

Tualatin River

National Wildlife Refuge Youth Hunting Regulations 2023–2024



Welcome

Located near Portland, OR, Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge is a designated urban national wildlife refuge. Thanks to the efforts of local residents and the USFWS, this land was set aside as a refuge in 1992. Ever since, staff have been working to turn the land back to a more natural state within the floodplain of the Tualatin River basin. The refuge is now home to 200+ species of birds, over 50 species of mammals, 25 species of reptiles and amphibians, as well as a wide variety of insects, fish and plants.

Application

Details can be found online at <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/tualatin-river/visit-us/activities/hunting>. The application period is open from August 15th, 2023 through October 1st, 2023.

Safety

This is a self-guided hunt. Only shotguns are permitted, no shotgun may be larger than a 12 gauge, shot size cannot exceed BB, and all shot must be federally approved non-toxic shot. Hunters are limited to the use or possession of 25 shells per day.

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.)

Vehicles

All vehicles are restricted to designated motorized routes of travel and parking areas. Trails lead from the parking area to the blind sites.

Boats

Non-motorized watercraft (including boats, layout-type vessels, and float tubes) may only be used to set decoys and retrieve downed birds. Watercraft may not be used to access hunting locations.

Dogs

Dogs must be kept on leashes except during the lawful pursuit of game during legal seasons.

Hunting Regulations

Hunting regulations are designed to provide safe recreational opportunities through wise use of renewable wildlife resources. 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 applicable State of Oregon regulations subject to the conditions stated below.

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Prohibited Activities

- By law, recreational activities on national wildlife refuges are prohibited unless expressly permitted.
- Possession of alcoholic beverages
- Camping and Fires
- Overnight parking
- Littering (including empty shotgun shells)
- Commercial guiding for hunting, trapping or netting
- Use of ATV's and other off-road vehicles

Access

There is no check station for this hunt. Hunters may only access the Refuge 1-1/2 hours before legal hunt time and must be checked out no later than 1:00 PM.

This youth hunt takes place on the Riverboat Unit of Tualatin River NWR, directions to the site are as follows:

Going west on SW Scholls Ferry Rd., turn left on SW Pleasant Valley Rd. and drive 1.58 miles to signage at the gate to the hunt area, located on the right.

Going east on SW Scholls Ferry Rd., turn right onto SW Pleasant Valley Rd. and drive 1.58 miles to signage at the gate to the hunt area, located on the right.

Once through the gated entrance, proceed through the open gates on the gravel two-track for about 0.30 miles to the designated hunt parking area.

The turn-off onto Pleasant Valley Rd. is 1.22 miles west of the SW Scholls-Ferry Rd./Roy Rogers Rd. junction.

You may access the hunt site 1 1/2 hours before legal hunt time. You must be checked out no later than 1:00 PM and complete a Refuge specific Harvest report. Find more information regarding harvest reporting and blind location below.

Harvest Reporting

In addition to meeting statewide harvest reporting, permitted hunters must complete a Refuge Waterfowl Harvest Report and return it to the refuge by February 15, regardless of whether you hunted on the refuge or were successful. More information on how to report your harvest will be provided upon notification of a successful hunt drawing.

Optional Orientation

An orientation provide an opportunity for participants to get acquainted with the site and blind locations prior to their hunt. We strongly recommend that first time participants attend the orientation. The date of this year's orientation is November 4, 2023, from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM at the Riverboat Unit hunt site. There will be a sign-up for anyone planning to attend. More information will be provided upon notification of a successful hunt drawing.



Activity	Season Dates	Harvest	Hunt Areas	Regulation
Youth Waterfowl Hunt (Only hunters ages 17 and under)	2023-2024 Season Dates (Riverboat Unit Only): November 11, 19 & 25 - 2023 December 3, 9, 17, 23, 31 - 2023 January 6 - 2024	Ducks, geese and coots during youth hunt days on the Riverboat Unit only. All other species of wildlife not listed are protected.	Four, semi-permanent, designated hunt blinds in the Riverboat Unit only.	Blinds will be assigned by random drawing of applications. All hunting must take place within the assigned blind. A maximum of 4 people may occupy a blind, (only two hunting youth may occupy the same blind, and must be accompanied by at least (1) non-hunting adult 21 years of age or older. Additionally, proper State permits and licenses are required.



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