

The Blue Goose is the symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System, a network of lands and waters managed for the benefit of wildlife and people.



Welcome

Audubon National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) is managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Refuge is 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. The Refuge System is a living heritage, conserving wildlife and habitat for people today and for generations to come.

We encourage hunters to voluntarily use non-lead ammunition and to follow best management practices when using lead ammunition to reduce impacts on wildlife. Learn more at <https://www.mafwa.org/voluntary-bmps>

General Information

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.

Hunting will be in accordance with applicable State of North Dakota regulations subject to the conditions stated below. Brochures may be obtained by mail, at the refuge headquarters, or from the refuge website.

Hours

Audubon NWR is open from 90 minutes before sunrise to 90 minutes past sunset, and legal shooting hours following State Regulations per species.

Pets

With the exception of dogs used for upland game bird hunting, pets must be on a leash controlled by their handler or inside a vehicle or fish house.

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.)

Prohibited Activities

The following activities are prohibited on the Refuge:

- Use of lead ammunition for shotgun hunting, except for turkey, (50 CFR 32.2(k))
- Leaving tree stands, blinds, or personal property overnight.
- Use of dogs except for grouse, partridge and pheasant
- Hunting within no hunting zones
- Searching for or removing natural items such as antlers, skulls, plants, or historic/archaeological features protected by federal law.
- Utilization of Drones (UAVs)
- Driving off-road; vehicle traffic allowed only on gravel roads, parking areas, and designated trails.
- Hunting any species not specifically allowed.
- Commercial guiding or outfitting.
- Target or recreational shooting.
- Accessing the refuge from private property.
- Baiting or using scent wicks/lures

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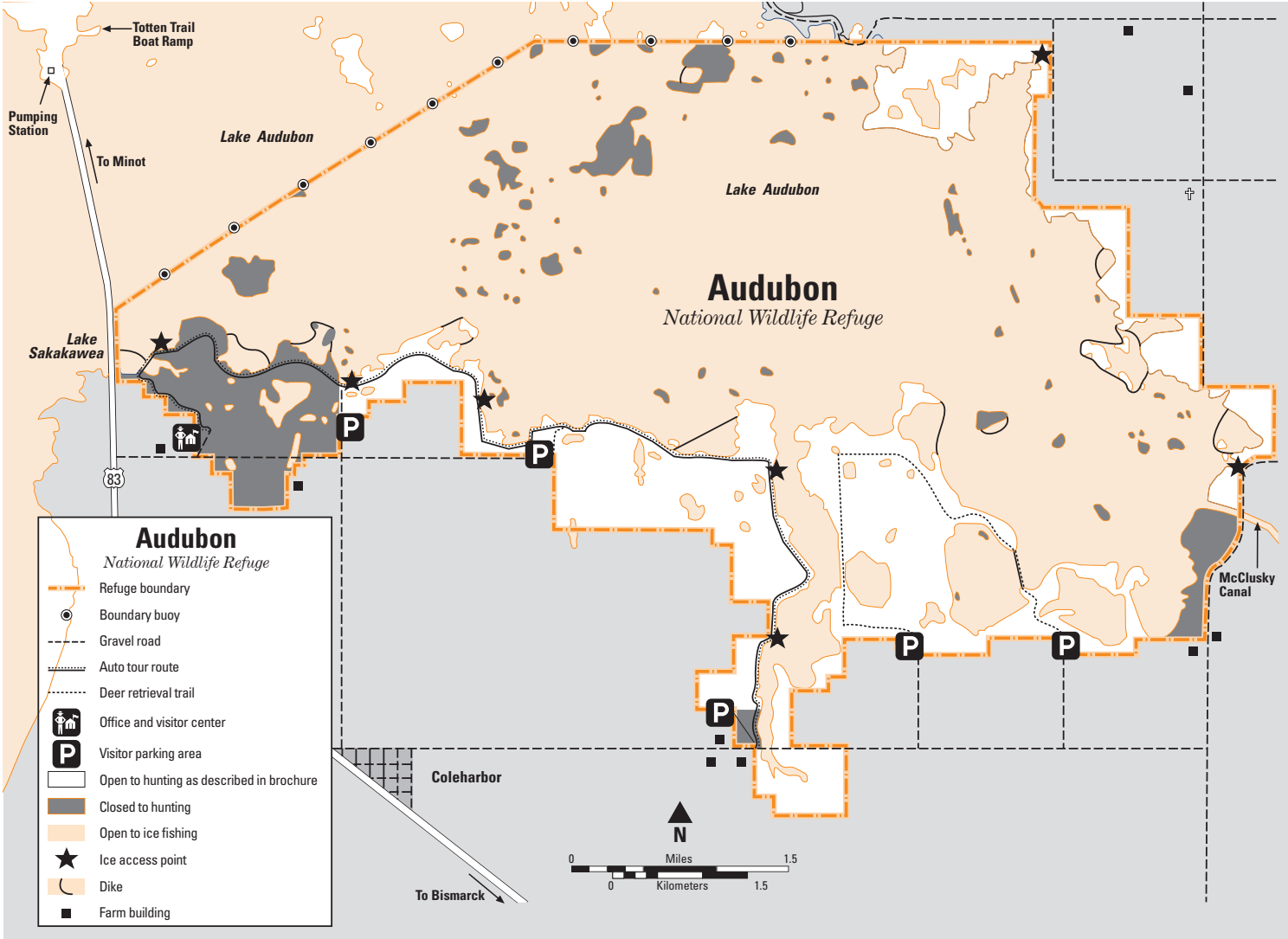
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Hunting and Fishing Information





