

Sherburne

National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Regulations 2020–2021



Welcome

Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1965 to help protect and restore the habitats in the St. Francis River Valley for migratory birds and other wildlife. Today this 30,700-acre refuge encompasses wetland, oak savanna and prairie opening habitats that are home to an astounding array of wildlife.

Safety

For emergencies, call 911. To report violations:

- Turn in Poachers (TIP): 1-800-652-9093
- Federal Wildlife Officer: 612-283-8963

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 use (discharge) firearms only in accordance with refuge regulations (50 CFR 27.42 and specific refuge regulations in 50 CFR Part 32).

Non-toxic Ammunition

Shotgun hunters may use or possess only approved non-toxic shotshells when hunting small game, migratory birds or turkeys.

Vehicles

Licensed motor vehicles are permitted only on refuge roads and parking areas as shown on the map. State and county regulations apply. Horses, snowmobiles, ATVs and all other OHVs (off-highway vehicles) are prohibited.

Parking in front of gates, blocking gates or restricting access to roads and gates in any way is prohibited.

Boats

Canoes, kayaks and rowboats are permitted ONLY on Long Pool and the designated canoe route that starts at Battle Brook, south of Little Elk Lake, and continues on the St. Francis River, south of Battle Brook. Motorized watercraft are prohibited, including electric trolling motors.

Bicycles

Bicycles, including electric-assisted bicycles as defined by state law, are permitted on the Wildlife Drive and county roads crossing the refuge. Hiking trails are closed to biking, and no off-road travel is permitted. All traffic and directional signs must be obeyed. From September 1 to February 28, service roads are also open to biking.

Accessibility Information

Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs and activities of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service is available to all individuals regardless of physical or mental ability. For more information please contact the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Equal Opportunity, www.doi.gov/pmb/eeo/public-civil-rights.

Hunting blinds may be available by reservation for hunters with disabilities during waterfowl, spring turkey and firearm deer seasons. For more information, contact Refuge Headquarters.

Hunting Regulations

Hunting regulations are designed to provide safe recreational opportunities through the 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 is in accordance with applicable State of Minnesota regulations subject to the conditions stated below. Brochures may be obtained by mail, at Refuge Headquarters, stocked brochure boxes on the refuge or from the refuge website.

- **All species** not listed in this brochure are protected on the refuge and may not be taken or possessed.
- Field **possession of migratory birds is prohibited** in areas closed to migratory bird hunting.

Access

The refuge is open ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset. Licensed hunters may access the refuge two hours before legal shooting time until two hours after legal shooting time. You must call and/or leave a message with the Federal Wildlife Officer to remain after closing hours to retrieve or track wounded game.

During wildlife sanctuary, March 1 to August 31, the refuge is not open to hunting and public use is allowed only in the areas designated on the Public Use Regulations and Map.

Brande Rd. entrance off County Rd. 9 is open Sept. 1 until winter closure and is maintained for vehicles to Long Pool Rd. through the state firearms deer season.

Dogs

Dogs used for hunting are permitted but must be under the immediate control of the hunter at all times and used only during the state hunting season, in areas open to hunting. All other dogs and pets must be on a leash. Training is not allowed.

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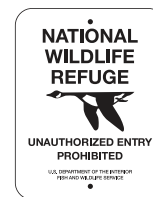
Tree Stands

All property brought onto the refuge must be removed at the end of each day. This includes tree stands, vehicles, boats, decoys, trash, trail cameras and hunting equipment. Blinds made of natural material must be disassembled at the end of each day.

Permanent tree stands, spikes, nails, screw-in steps, screw-in bow holders or other items that penetrate the outer bark of a tree are prohibited.

Signs to Know Refuge Boundary

- This sign delineates the refuge boundary.



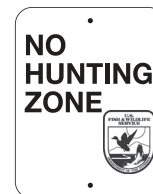
Area Closed

- This area is closed to ALL entry all year.



No Hunting Zone

- This area is closed to ALL hunting.



Gates

- All refuge roads must remain accessible for fire and emergency situations.



Prohibited Activities

- Entering or remaining on the refuge outside of open refuge hours (see Access section).
- Attempting to take game species in any area of the refuge that is not specifically open to that species as identified in this brochure.
- The use of artificial lights or automobile headlights to locate or take wildlife.
- Distribution of or hunting over bait, including salts, minerals or attractants.
- Disposal of animal carcasses.
- Drones (UAVs) taking off, landing and/or flying on or over refuge lands.
- Fires (including cooking fires), camping and overnight parking.
- Target shooting or any non-hunting discharge of firearms.
- Shooting on, over, across or within 30 feet (9 meters) of a roadway open to public vehicle transportation at a big game animal or decoy of a big game animal.
- Cutting, mowing, sawing, digging, collecting, injuring or removing vegetation.
- Searching for or removal of any natural or cultural items, including shed antlers, stones, plants and animals.
- Plants and animals collected or taken elsewhere shall not be introduced, liberated or placed on any part of the refuge.
- Littering. All trash, including shotgun shell casings, must be packed out.
- Flagging or marking devices.
- Commercial enterprise without a special use permit.
- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting.
- Use or possession of fireworks, explosives or any illegal drug or drug paraphernalia.
- By law, recreational activities on national wildlife refuges are prohibited unless expressly permitted.

Huntible Species	Area A	Area B	Area C
Small Game: Ruffed Grouse, Gray Squirrel, Fox Squirrel, Rabbit, Hare and Pheasant	State Season	State Season	Closed
Migratory Birds: Ducks, Coots, Geese, Rails, Woodcock and Snipe	Closed	State Season	Closed
Deer: Archery	State Season	State Season	Closed*
Deer: October Youth Firearm	State Season	State Season	Closed
Deer: November Firearm	State Season	State Season	State Season
Deer: Muzzleloader	Closed	Closed	Closed

The refuge is **NOT OPEN** for general trapping or hunting of mourning dove, crow, spruce grouse, prairie chicken, Hungarian partridge, moorhens (gallinules), red squirrel, coyote, fox, bobcat, bear, raccoon, opossum, badger or general turkey hunting.

No Hunting During Wildlife Sanctuary

All hunting is prohibited from March 1 to August 31 during the wildlife sanctuary period. This includes early goose hunting prior to September 1.

Hunting in Area C

*Area C is closed to ALL hunting, except during the state firearms deer season in November.

The refuge encompasses **Permit Area 224** for deer hunting.

Spring Turkey

Limited spring turkey hunt for youth and hunters with disabilities may be available by special use permit. Contact Refuge Headquarters for details.



