U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Lake Zahl National Wildlife Refuge

Hunting Regulations





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 Lake Zahl National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), one of over 565 refuges and 38 wetland management districts in the National Wildlife Refuge System — a network of lands set aside specifically for wildlife. The Refuge System is a living heritage, conserving wildlife and habitat for people today and for generations to come.

General Information

Lake Zahl NWR is managed by staff from Crosby Wetland Management District in Crosby, North Dakota.

Portions of the Refuge are open to hunting deer, gray partridge, ring-necked pheasant, and sharp-tailed grouse in accordance with State and Refuge-specific regulations. Hunting waterfowl or any other species is prohibited.

To help protect wildlife and their habitats and to ensure your safety, please familiarize yourself with the following information.

Hours

The Refuge is open daily from 5:00 am to 10:00 pm. Hunting hours follow those set in the State hunting regulations.

Foot Travel and Vehicles

Hunters may enter the Refuge on foot. Use of vehicles on the Refuge is prohibited.

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).

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.

Activity	Season Dates	Other Regulations
Deer (bow, youth, gun, and muzzleloader)	State seasons	Hunters may not enter the Refuge before 12:00 pm (noon) on the first day of the respective season.
		Hunters may use portable tree stands that meet State regulations. Permanent tree stands are not allowed.
		Tree stands, trail cameras, portable hunting blinds, and all other personal property must be removed from the Refuge daily.
		See map for areas closed to hunting.
Ring-necked pheasant (youth)	State season	Hunters may possess and use only non-toxic shot.
		Falconry is allowed.
		Use of dogs is encouraged while hunting.
Gray partridge, ring- necked pheasant, and	Late season only. Opens the day following the close of regular	See map for areas closed to hunting.
sharp-tailed grouse	deer gun season and remains open through the end of the State season.	

Prohibited Activities

The following activities are prohibited on the Refuge.

- Use of vehicles.
- Use of horses to hunt or retrieve game.
- Use or possession of lead shot while hunting.
- Use of permanent tree stands or any tree stand that uses nails, wires, screws, bolts, or screw-in steps.
- Baiting
- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting.
- Fishing
- Littering
- Camping and open fires.

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