

Upland Game

Only ruffed grouse, cottontail rabbit, snowshoe hare, gray squirrel, coyote, gray fox, red fox, raccoon, skunk, opossum and weasel may be hunted.

We require all harvested game to be removed from refuge lands.

Only shotguns, muzzleloaders, or archery equipment may be used on open areas east of the Missisquoi River and on Shad Island.

Hunting is not permitted from the end of snowshoe hare and rabbit season through September 1.

Big Game

Only deer may be hunted.

Only shotguns, muzzleloaders, or archery equipment may be used on open areas east and north of Vermont Route 78. Rifles may not be used in these areas at any time.

During the State-designated muzzleloader, youth and novice weekend seasons, hunters may hunt the Long Marsh and Metcalfe Island areas, in addition to other open areas. During the State-designated muzzleloader antlerless season, only the Tabor Road/Maquam Swamp and Bog area is open.

The refuge strongly recommends wearing hunter orange, at a minimum, wear a hat and vest while hunting deer.

Permanent tree stands and ground blinds are prohibited. You may use portable tree stands in accordance with State regulations guiding their use on State Wildlife Management Areas with the following exception: We allow only one tree stand or ground blind for each big game/upland game permit issued. This does not grant exclusive use of area or site. Stands/blinds may only be erected after September 1st and must be removed by the third Saturday in December.

Open season will run concurrent with VT Fish and Wildlife seasons as provided in the VT Fish and Wildlife Regulations Guide.

Prohibited Activities

Littering

Spotlighting - artificial light may not be used to locate wildlife.

Baiting or hunting over bait, salt or any attractant.

Target practice

Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting.

Taking of wildlife or plants (including cutting trees or brush) other than as specified in this brochure.

Driving or screwing a nail, spike or other metal object into a tree or to hunt from any tree in which such an object has been driven.

Searching for or removing any object of antiquity including arrowheads, pottery or other artifacts.

Use of motorized vehicles in hunting areas.

The use of drones

Guidance for Completing Harvest Reports

Hunt Area Choices:

*East Side of Missisquoi River/Shad Island
Tabor Road/Maquam Swamp and Bog
Long Marsh/Metcalfe Island*

Date of Hunt: *Include all dates hunted*

Total Hours Hunted: *Include total combined hours*

SPECIES NOT ALLOWED TO BE HUNTED ON MISSISQUOI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

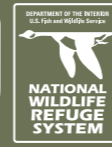
Turkey	Jackrabbit
Feral Hog	Pheasant
Bobwhite Quail	Moose
Gambel's Quail	Black Bear
California Quail	Woodchuck
Scaled Quail	Chukar Partridge

Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge
29 Tabor Road
Swanton, VT 05488-8159
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www.fws.gov/refuge/missisquoi/

Federal Relay Service
for the deaf and hard-of-hearing
1 800/877 8339

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
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Upland Game/ Big Game Hunting Map, Regulations and Permit



Upland Game/Big Game Hunting Permit

This permit must be signed by the hunter and the refuge manager to be valid. It must be carried by the hunter during the hunts. This permit expires December 31.

The enclosed Upland Game/Big Game Harvest Report must be completed and returned to the refuge by 12/31. Failure to do so will result in denial of permit for the following year.

I have read and understand the refuge hunting regulations and realize that hunting on the refuge is a privilege and willingly agree to allow Federal and State officers to inspect or search all equipment used during my hunt.

Signature (Permit Not Transferable) Date: _____

Signature of Refuge Manager Date: _____

General Information

Established in 1943, Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge is located on the eastern shore of Lake Champlain near the Canadian border in Franklin County, Vermont. Hunting and fishing are permitted on portions of the refuge, in accordance with State and Federal seasons and regulations. Special arrangements can be made to accommodate persons with disabilities by contacting the refuge manager.

To ensure your safety and enjoyment while visiting Missisquoi, please become familiar with the following regulations.

Hunting Regulations

Hunters are subject to inspections of permits, licenses, hunting equipment, harvest, boats, vehicles, and their contents by federal or state officers.

The regulations below are contained in the general regulations which govern hunting on national wildlife refuges as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations.

Hunters may not enter closed areas of the refuge for any reason, except for the recovery of legally harvested animals. This can only be done with the consent of a refuge employee. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges 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). Big and Upland Game Hunting occurs no more than two hours before legal shooting time until sunset.

