, coyote and racoon is prohibited.

Wild Turkey

Wild turkey is open in accordance with spring and fall state seasons. Lead shot use for turkey hunting is permitted.

Accessibility

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, www.doi.gov/accessibility.

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