

Modoc National Wildlife Refuge - Westside Hunt Regulations

Species - Hunting of geese, ducks, coots, and snipe is permitted in the designated hunt areas of the Refuge only. Hunters are required to adhere to the bag and possession limits and any other regulations for the Northeastern California Zone set by the State each year.

Permits - Hunters must check-in and check-out of the Refuge by use of self-service permits located in the designated hunt parking areas. *Hunters must have their permit, hunting license, State duck/Federal migratory bird stamps, HIP Validation and photo ID in their possession at all times while hunting on the Refuge.*

Opening Weekend: Permits & Hunt Days - Through a lottery drawing of submitted applications, a permit is issued by the Refuge to hunters for the first Saturday and Sunday of the waterfowl hunting season. *For information on opening weekend and lottery please see Refuge website for more details.*
<https://www.fws.gov/refuge/modoc/>

After Opening Weekend: Permits & Hunt Days - Hunters must check-in and check-out of the Refuge by use of self-service permits located at the kiosks in the designated hunt parking areas. *Hunters must have their permit, hunting license, State duck /Federal migratory bird stamps, HIP Validation and photo ID in their possession at all times while hunting on the Refuge.* Hunting is permitted only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

Access and Hours - Hunters must enter and exit the hunting area from the two designated hunt parking areas. All other access is prohibited, including dropping off passengers or equipment outside of the designated hunt parking areas. Hunting areas are opened 90 minutes before shoot time and closed 60 minutes after shoot time ends each hunt day.

Authorized Conveyances - Access to the hunt area is by foot, bicycle and non-motorized cart traffic only through designated parking areas. Any other form of conveyance is prohibited in the hunt area. There are many graveled levees for hunters to use. To safely cross the South Fork of the Pit River, hunters should use either of the two bridges at South Dam or Sharkey dam, or the hand ferry (see map). **Special note:** bicycles are not allowed in the hunt area during the opening weekend of the season.

Blinds - There are 3 spaced blinds available. All are ADA accessible. The blinds may be reserved by disabled hunters during the hunt season by calling the refuge office at least 24 hours in advance of the day you plan to hunt. Blinds not reserved will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis and are accessed from the north hunt parking area. Hunters must park their vehicle in the numbered parking stall that corresponds to the number of the blind they are to use. No more than four persons may occupy a blind and all hunters must remain within the blind while hunting except to retrieve downed birds and return to or from the parking area.

Junior Hunters - Hunters 15 years of age and under must be accompanied by an adult at all times and possess a valid junior hunting license and a Refuge permit when in the Refuge hunt area. Special Youth waterfowl hunt days are held before the opening of the waterfowl season. Call the Refuge for further information.

Upland Game Hunting - Hunting of pheasant is limited to Junior Hunters during special junior pheasant hunts. Juniors must possess a valid junior hunting license and a Refuge permit. Pheasant hunts are in designated areas only and on special hunt days. Call the Refuge for further information.

Ammunition and Shell Limit - Hunters may possess only approved, nontoxic shot while in the Refuge hunt area. Hunters may not possess more than 25 shells after leaving the designated parking areas.

Prohibited Acts - No fires, camping or alcoholic beverages are allowed.

Personal Property - All decoys, trash (including spent shotshells) and other personal property must be removed from the Refuge at the close of each hunt day through the two designated hunt parking areas. Guns must be unloaded in parking areas at all times.

Safety - The hunt area portion of the Refuge contains a variety of habitats including rough, uneven terrain, deep waters, dense stands of tules, wet meadows and ditches. Precipitation can make roads and fields muddy and slippery. Hunting difficulty varies by area and hunters should examine their own abilities and limitations before using the Refuge. Persons with disabilities should hunt with a partner and consult with the Refuge manager for suggestions on hunting the area safely. Injuries or accidents occurring on the Refuge must be reported immediately to Refuge headquarters.

Modoc NWR Westside Hunt Map

