

Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge

Youth Waterfowl Hunt



Welcome to Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service established the refuge in 1958 primarily for migratory birds. Public hunting is a priority public use and can provide a quality recreational experience when pursued responsibly. We allow hunting of geese, ducks and coots in accordance with State laws and the following refuge specific regulations.

We host a Youth Waterfowl Hunt for youth hunters between 12-15 years of age. The youth hunt is held on the Saturday of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Youth Hunt Weekend. Participants must pre-register online at <https://IroquoisNWR.RecAccess.com>. No paper applications will be accepted.

The program is free and space is limited to the first 20 applicants. Applications can be completed online beginning August 15th.

All youth hunters must have a valid NY State hunting license and a Waterfowl ID Education Certificate.

All youth participants must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult as per New York State regulations. Additionally, each participant must have a non-hunting guide who will coach them, as well as help call in birds if needed. The parent or guardian may also serve as the non-hunting guide. Guides must have a valid NY State hunting license, HIP number, valid duck stamp and a Waterfowl ID Education Certificate.

We will assign stands through a random drawing on the day of the hunt. The drawing will take place at the Iroquois NWR Shop located at 1101 Casey Road, Basom, NY 14013. Hunters must check in by 5:00 a.m. to participate in the hunt.

Hunt Areas

We allow waterfowl hunting from designated stand markers in Cayuga, Mohawk, and Oneida Pools. You must hunt within 100 feet of your designated stand marker unless you are dispatching a crippled bird. A limited number of permits are distributed for free roam hunting of Mohawk Pool. All other areas are closed. The location of available stands is decided based on habitat conditions.

Hunt Hours

Hunt times are ½ hour before legal sunrise until noon. Check out by returning your Migratory Bird Hunt Report form to the Waterfowl Permit Station no later than 1:00 pm.

Consult the Waterfowl Hunting fact sheet for information on additional waterfowl hunting opportunities during the regular waterfowl hunting season.

Hunters with Disabilities

One hunt blind is available for hunters with permanent physical challenges who possesses or can meet and document the qualifications for obtaining a New York State non-ambulatory hunting license. Individuals with disabilities should contact the refuge so that reasonable accommodations can be made.

Vehicles

Vehicles are only allowed on established roads marked open for vehicular travel. Vehicles must be parked off the lane of travel and clear of gate. ATVs and snowmobiles are not allowed.

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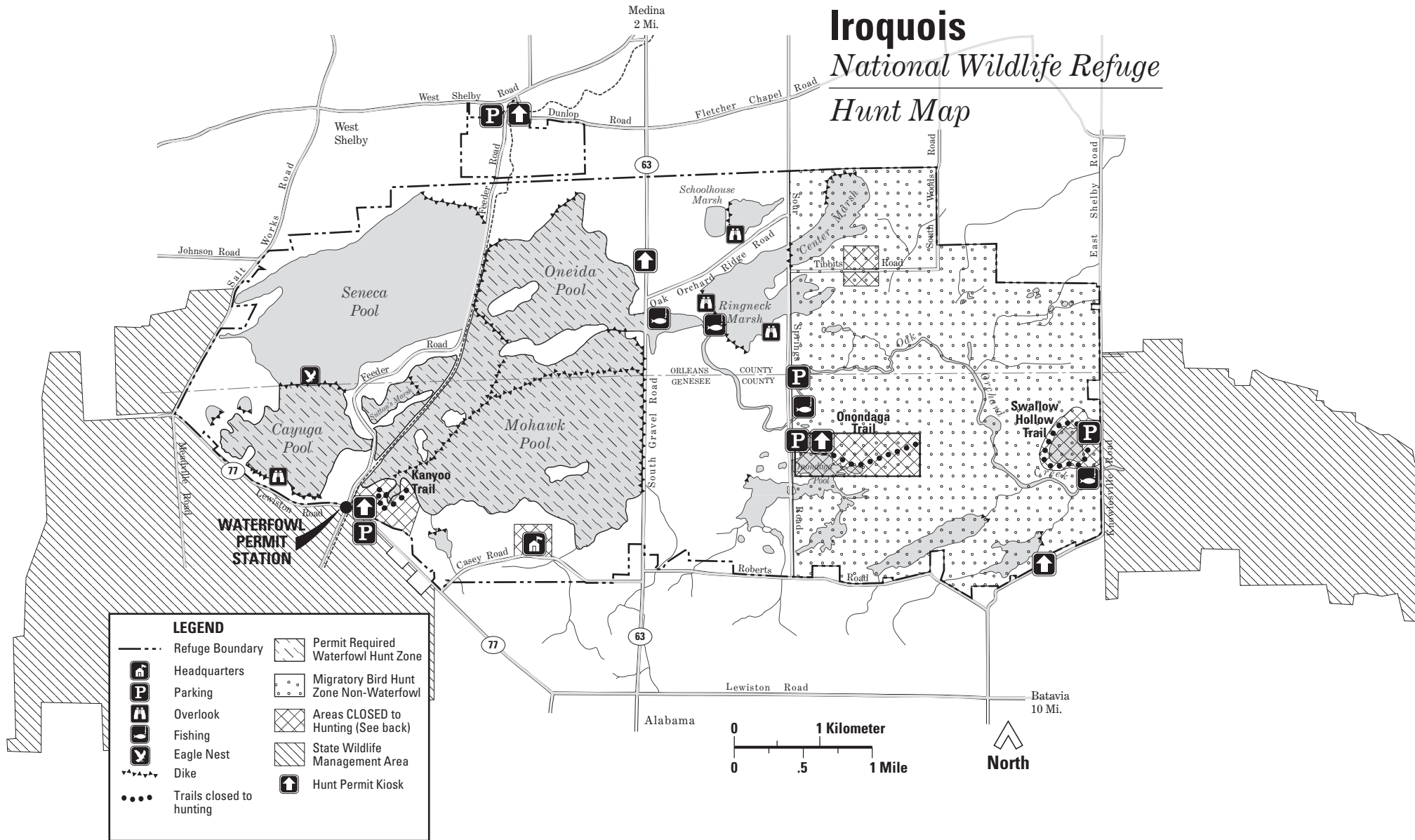
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Hunt Map



LEGEND			
	Refuge Boundary		Permit Required Waterfowl Hunt Zone
	Headquarters		Migratory Bird Hunt Zone Non-Waterfowl
	Parking		Areas CLOSED to Hunting (See back)
	Overlook		State Wildlife Management Area
	Fishing		Hunt Permit Kiosk
	Eagle Nest		
	Dike		
	Trails closed to hunting		