McNary National Wildlife Refuge

Hunting Regulations — Wallula Unit

Hunting is permitted in accordance with state regulations (see wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/regulations/) and special refuge regulations.

Overnight camping/parking is prohibited, including waiting on refuge for entry (see Hours).

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

Deer Hunting – Deer hunting is allowed on Wallula.

Closed to Hunting – All other species of wildlife not listed are protected (e.g., elk, bear, snakes, raven, crow, coyote, porcupine, turkey, squirrels, cougar, and rabbits).

Days – The Wallula Unit is open to the lawful pursuit of the above listed species 7 days a week in accordance with state regulations.

Hours – The refuge is open from 1-1/2 hours before legal hunting time to 1-1/2 hours after legal hunting time. Upland game birds and dove may only be hunted from 12:00 noon until the close of state hunting hours on the entire unit. Hunting at Millet and Woodland Ponds Area closes at 1:00 p.m. to ALL hunting, including upland.

General Public Entry – For non-hunters, the refuge is open 7 days a week from sunrise to sunset.

Firearms & Ammunition – Firearms may only be discharged in accordance with FWS (50 CFR 27.42) and refuge-specific regulations (50 CFR Part 32). Only shotguns are permitted for waterfowl, snipe, dove, and upland game birds. Shotguns and archery are permitted for deer hunting. Only federally approved non-toxic shot may be used or possessed for shotguns; this includes buckshot for big game. However, the use of lead slugs in shotguns for deer hunting is permitted.

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

Blinds – Portable or temporary blinds made of non-living natural materials are permitted outside of the Millet and Woodland Ponds Area. Digging or using pit blinds is not permitted. Blind #1 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.

Fishing – Night fishing is allowed within Madame Dorian Use Area. Elsewhere, fishing is limited to normal refuge hours, sunrise to sunset. Regulations: www.fws.gov/mcriver/regulations/

Boats – On ponds and water impoundments, only non-motorized floating devices may be used to set decoys and retrieve downed birds. This restriction does not include the Walla Walla or Columbia Rivers. The Madame Dorian Boat Launch is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for the launching of boats. Except for fishing, other uses of the Madame Dorian Use Area are limited to sunrise to sunset.

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

Specific Hunting Areas

Millet & Woodland Ponds Area – Waterfowl hunting is from numbered field blinds or posts. One vehicle must be parked at the numbered post in the parking lot that corresponds to the numbered blind being used. Other vehicles park in non-post spaces or along North Shore Road. Waterfowl hunters must remain within 100 feet of the blind unless retrieving birds or setting decoys; free-roam hunting and jump shooting are prohibited. Blind capacity is 4 persons.

Closed Areas – Sanctuary Pond, its surrounding area, and the Walla Walla Delta Safety Zone are closed to all hunting (see map).

