Cold Springs National Wildlife Refuge

Hunting Regulations

Hunting permitted in accordance with state regulations (see www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/) and special refuge regulations.

Open to Hunting – Goose, duck, coot, dove, snipe, all upland game birds (excluding turkey), and elk as permitted.

Upland Game Birds – Upland game birds may be hunted from 12:00 noon until the close of state hunting hours during legal refuge hunting days (see Days).

Doves – Dove hunting is only allowed from 12:00 noon until the close of state hunting hours on legal refuge hunting days during the state mourning dove season.

Elk – Only open to emergency hunting administered by the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW).

Closed to Hunting – All other species of wildlife not listed are protected. Protected species include, but are not limited to, deer, bear, snakes, raven, crow, coyote, porcupine, squirrels, turkey, and rabbits.

Days – Hunting is allowed on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays, and federally observed holidays within the respective state seasons.

Hours – The refuge is open from 1-1/2 hours before legal hunting time to 1-1/2 hours after legal hunting time.

General Public Entry – For non-hunters, the open areas of the refuge are available to the public 7 days a week from sunrise to sunset (see map).

Blinds – Portable or temporary blinds constructed of non-living natural materials are permitted outside of the Memorial Marsh Unit. Digging or using pit blinds is not permitted. Blind #9 is reserved exclusively for disabled hunters, but reservations are required. Reservations may be made up to 1 week in advance, beginning at 8:00 a.m., by contacting the refuge at 509-546-8325.

Firearms & Ammunition – Firearms may only be discharged in accordance with FWS regulations (50 CFR 27.42) and refuge-specific regulations (50 CFR Part 32). Only shotguns are permitted for goose, duck, coot, snipe and upland game birds. Only federally approved non-toxic shot for shotguns may be used or possessed.

Vehicle Travel – Motorized vehicles and bicycles are restricted to designated motorized routes of travel and parking areas.

Boats – Boats are allowed on the reservoir from March 1 to September 30. The boat launch may be closed early due to low water levels.

Dogs – Dogs must be kept on leash, except during the lawful pursuit of game during legal seasons.

Details on Specific Hunt Areas

Memorial Marsh Unit – Waterfowl hunting is only allowed from numbered blind sites. Blinds are first-come, first-served, except for the disabled hunter blind. Hunters must park in the numbered parking space matching the number of the blind they are using (see map). Hunters wishing to change blinds must first move their vehicle to the corresponding parking space before continuing to hunt. Blind 7 has an alternate blind location, 7b. Hunters must remain within 100 feet of the numbered blind post unless retrieving birds or setting decoys. Maximum of 4 persons per blind. Free-roam hunting or jump shooting is prohibited for waterfowl.

Reservoir – Hunting is only allowed on the open areas of the reservoir (see map).

