

Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge

Hunting and Fishing Information



The Blue Goose is the symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System, a network of lands and waters managed for the benefit of wildlife and people.



Welcome

Welcome to Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). The Refuge was established by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1935 as a refuge and breeding ground for migratory birds and other wildlife.

General Information

Refuge headquarters is located 12 miles southeast of Martin, South Dakota and is open from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Motor vehicles are allowed only on designated roads and in hunter parking areas.

If you open a gate to enter a hunting area, immediately close it behind you.

Camping is allowed in the Little White River Recreation Area. All other Refuge lands are closed to overnight use.

Prohibited Activities

- Accessing the hunting area from anywhere other than a designated hunter parking area, adjacent public lands, or adjacent private lands enrolled in public access programs.
- Loaded firearms on any Refuge roadway.
- Entering the Refuge to retrieve game that was shot on private land or road rights-of-way.
- Shooting over Refuge property from adjacent road rights-of-way or private land.
- Target shooting.
- Possession of toxic shot while hunting.
- Use of electronic or photographic trail monitoring cameras or other devices.
- Dog training.
- Using horses to hunt or retrieve game.
- Collecting or removing artifacts, historic items, shed antlers, and other natural objects.

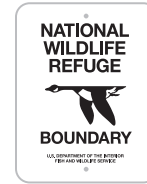
- Possession of alcohol while hunting or fishing.
- Discharging a firearm over or across any Refuge roadway and within 33 feet from the centerline of any Refuge roadway.
- Hunting from or with the aid of vehicles except for hunters possessing a Disabled Hunter Permit and a special use permit issued by the Refuge Manager.
- Open fires except in designated sites at Little White River Recreation Area.

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.)

Signs

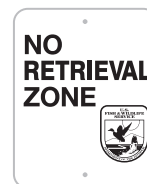
The wording of the sign applies to the area located behind the sign, except for parking signs. Please respect the following signs.



Refuge Boundary – Authorized activities only. All Refuge areas are considered closed to public entry unless opened by public notice, regulation, brochure, or by special permit. Entry permitted in accordance with Refuge regulations.



Hunting, weapons, and game retrieval prohibited.



Shooting over Refuge property from adjacent road rights-of-way or private land is prohibited. The entire Refuge is closed to the retrieval of game shot from private land or road rights-of-way.



Hunters must enter and exit hunting areas from a designated hunter parking area, adjacent public land, or adjacent private land that is enrolled in a public access program.

Hunting Regulations Table

Hunting is in accordance with State regulations. In addition, Refuge-specific regulations must be followed, and are listed in the table below and described in this brochure.

Activity	Season Dates	Other Regulations
Big Game - Mule deer, white-tailed deer	State regulations apply	<p>Legal weapons include archery equipment, muzzleloaders, and centerfire rifles.</p> <p>Archery hunters must possess a valid State archery deer hunting license.</p> <p>Centerfire rifle hunters must possess a valid State youth/mentor/apprentice license. No other rifle licenses are allowed.</p> <p>Muzzleloader hunters must possess a valid State muzzleloader deer hunting license specific to Lacreek NWR.</p> <p>The Refuge is closed to archery and youth/mentor/apprentice deer hunting during Lacreek NWR muzzleloader seasons. Refer to the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Refuge Deer Application form for muzzleloader season dates.</p> <p>Portable tree stands and free-standing platforms may be left on the Refuge from August 25 through February 15. All other personal property must be removed at the end of each day.</p>
Upland Game - Cottontail rabbit, pheasant, prairie chicken, sharp-tailed grouse	State regulations apply	<p>The Refuge is closed for the "Resident Only" pheasant season as described by the State of South Dakota.</p> <p>Cottontail rabbits can be taken with shotgun, archery equipment, and rimfire rifles.</p>
Migratory Birds - American crow, common snipe, coot, dark geese, duck, light geese, mourning dove, sandhill crane	State regulations apply	<p>Light geese can be taken during the State-defined fall/winter season, but the Refuge is closed during the spring Conservation Order.</p> <p>American crow can be taken with shotgun or archery equipment, sunrise to sunset, during the State-defined fall season (daylight hours only, no rifles, no spring season).</p>
Predators - Bobcat, coyote, mountain lion, red fox	January 1 – February 15	<p>Hunting is allowed from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.</p> <p>The use of dogs for predator hunting or locating is prohibited.</p>