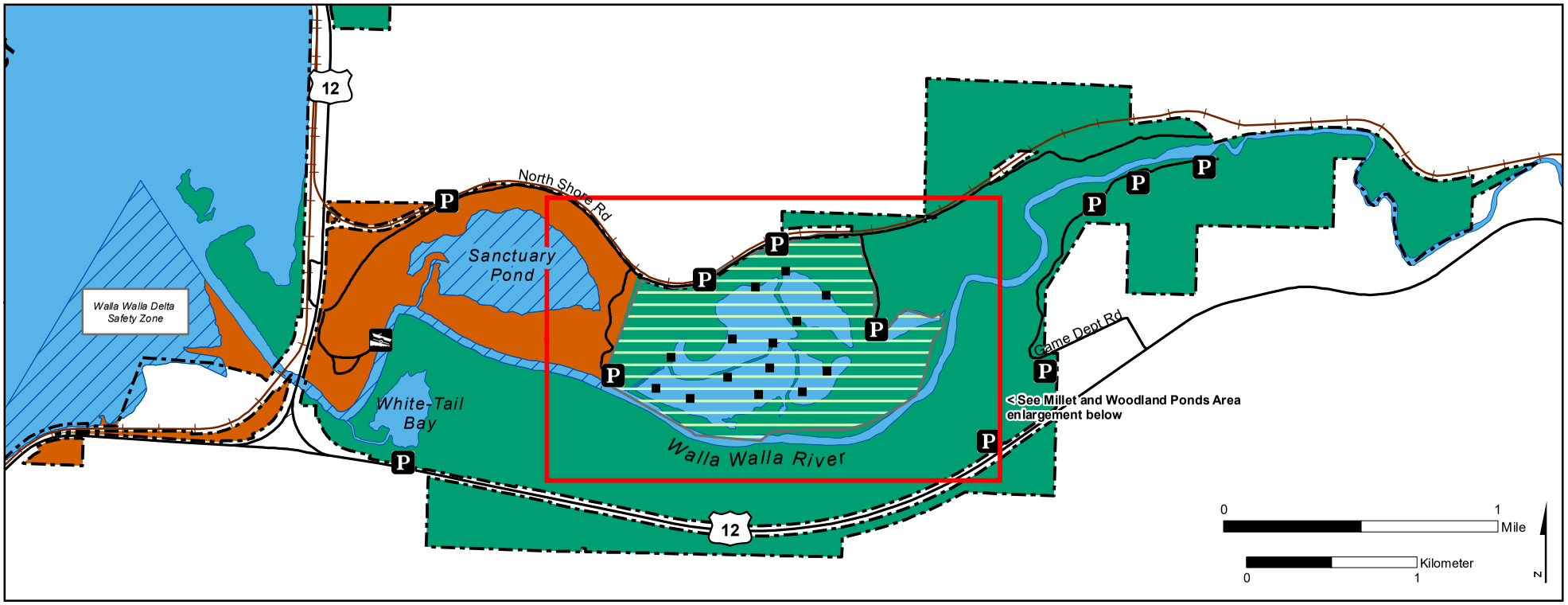
Selected Prohibited Activities

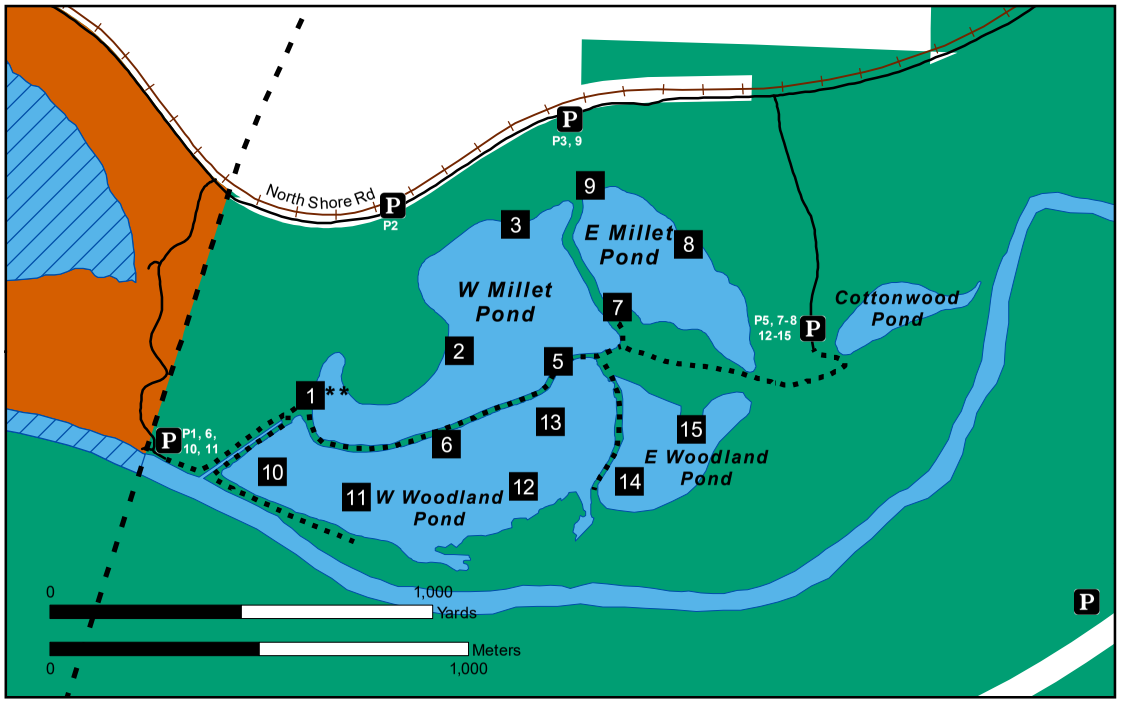
- The use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting
- Baiting of any wildlife, trapping, or netting
- Fires
- Overnight camping
- Overnight parking, except for fishing at the Madame Dorian Use Area
- Littering (including empty shotgun hulls)
- Use of ATVs and other off-road vehicles
- Commercial 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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Wallula Unit Hunt Map

- Parking*
- Hunt blind
- Boat launch
- Road
- Foot trail
- Railroad
- Powerline
- Open to hunting
- Closed to hunting
- Waters closed to hunting
- Refuge boundary
- Millet and Woodland Ponds Area closed for hunting after 1pm

* 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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