# Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge

# Trapping

Welcome to Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service established the refuge in 1958 primarily for nesting, resting, staging and feeding waterfowl. We allow both marsh and upland trapping in accordance with State laws and the following additional refuge regulations.

- The refuge is open from sunrise to sunset.
- The entire refuge is open to trapping except areas that may be closed for management purposes. These areas are identified in the trapping permit.
- Traps may not be set in public or administrative areas such as trails, service roads, dikes, or paths frequently used by staff or other visitors.
- We issue up to 50 Marsh Trapping Permits and up to 50 Upland Trapping Permits per year.
- Permits are issued at the refuge office on a first come, first served basis, beginning October 1. No permits are issued after the State trapping seasons start or when 50 permits have been issued, whichever comes first.
- Trappers must personally tend their traps each day.
- We require a Trapping Report from each trapper. Report forms are supplied with the permit(s). Trappers must turn in a report even if they did not trap or no animals were taken. Reports are due by March 1, if that date falls on a weekend, reports will be accepted until the following Monday. Failure to return a report on time will result in the loss of trapping privileges for one year.

- Violation of any Refuge regulations will be cause to have the permit revoked.
- All trap location markers must be removed within five days of completion of trapping.
- No dogs are allowed.

## **Upland Trapping**

- Upland Trapping Permits allow the take of: raccoon, opossum, weasel, red fox, gray fox, skunk and coyote.
- You may only use land sets.
- Upland trapping permits are free.

### **Marsh Trapping**

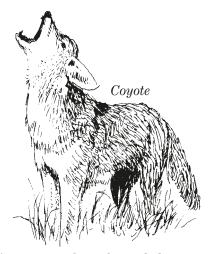
- Marsh Trapping Permits allow the take of: muskrat, mink, and beaver.
- Incidental take of non-target species is also permitted, however, good trappers should endeavor to set their traps so that incidental take is minimized.
- You may only use water sets. There is 25 trap and stake limit.
- Beaver is not included in the trap
- There is a \$50 fee for Marsh Trapping Permits.

#### **Vehicles**

Stay on public roads. Off road travel, ATVs and snowmobiles are not allowed. Please, do not block gates or roads.

#### Boats

Canoes, kayaks, and other boats without motors are permitted on Oak Orchard Creek only, from Knowlesville Road to Route 63. You may launch boats from Route 63, Sour Springs Road and Knowlesville Road.



As you pass through wooded swamp expect obstructions and variable water levels.

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