



## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# Stewart B. McKinney

## National Wildlife Refuge, Salt Meadow Unit Hunting Regulations

### Welcome

Stewart B. McKinney National Wildlife Refuge consists of ten units located along the coast of Connecticut from Westbrook to Greenwich. Due to its location within the Atlantic Flyway, the refuge provides important resting, feeding, and nesting habitat for many species of birds including the endangered roseate tern and threatened piping plover. The Salt Meadow Unit, established in 1972 as Connecticut's first national wildlife refuge, serves as headquarters. Salt Meadow is the easternmost unit of the refuge and is located in Westbrook, Connecticut.

**Stewart B. McKinney National Wildlife Refuge**  
733 Old Clinton Road, Westbrook, CT 06498  
860-399-2513  
860-399-2515 (Fax)

[https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Stewart\\_B\\_McKinney/](https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Stewart_B_McKinney/)  
For State relay service  
TTY/Voice: 711 or 1-800-842-9710

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
1-800-344-WILD  
August 2020

I have read and agree to comply with the refuge rules and regulations described in this hunt brochure. Permit valid for current season only.  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

You must carry this signed and dated permit with you at all times while hunting on the refuge.

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



### Hunt Information

Turkey and white-tailed deer hunting occurs in areas of the Salt Meadow Unit located to the west of the refuge headquarters (~170 acres), unless denoted by "No Hunting Zone" signage. All Connecticut hunting regulations apply, including season dates and harvest limits. White-tailed deer hunting on the Salt Meadows unit is archery only and must be conducted from a tree stand. Turkey hunting is archery only and occurs during the State's fall season.

### Safety

Hunting on the Salt Meadow Unit will be restricted to archery from tree stands in designated areas. The Salt Meadow Unit has a number of private residences along its boundaries, and the use of tree stands will prevent arrows from leaving the immediate site of hunting activities, creating a safer hunt program for both hunters, non-hunters, and neighboring property owners. Entering certain areas of the refuge is likely to expose hunters to mosquitoes, ticks and other disease-carrying insects.

### 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.)

### Boats

There are a number of public boat launch areas near the refuge, with further information found on the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection website: <https://www.depdata.ct.gov/maps/coastalaccess/index.html>

