

Tamarac

National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Regulations



Welcome

Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1938 to perpetually serve as a breeding ground and sanctuary for migratory birds and other wildlife. Tamarac's nearly 43,000 acres were purchased with funds from the sale of the Federal Duck Stamps.

The following species are open to hunting on the refuge. Season closed to species not listed.

- **Upland Game:** Ruffed Grouse, Gray, Red and Fox Squirrel, Rabbit, Hare and Turkey
- **Big Game:** Deer (Archery, Firearm and Muzzeloder)
- **Furbearer:** Red Fox, Raccoon, Bobcat and Striped Skunk
- **Migratory Bird:** Duck, Goose, Coot, Woodcock, Snipe, Sora, Virginia Rail, Mourning Dove and American Crow

Safety

Hunters are required to comply with Minnesota hunter orange requirements.

Pet owners should use caution as trapping and snaring are allowed by tribal permit and may occur throughout the refuge except in the Closed to Hunting Zone.

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).

Vehicles

Licensed motor vehicles are allowed on main roads and service roads beyond open gates as shown on the map. The following service road gates are open seasonally in the fall: Egg Lake Trail to the inner gate, Dry Lake Trail, Pine Lake Trail (boat access), West Rice Lake Trail, Herfendahl Landing, Herfendahl Cut-Across.

Boats

Non-motorized watercraft for hunting are allowed on all waterbodies within the migratory bird hunting areas.

Motorized watercraft for hunting are allowed on: Two Island, Carmen, Lower Egg, Big Egg, Waboose, Dry, North Tamarac, South Tamarac, Pine, Rice, Height of Land, Cotton, and Johnson lakes.

Accessibility Information

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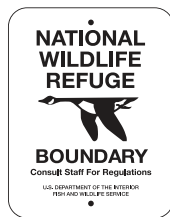
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Signs and Boundaries

Please respect the following signs:



- Boundary Sign: Hunting is authorized in designated areas. Consult refuge manager for current regulations.



- Wildlife Sanctuary Area: This area is closed to the public during prime wildlife breeding and rearing season. Area is open September 1 – March 1.



- No Hunting Zone: No hunting of any species is allowed in this area.



- No Migratory Bird Hunting: This area is closed to migratory bird hunting.



- Area Beyond This Sign Closed: This area is closed to the public year round.

Hunting Regulations

Hunting regulations are designed to provide safe recreational opportunities through 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, applicable State of Minnesota and White Earth Nation regulations and seasons.

White Earth Nation firearms deer season runs from October through December. Tribal trapping and snaring is allowed by permit and may occur throughout the refuge except the No Hunting Zone.

Hunters using shotguns may only use or possess non-toxic shot while hunting migratory birds and upland game, including turkey.

Brochures may be obtained by mail, at the refuge headquarters, or from the refuge website.

Access

Refuge is open from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily. Accessing refuge lands outside of these hours is prohibited.

Parking, blocking, or in any manner restricting access to roads and gates is prohibited.

The Wildlife Sanctuary Area (all refuge land north of County Highway 26) is open to public entry from September 1 - March 1.

Horses

Horses are not permitted on refuge trails or wildlife drive, but may follow county and township roads.

Tree Stands

Tree stands, steps, elevated platforms, and ground blinds must be temporary and removed from the refuge daily. Use of nails, screws, bolts, or wires to attach a stand to a tree for hunting from a tree is prohibited.

Camping

Fires and overnight camping or parking are prohibited.



To Report Violations

- Refuge Law Enforcement Officer: 218-844-3423
- Turn In Poachers (TIP): 1-800-652-9093
- Dial #TIP (#847) from your cell phone

