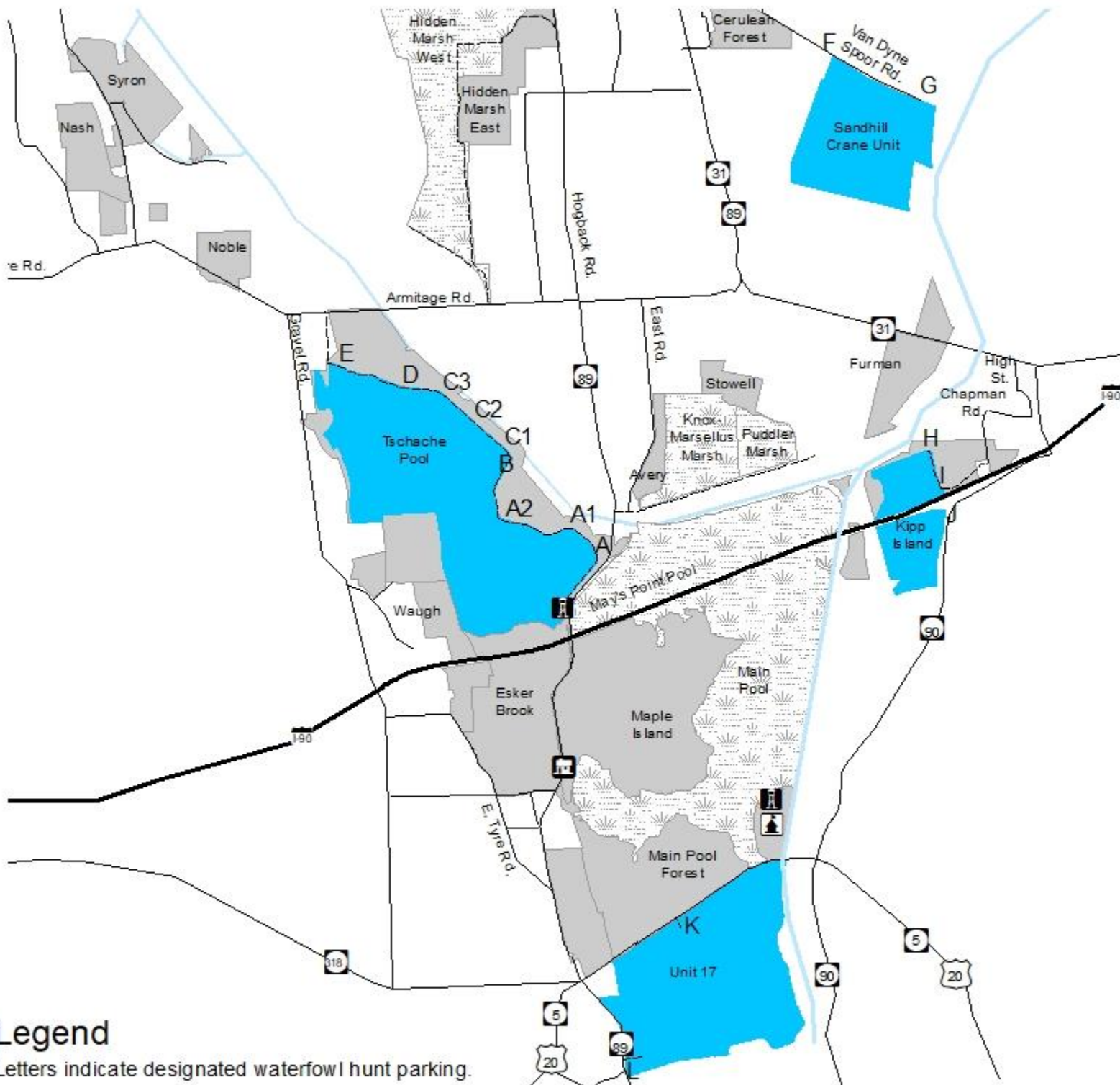




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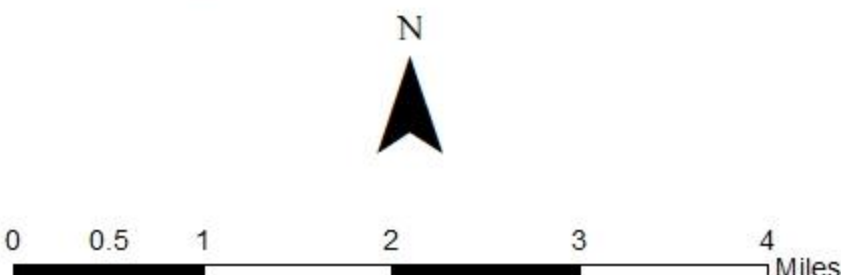
Waterfowl Hunting Map



Legend

Letters indicate designated waterfowl hunt parking.