### 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/eo/public-civil-rights>

### 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 Federal and State regulations.

### Access

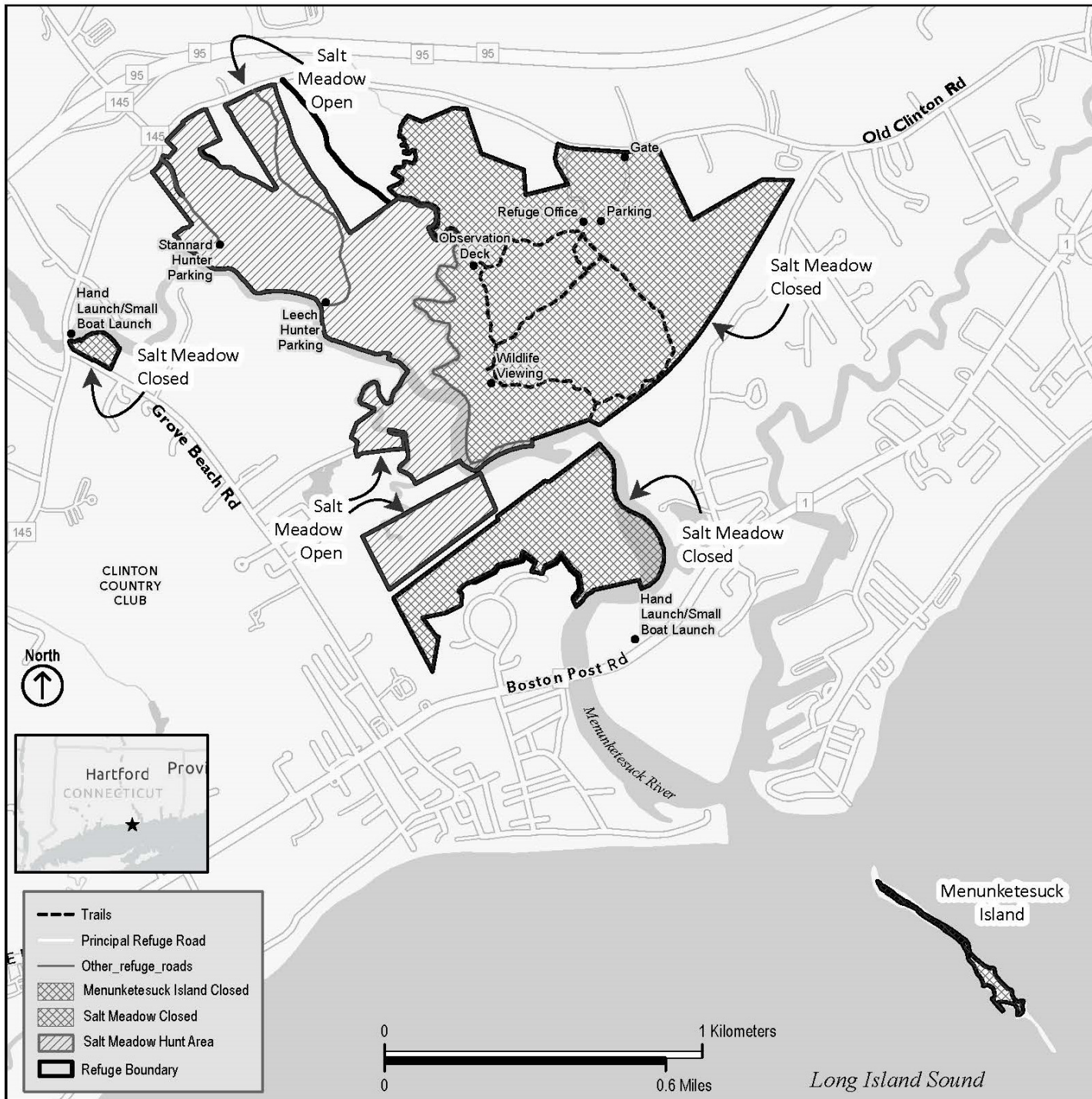
Hunting areas may be accessed from 1 hour before legal sunrise until 1 hour after legal sunset. Access to the Salt Meadow Unit is primarily by foot, but access may also be by boat via the Menunketesuck River. If boating, hunters must be aware of weather and tides. If arriving by motor vehicle, parking will be provided at the end of refuge auxiliary roads in or near hunting areas. See map on reverse.

### Dogs

The use of dogs is not permitted for the types of hunting allowed at the Salt Meadow Unit.

### Harvest Reporting

Successful hunters are requested to return a Big Game Harvest Report (FWS Form 3-2359) and/or a Migratory Bird Hunt report (FWS Form 3-2361) to the refuge at the end of the hunting season. These may be emailed to the Visitor Services Manager at [shaun\\_roche@fws.gov](mailto:shaun_roche@fws.gov), faxed to 860-399-2515 or sent by postal mail to refuge headquarters.



### Prohibited Activities

- Entering closed areas is prohibited.
- Camping and Fires are prohibited.
- Searching for or removal of any items such as antlers, skulls, plants, historic and archaeological features, which are protected by Federal law is prohibited.
- Use of electronic or photographic trail monitoring devices is prohibited. Use of drones is prohibited.
- Marking or flagging any tree or other Refuge feature with reflectors, paint, or other substance is prohibited.
- Permanent tree stands, nails, screw-in steps, or other items that penetrate the outer bark of a tree are prohibited. Tree stands, blinds, or other hunting equipment must be removed from the refuge at the end of each day.
- Access to the Refuge from private property is prohibited.
- Launching motorboats from the refuge is prohibited.
- Parking is prohibited on the refuge unless it is in the designated parking locations as indicated on the map or a public parking area.

### Signs and Boundaries

Please respect the following signs:

- No vehicles; Refuge Boundary; No Hunting Zone

Applies to the area behind the sign

- Refuge Boundary: Entry permitted in accordance with refuge regulations
- Closed Area: All entry prohibited
- No Hunting Zone: Hunting, weapons, and game retrieval prohibited.