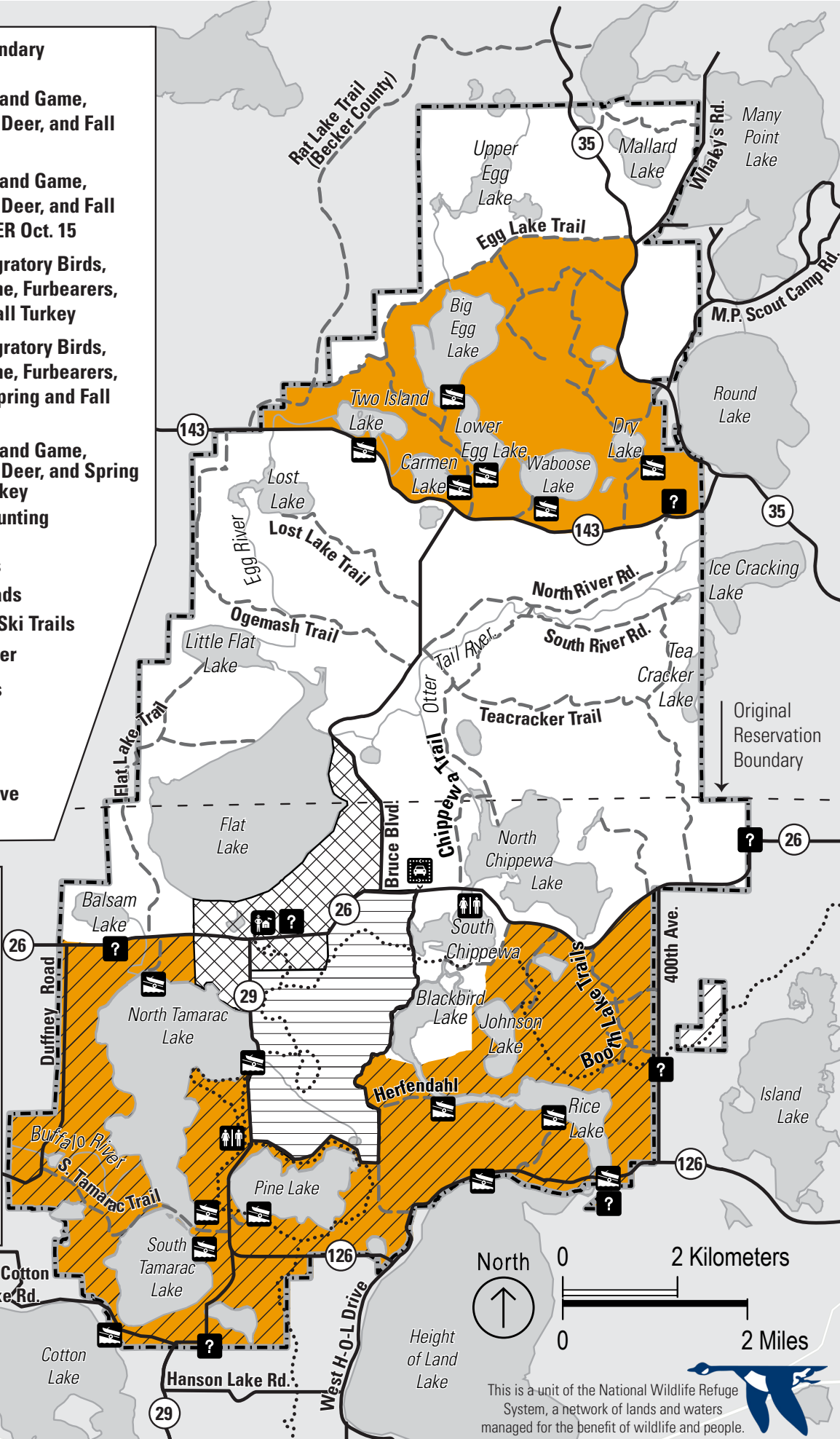
Prohibited Activities


By law, recreational activities on National Wildlife Refuges are prohibited unless expressly permitted.

- Possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting.
- Snowmobiles, ATVs, and UTVs on the refuge.
- Searching for or removal of any natural items such as antlers, bones, plants, historic, and archaeological features.
- Use of dogs to hunt furbearers or hunting furbearers outside of daylight hours.
- Use of nails, screws, bolts, or wires to attach a stand to a tree for hunting from a tree, into which a metal object has been driven to support a hunter.
- Target, skeet, trap, indiscriminate shooting and training pets.
- Hunting within 200 yards of any public use facility.

-  Refuge Boundary
-  Open to Upland Game, Furbearers, Deer, and Fall Turkey
-  Open to Upland Game, Furbearers, Deer, and Fall Turkey AFTER Oct. 15
-  Open to Migratory Birds, Upland Game, Furbearers, Deer, and Fall Turkey
-  Open to Migratory Birds, Upland Game, Furbearers, Deer, and Spring and Fall Turkey
-  Open to Upland Game, Furbearers, Deer, and Spring and Fall Turkey
-  Closed to Hunting
-  Main Roads
-  Service Roads
-  Hiking and Ski Trails
-  Visitor Center
-  Boat Ramps
-  Information
-  Restrooms
-  Wildlife Drive Entrance

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This is a unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System, a network of lands and waters managed for the benefit of wildlife and people.

