

Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge
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National Wildlife Refuge through
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800/877-8339

Internet address:
www.fws.gov/refuge/Neal_Smith

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



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National Wildlife Refuge

Public Use and Hunting Regulations 2012-2013

PUBLIC USE REGULATIONS

The Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge is open to public use during daylight hours only.

Pets, skateboards, bicycles, and Segway scooters are not allowed on Refuge trails. Wheelchairs, electric carts, and strollers are permitted.

Berries and morels may be gathered on the Refuge for personal consumption only.

Fires on the Refuge are prohibited.

Camping on the Refuge is prohibited.

Firearms are permitted on Refuge land in accordance with Federal and State laws. Except for authorized hunting activities, discharge of firearms on Refuge land is prohibited.

Fireworks are prohibited on National Wildlife Refuges.

Parking is allowed at designated areas which are marked with a "P" for parking. Do not park in any field entrance. (*Access must be maintained for emergency, fire and patrol vehicles.*) Do not drive into fields or grassland areas.

Overnight parking is prohibited.

The destruction and/or collection of plants, animals, minerals, and artifacts are prohibited on the Refuge.

Wood gathering is permitted in designated areas with a special use permit. See the Refuge Manager to obtain a permit.

Use of spotlights or other artificial lights to spot, locate, or take any wildlife within the boundaries of any Refuge or along the right-of-way on public or private roads is prohibited.

Shed antler collection is prohibited.

Remain in your vehicle and on the road while inside the bison and elk enclosure.

REFUGE SPECIFIC HUNTING REGULATIONS

Non-toxic shot is required for the hunting of all small game and upland game birds.

A special refuge permit is required for all deer hunting. A copy of this brochure in your possession will suffice as a permit.

Hunting for rooster pheasant, bobwhite quail, squirrel, cottontail rabbit, and whitetail deer is allowed in accordance with State law with the following exceptions:

- **Hunting is allowed only between September 1 and January 31.**
- **Hunting for species not listed above is prohibited.**

For deer hunting, Refuge access is from one hour before official sunrise to one hour after official sunset.

Trapping of fur-bearing animals is prohibited anywhere on the Refuge, including road ditches.

Construction or use of permanent stands or ladders is prohibited. Portable stands may be used but must be removed at the end of each day. Steps, ladders, and stands will be erected in such a way that the trees are not damaged.

Shooting on, from, or over any Refuge road within 50 feet of the center line is prohibited.

The use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited on all National Wildlife Refuges.

The use of hunting dogs is allowed for pheasant and quail hunting during the state approved season, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

The training of dogs on the Refuge is prohibited.

Falconry is prohibited on the Refuge.

REFUGE SPECIFIC HUNTING REGULATIONS (cont.)

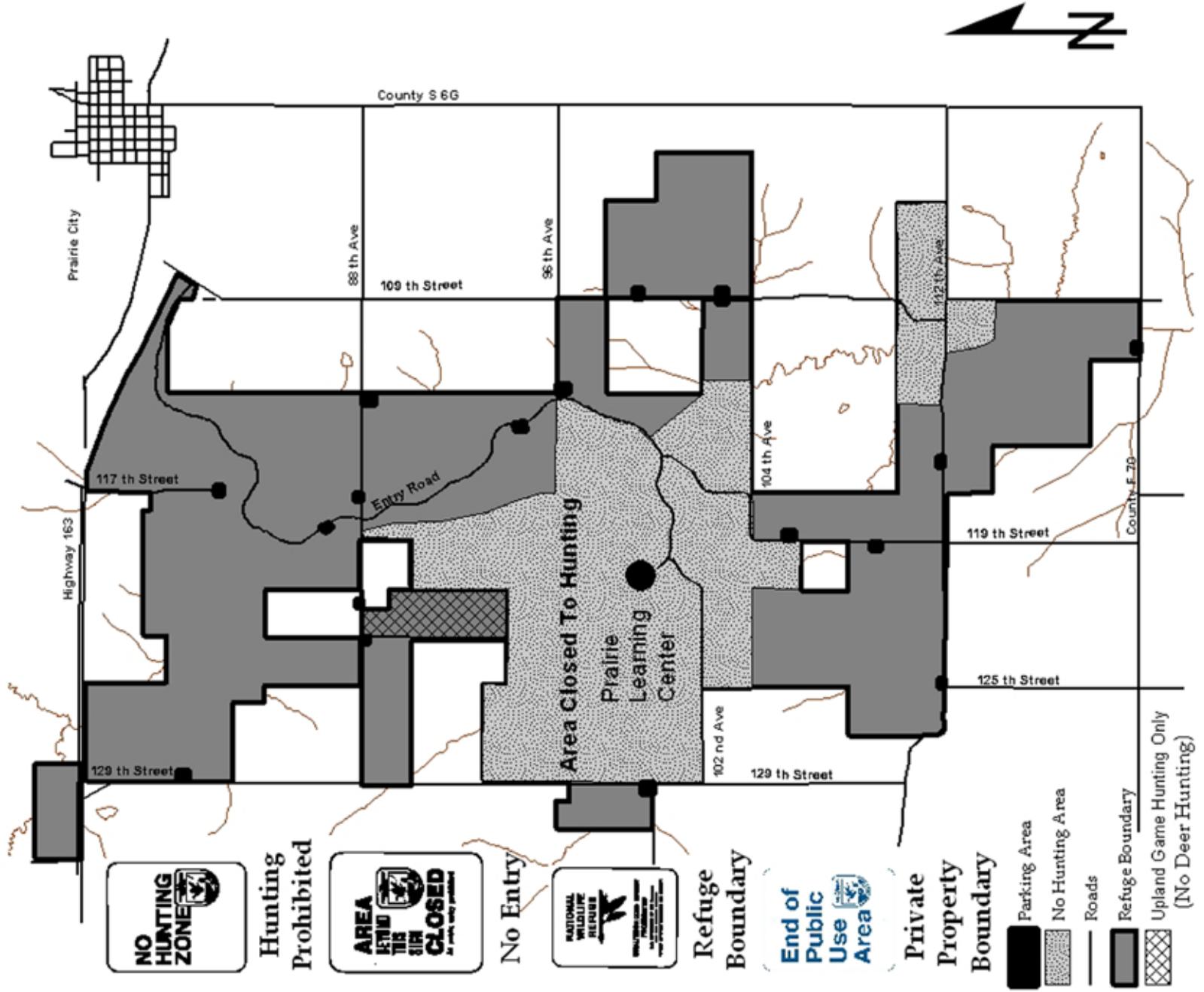
Please respect our neighbors. Poles marking 200 yards from buildings inhabited by people or livestock are located throughout the Refuge. The poles are marked with the color orange.

Please refer to the State of Iowa Hunting Regulations for clothing requirements, definition of approved weapons, bag limits, license requirements, and other important information. Contact the Iowa Department of Natural Resources at (515)281-5918 or check their web page at www.iowadnr.gov.

Report all accidents and injuries to the Refuge:

Law Enforcement Officer: (515) 422-4020 (cell)
 Refuge Headquarters: (515) 994-3400

Neal Smith NWR Hunting Area Map



Contact Refuge Before Hunting for current Prescribed Fire Units