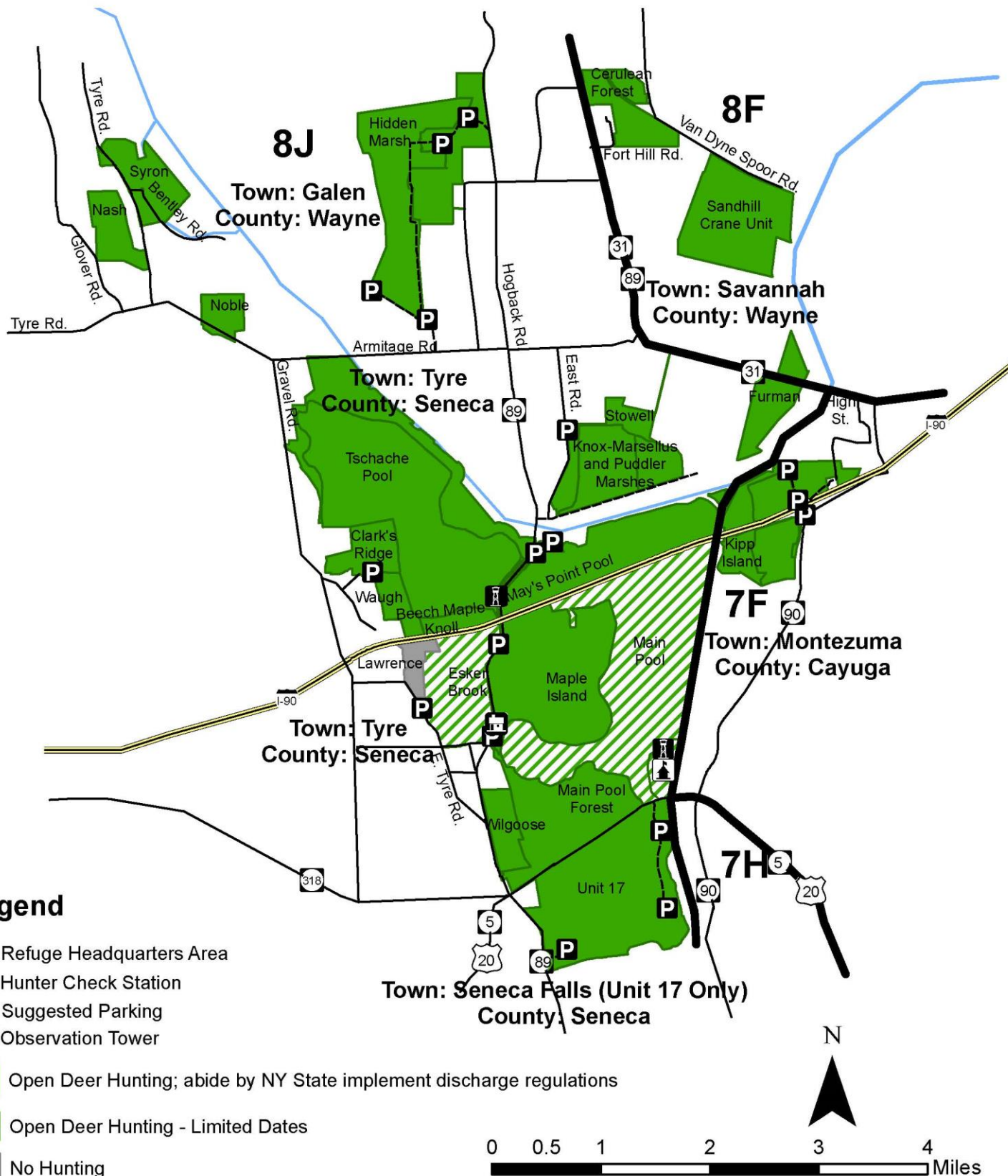




Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge

White-tailed Deer Hunt Map



Legend

- Refuge Headquarters Area
- Hunter Check Station
- Suggested Parking
- Observation Tower

Open Deer Hunting; abide by NY State implement discharge regulations

Open Deer Hunting - Limited Dates

No Hunting

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- Esker Brook & South Spring Pool trail areas are closed to hunting until November 1.
- The Wildlife Drive area is closed to hunting, including parking and walking for hunting purposes, until December 1.
- From December 1 through the rest of the season, the Wildlife Drive area will be open for parking and hunting. Caution: The road will not be plowed/maintained and may be closed to vehicles due to poor conditions; walking in will still be permitted.
- The Seneca Trail & Headquarters area will be open for deer hunting during the late bow/muzzleloader and holiday hunts.



NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Montezuma

National Wildlife Refuge

White-tailed Deer Hunting Regulations 2022-2023

Welcome

Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1938 as a refuge and breeding ground for migratory birds and other wildlife. Part of the Montezuma Wetlands Complex, this 10,000+-acre refuge provides essential habitat for many species of resident and migratory birds. A popular destination for outdoor recreation, Montezuma NWR allows white-tailed deer hunting in accordance with New York State laws and refuge specific regulations.

Hunt Dates

Antlerless-only, 8J & 8F Only

September Season: 9/10/22-9/18/22

Early Bowhunting: 10/1/22 – 11/18/22

Regular: 11/19/22 – 12/11/22

Late Bowhunting & Muzzleloading:

12/12/22 – 12/20/22 & 12/26/22 – 1/1/23

NOTICE

- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages and of recreational and illegal substances while hunting is prohibited.
- Vehicles blocking gates or roads will result in a citation, a fine, and possible towing.
- Respect adjacent landowners' property; please do not trespass.
- During the Archery Season, bows must be disassembled, locked or cased before legal sunrise and after legal sunset.

Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge

3395 U.S. Route 20 East

Seneca Falls, NY 13148

315-568-5987

<https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Montezuma>

For State relay service TTY/Voice: 711

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

1-800-344-WILD

September 2022

This is a unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System, a network of lands and waters managed for the benefit of wildlife and people



Hunt & Permit Information

White-tailed deer hunting is open on the refuge during the New York State White-tailed deer seasons for the Southern Zone. **All hunters must possess a valid daily permit (FWS Form 3-2542 Harvest Report)**, which is available at the Hunter Check Station (1095 State Route 89, Seneca Falls, 13148). Keep your permit on your person while afield.

Safety: Wear Orange

Per State regulations, hunters must wear a florescent orange or florescent pink hat or vest when hunting with firearms. We also suggest putting 400 square inches of solid blaze orange all sides of any ground blind.

Hunting Regulations

Hunting is 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 State of New York regulations.

Tree Stands: We permit the use of tree stands. Stands must be removed at the end of each hunt day per New York State Wildlife Management Area regulations.

Access

Hunters may access the refuge two hours before legal sunrise until two hours after legal sunset, seven days per week. Deer hunting is permitted in designated areas of the refuge. The Esker Brook and South Spring Pool areas are closed to hunting until November 1; the Wildlife Drive area is closed to hunting, including parking and walking for hunting purposes, until December 1. The headquarters and Seneca Trail areas are open during the State late bowhunting season only. Access for deer hunting is by foot from designated areas.

Accessibility Information: 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,

<https://www.doi.gov/pmb/eoo/public-civil-rights>.

An ADA-compliant hunting platform is available to hunters with a disabled hunting license or America the Beautiful Access pass (prior notice is needed; first come, first served; call (315) 568-5987).

Harvest Reporting

In addition to meeting statewide harvest reporting requirements, hunters must complete a Harvest Report (FWS form 3-2542) and return it to the refuge by the end of the day.

Scouting

Scouting is allowed during the Saturday before the October 1 Early Bowhunting Season opening (09/24/2022) and during the last week of the Early Bowhunting season, Saturday through Friday (11/12/2022 - 11/18/2022), 1 hour before legal sunrise to 1 hour after legal sunset. If you have questions, please call the refuge office Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM at (315) 568-5987. You must have a deer hunting license and firearms tag to scout during the last week of the Early Bowhunting Season. On a daily basis, you must obtain a scouting permit from the hunter check station prior to your entry into the field and return it to the check station at the end of your scouting period.