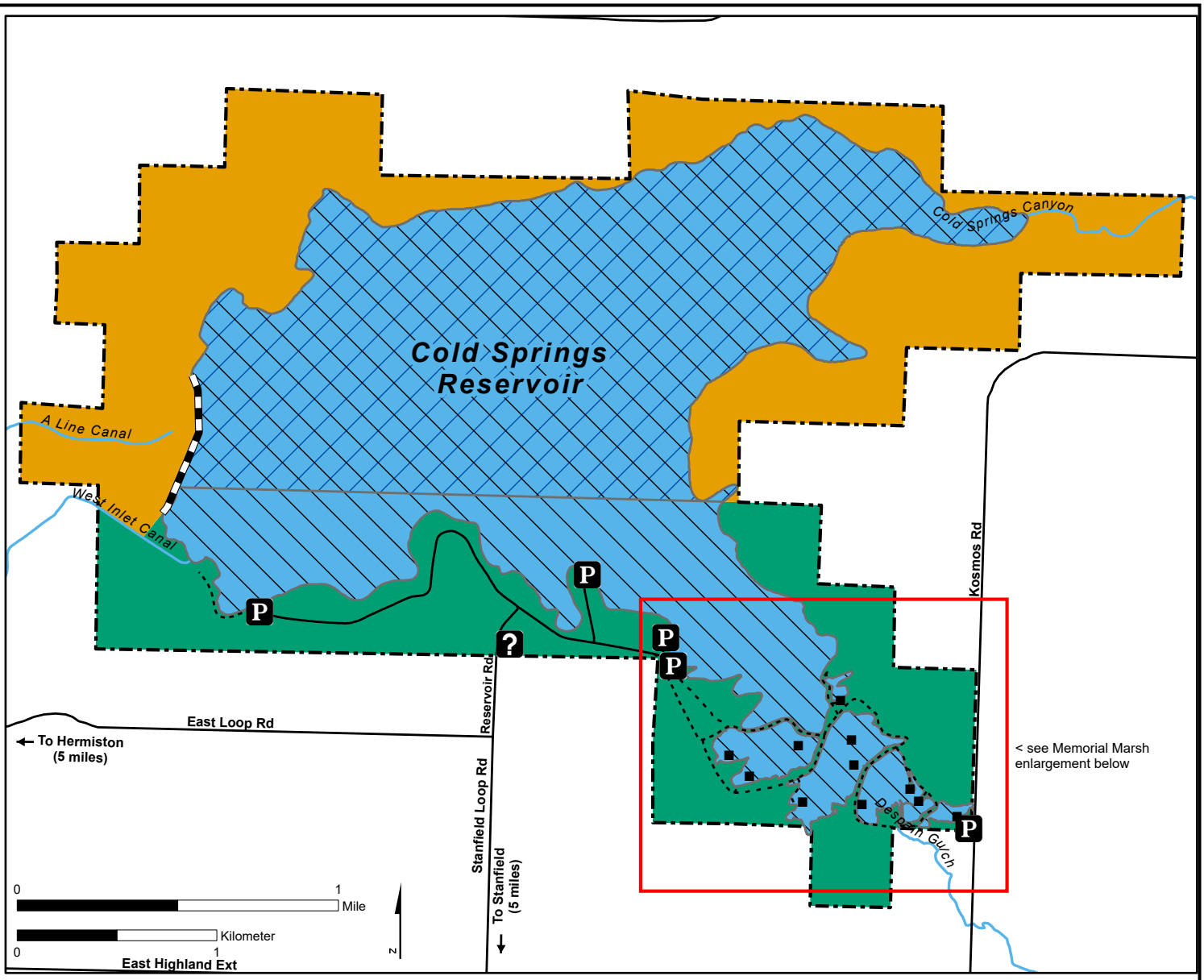
Selected Prohibited Activities

- The use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting
- Baiting of any wildlife, trapping, or netting
- Fires
- Overnight camping or parking on the refuge
- Littering (including empty shotgun hulls)
- Use of ATVs and other off-road vehicles
- Commercial guiding for hunting
- Abandoning, discarding, or otherwise leaving personal property unattended
- Target shooting
- Discharging any firearm within 1/4 mile of any maintained building
- Falconry

Contact Information

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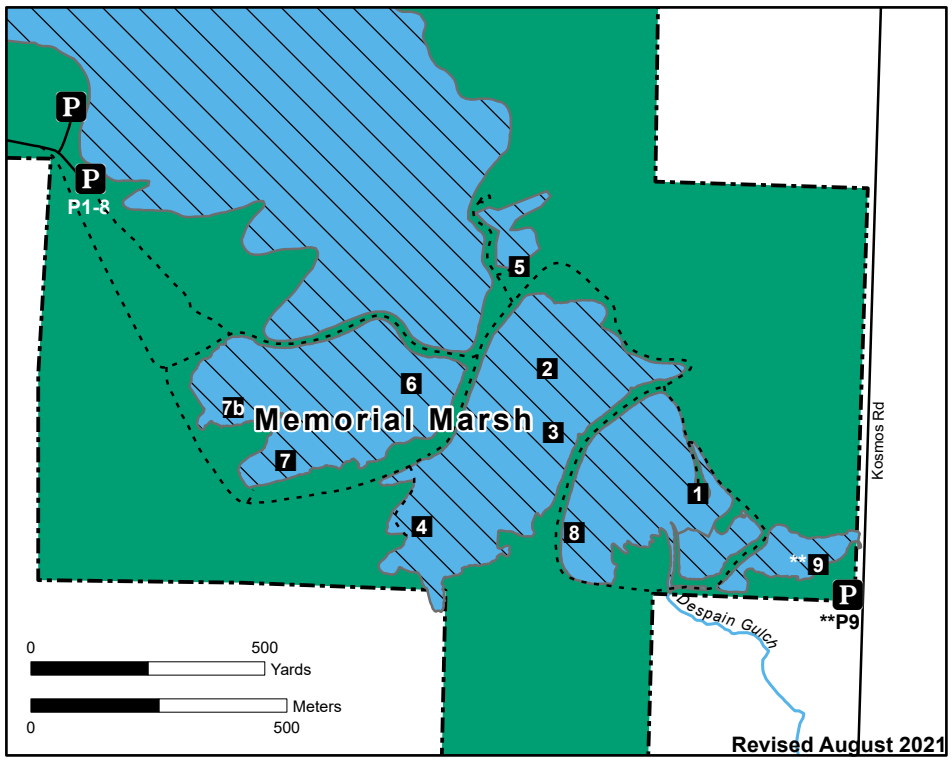
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Hunt Area Map

- Hunt blind / area
- Information
- Parking*
- Public road
- Foot trail
- Dam
- Open to hunting
- Closed to all access
- Closed waters Oct 1-Feb 28
- Closed to boats / Open to hunting } Oct 1-Feb 28
- Refuge boundary

* A "P#" near the symbol indicates designated parking for a particular blind or range of blinds, where "#" represents the blind number(s).

** Indicates disabled hunter blind.



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