Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge

Hunting Regulations — Boardman, Paterson, Ridge and Whitcomb Units

Hunting is permitted in accordance with state regulations (Oregon – www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/; Washington – wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/regulations/) and special refuge regulations.

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

Upland Game Birds – On the Whitcomb Unit, upland game birds may only be hunted from 12:00 noon until the close of state hunt hours Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, and all federally observed holidays within the respective state seasons. All other areas are per state legal hunting hours.

Dove Hunting – Dove hunting for all species is only allowed during the state mourning dove season.

Deer Hunting – Deer hunting is allowed on the Paterson and Whitcomb (including Crow Butte Island) Units with a special permit issued by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). These permits specify weapon type and date range.

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

Sanctuary Closure Area – ALL islands and waters within the sanctuary area are closed to hunting. Islands within the sanctuary area are closed to all access. Hunting is allowed along the Ridge Unit shoreline.

Days – The Boardman and Ridge Units are open daily. The Paterson and Whitcomb Units are open Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, and all federally observed holidays for waterfowl within the respective state seasons. Upland game birds, snipe, dove, and deer are 7 days/week on the Paterson Unit.

Hours – The refuge is open for hunting access 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 refuge is open from sunrise to sunset in areas open for public use.

Blinds – Only portable or temporary blinds constructed of non-living natural materials are per-mitted. Digging or using pit blinds is not allowed.

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 waterfowl, snipe, dove, and upland game birds. Only federally approved non-toxic shot may be used or possessed for shotguns.

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

Boats (Also See State Regulations) – On the Boardman, Paterson and Whitcomb Units, boats may only be used for hunting in designated areas of the Columbia River and its backwaters (see map). On the Ridge Unit, hunting from boats is prohibited; however, boats may be used to set decoys and retrieve downed birds.

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

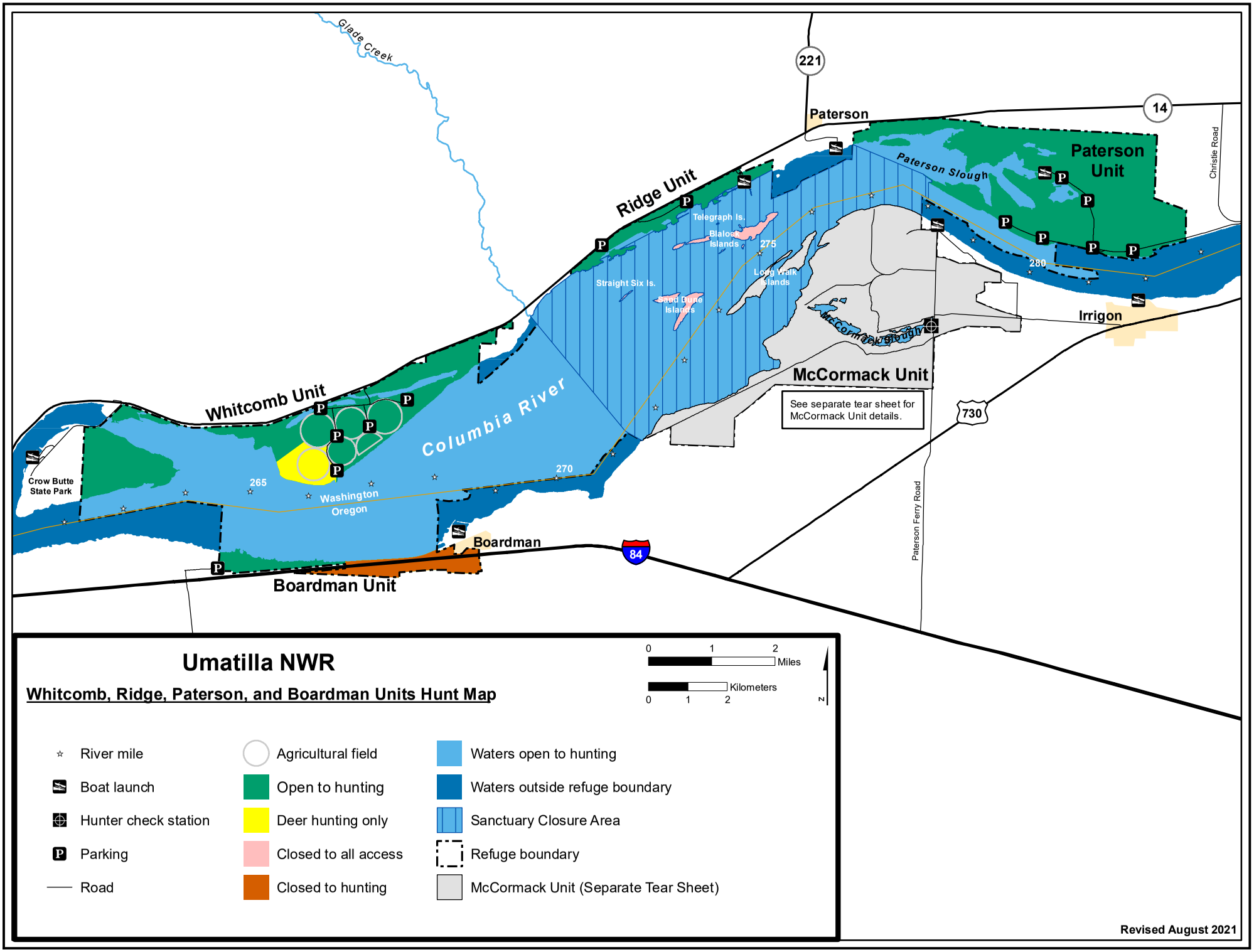
Selected Prohibited Activities

- The use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting
- Baiting of any wildlife, trapping, or netting
- Fires
- Overnight camping or parking on the refuge
- Entering the refuge during closed hours (including by boat)
- Littering (including empty shotgun hulls)
- Commercial guiding for hunting
- Abandoning, discarding, or otherwise leaving personal property unattended
- Target shooting
- Discharging any firearm within one-quarter mile of any maintained building
- Falconry

Contact Information

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Glade Creek
221
Paterson
14
Christie Road
Paterson Unit
Paterson Slough
Ridge Unit
Telegraph Is.
Blalock Islands
275
Straight Six Is.
Sand Dune Islands
Long Walk Islands
280
Irrigon
McCormack Slough
McCormack Unit
See separate tear sheet for McCormack Unit details.
730
Whitcomb Unit
Columbia River
Crow Butte State Park
265
Washington
Oregon
270
Boardman
84
Paterson Ferry Road
Boardman Unit
Umatilla NWR
Whitcomb, Ridge, Paterson, and Boardman Units Hunt Map
0 1 2 Miles
0 1 2 Kilometers
N
River mile
Boat launch
Hunter check station
Parking
Road
Agricultural field
Open to hunting
Deer hunting only
Closed to all access
Closed to hunting
Waters open to hunting
Waters outside refuge boundary
Sanctuary Closure Area
Refuge boundary
McCormack Unit (Separate Tear Sheet)
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