- Hunter Check Station
- Refuge Headquarters
- Observation Tower
- No Waterfowl Hunting
- No Waterfowl Hunting - Open Water/Emergent Marsh
- Waterfowl Hunting





NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM

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Waterfowl Season Hunting Regulations 2022-2023

Welcome

The Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1938 as a refuge and breeding ground for migratory birds and other wildlife.

Part of the Montezuma Wetlands Complex, this 10,000+-acre refuge provides essential habitat for many species of resident and migratory birds. A popular destination for outdoor recreation, Montezuma NWR allows waterfowl hunting in accordance with New York State laws and refuge specific regulations.

Important Dates

Reservations:

8:30-9:00 AM Tues, Thurs, Sat for the next hunt day, except:

- For Youth Hunt: 09/22/22
- For Opening Day: 10/06/22
- For Veterans & Active Military: 11/08/22
- For 2nd Split Opener: 11/12/22

Hunt Dates:

Youth Hunt Day: 10/01/22

1st Split: 10/15/22 - 11/05/22

2nd Split: 11/26/22 - 12/31/22

Veterans & Active Military: 11/11/22, 11/12/22

Scouting:

Saturday, October 8, 2022, 5:00 am to Noon

Get scouting permit from Hunter Check Station

Drive-in only; no launching boats or going into marsh

Youth Deer hunt in progress; wear orange

NOTICE

Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on refuge lands must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (50 CFR 27.42 and specific refuge regulations in 50 CFR Part 32).

Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge

3395 U.S. Route 20 East

Seneca Falls, NY 13148

315-568-5987

<https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Montezuma>

For State relay service TTY/Voice: 711

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

1-800-344-WILD

September 2022



Hunt Information

The refuge is open to the regular waterfowl season on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Daily refuge permits ((FWS Form 3-2542 Harvest Report) and reservations are required for waterfowl hunting. We require proof of successful completion of the New York State waterfowl identification course, the Montezuma nonresident waterfowl identification course, or a suitable nonresident State waterfowl identification course. **We encourage hunters to limit their shell possession within the hunting areas to 25 shells.**

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. Hunting will be in accordance with State regulations.

In addition to meeting statewide harvest reporting, permitted hunters must complete a Harvest Report (FWS Form 3-2542 Harvest Report) and return it to the refuge by the end of the hunt day.

Access

Hunting occurs on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays during the State's western zone season, the Saturday of New York State's youth waterfowl hunt, and on both days of the State's Veterans and Active Military Days.

- Check-in opens 1- and one-half hours before sunrise.
- **You are permitted on the refuge (including the parking area and adjacent public road) for check-in no earlier than 2 hours before sunrise.** You must complete your hunt by noon and be out of the hunting area by 1:00 pm each hunt day.
- Hunters must obtain their permit from the Hunter Check Station (1095 State Route 89, Seneca Falls, NY 13148).
- All hunters and companions with reservations must check in at the Hunter Check Station area at least 1 hour before legal shooting time or forfeit their reservation. Forfeited reservations become available on a first-come, first-served basis to standby hunters at the Route 89 Hunter Check Station.
- During the self-serve portion of the second split, permits must be obtained at least 1 hour before legal shooting time. **You are permitted on the refuge (including the parking area and adjacent public road) for check-in no earlier than 2 hours before sunrise.**
- Waterfowl hunting access is by boat or foot from designated areas. You are permitted ONE boat and ONE vehicle in the hunting area per reservation.
- **Accessibility Information:** Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs and activities of the U.S. Fish and 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, <https://www.doi.gov/pmb/eeo/public-civil-rights>.

Reservations: the reservation telephone number is (315) 568-4136.

Reservations for hunting spots are required for Youth, the entire first split, veterans and active military days, and part of the second split. For the remainder of the season, permits will be available on a self-serve, first come/first served basis.

- We limit each reservation/permit/hunting spot to parties of 2.
- Telephone reservations are taken from 8:30 am to 9:00 am on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays for the next hunt day with the following exceptions:
 - Reservations for Opening Day: October 6, 8:30 – 9:00 am
 - Reservations for Youth Hunt: September 22, 8:30 – 9:00 am
 - Reservations for Veterans & Active Military Hunt: November 8, 8:30 – 9:00 am
 - Reservations for 2nd Split Opener: November 12, 8:30 – 9:00 am
- Changes to the permit procedure may be made at the refuge manager's discretion.