Hunting and Fishing Regulations

Hunting and fishing are allowed 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 regulations, and the Refuge-specific regulations in this brochure.

Hunting Regulations

Hunting is allowed for deer, moose, pronghorn, elk and turkey in accordance with State seasons. A late-season hunt is allowed for Grouse, partridge, pheasant, coyote, squirrel, rabbit/ hare, fox racoon, and skunk. Special Refuge permits are not required.

The Refuge is divided into areas that are designated as open or closed to hunting (see map). Areas closed to hunting are posted with “No Hunting Zone” signs. Please note that Refuge islands are also closed to all hunting. Islands that become attached to the mainland because of low water levels and dikes may be hunted.

Hunters must park at the Refuge boundary or at a designated visitor parking area and walk to access areas open to hunting. Hunting from a vehicle, walking from a fish house, dropping off or picking up hunters, or driving on the auto tour route to access hunting areas is not allowed.

When hunting on private lands adjacent to the Refuge, downed game may be retrieved up to 100 yards inside the Refuge boundary fence and closed areas of the Refuge. Retrieval is limited to direct travel to and from the game and no firearms may be carried when retrieving game in these areas.

Ice Fishing Regulations

Ice fishing is allowed while ice covers the water.

Anglers may access the ice by vehicle at designated ice access points (see map).

All vehicles, including snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles, are restricted to public roads, ice access points, and the ice. Vehicles must park on the ice or immediately adjacent to the road. Parking on grasslands is not allowed. Refuge staff does not plow snow from these areas.

Fish houses may be used for ice fishing in accordance with State regulations. After March 15, fish houses must be removed from the Refuge daily. They may not be left unattended on uplands or in visitor parking areas.

Traveling on Lake Audubon ice is hazardous and requires caution. Proceed at your own risk.

Hunt Type	Season Dates	Bag limits/ Harvest	Hunt Areas	Other Regulations
Deer (youth, bow, gun, muzzleloader)	State Seasons	State issued tag(s)	Refuge lands closed to hunting are posted with signs.	Hunters may use portable tree stands that meet State regulations. Vehicle travel for retrieval of a harvested deer is restricted to the auto tour route and deer retrieval trails shown on the map. These roads may become inaccessible due to drifting snow.
Grouse, partridge, pheasant, coyote, squirrel, rabbit/ hare, fox racoon, and skunk	Opens the first Monday after the deer gun season closes and remains open through the end of the State season or March 31 whichever comes first.	State Limits	Refuge lands closed to hunting are posted with signs.	Open for late-season hunting only. Small Game hunters using shotguns are required to use and possess only non-toxic shot. Use of dogs is encouraged while hunting grouse, partridge, and pheasant.
Turkey	State seasons	State issued tag(s)	Refuge lands closed to hunting are posted with signs.	Open for Spring and Fall season. Use of non-toxic shot is not required.
Moose, pronghorn, elk	State seasons	State issued tag(s)	Refuge lands closed to hunting are posted with signs.	Hunters may use portable tree stands that meet State regulations. Permanent tree stands are not allowed. Tree stands, trail cameras, portable hunting blinds, and all other personal property must be removed from the Refuge daily. Vehicle travel for retrieval of a harvested animal is restricted to the auto tour route and deer retrieval trails shown on the map. These roads may become inaccessible due to drifting snow.