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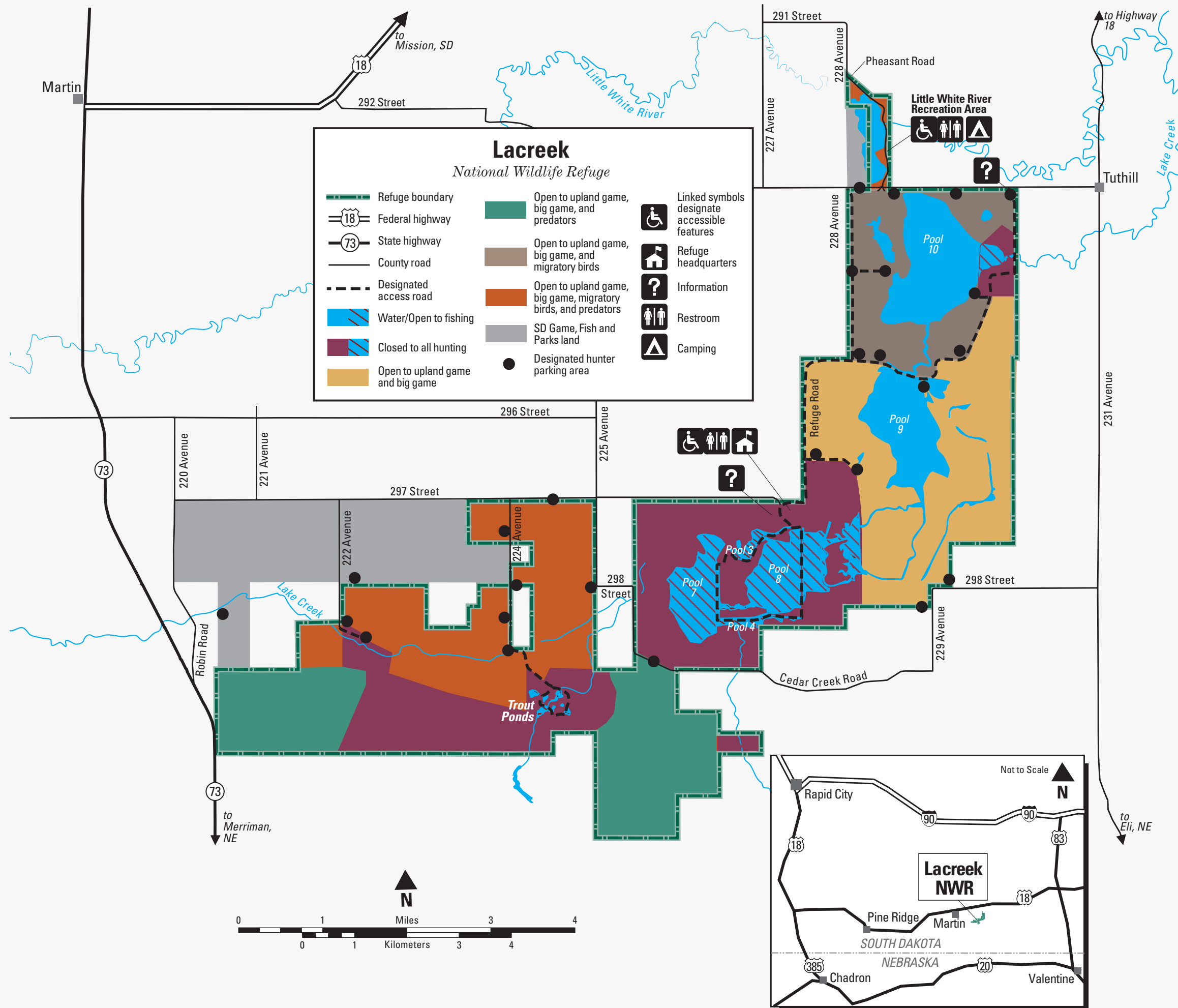
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Hunting and Fishing Regulations

Hunting and fishing are allowed in accordance with Federal regulations governing public use on national wildlife refuges as set forth in Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations, State regulations, and the Refuge-specific regulations in this brochure.

Hunting

Hunters may hunt only in areas open to hunting (see map). Hunter access is allowed 2 hours before sunrise until 2 hours after sunset. Hunters must enter and exit hunting areas from a designated hunter parking area, adjacent public land, or adjacent private land that is enrolled in a public access program. Motorized boats may be used for hunting and game retrieval in the Little White River Recreation Area. Boats with electric motors may be used on Pool 10. Manual-powered boats may be used for hunting and game retrieval on waters within open hunt areas. Coyotes, all furbearers, and their parts, if left in the field, must be left at least 50 yards away from any road, trail, or building. Otherwise, hunters must remove them from the Refuge.

Fishing

Anglers may fish in all Refuge waters. At times, to protect nesting trumpeter swans, Refuge staff may restrict fishing areas with signs or brochures. Fishing, bowfishing, spearfishing, and the take of snapping turtles and bullfrogs is allowed on the Refuge from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Those same activities are allowed 24 hours per day at the Little White River Recreation Area. Motorized boats may be used for fishing in the Little White River Recreation Area. Boats with electric motors may be used on Pool 10. Manual-powered boats may be used for fishing on all Refuge waters. Snapping turtles and bullfrogs may be taken by hand, hook and line, legal spears, or gaff hooks. Traps are not allowed. With the exception of the Little White River Recreation Area, the use of lead fishing sinkers and the use or possession of live minnows or bait fish is prohibited. All State regulations for aquatic invasive species are enforced.