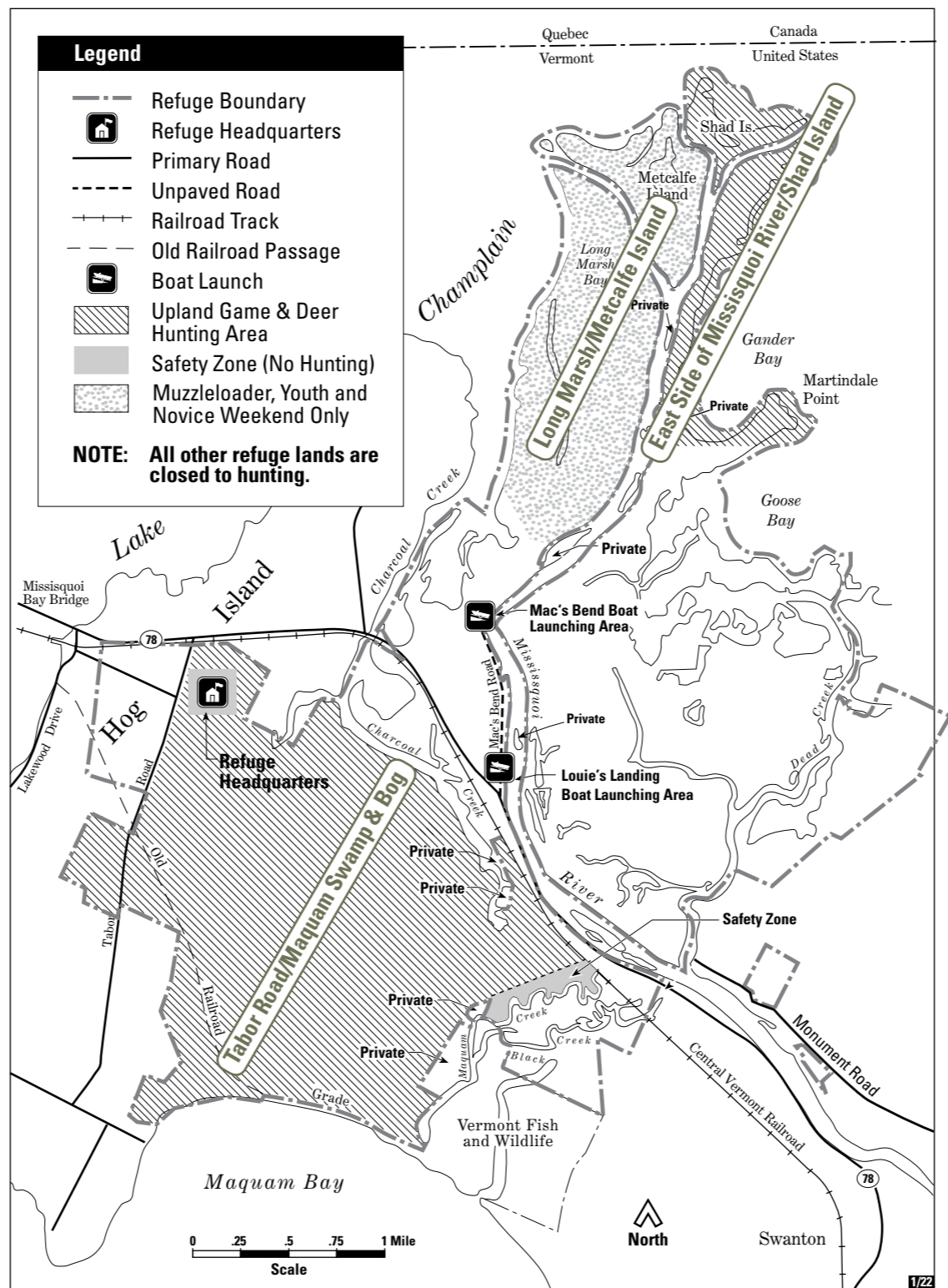
Note: The hunting of moose, bear, and turkey are not allowed on the refuge, please see Vermont regulations for other areas open to these species.

All persons hunting upland or big game on Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge must hold a valid state hunting license in order to obtain a permit at refuge headquarters prior to hunting. The permit is issued on a calendar year basis, January 1 through



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Permits



December 31, for a \$10 annual fee.

During the Youth Deer Hunting Weekend, youth hunters (17 years and younger) may hunt at no charge, but must obtain a big game permit prior to hunting and must return completed harvest information to refuge headquarters by December 31.

Reporting

All hunters are required to submit an annual report of the results of their hunt by December 31 by completing the report portion of their permit. **Failure to do so will result in denial of a permit for the following year.**

Scouting

Unarmed hunters may scout areas that will be open to hunting before a particular season opens any time after September 1. A hunting permit is not required for scouting.

Ammunition

To protect waterfowl and other migratory birds from potential lead poisoning, nontoxic shot is required for the shotgun hunting of all species except deer.

Dogs/Other Pets

Dogs are allowed for hunting migratory game birds, ruffed grouse and upland game during designated seasons only. A Special Use Permit is required if hunting with three or more dogs. Other dogs and pets must be confined or on a leash.

Guiding/Other Commercial Activities

No person, including but not limited to a guide, guide service, outfitter, club, or other organization shall provide assistance, services, or equipment to any other person for compensation on national wildlife refuge lands unless they have obtained a Special Use Permit from the refuge manager. Likewise, it is the responsibility of the individual utilizing the services of a guide, guide service, etc. to verify that they have obtained the required permit. Failure to comply subjects each hunter in the party to a fine if convicted of this violation.