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# News Release



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## U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES FOR HUNTERS IN SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

**GROSSE ILE, MICHIGAN** – Portions of the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge are open for early goose season, and will remain open for the remainder of the hunting season.

The following units are open to big game, small game and migratory bird hunting: Humbug Island, Calf Island, Sugar Island, the Strong Unit and the Fix Unit. Portions of the Plum Creek Bay Unit only accessible by boat will be open to migratory bird hunting only. The Brancheau Unit will be open Wednesday and Sunday mornings, solely to waterfowl hunting by special permit assigned through lottery. The popular permit hunt is managed in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources at the Pointe Mouillee State Game Area. Open water areas such as Humbug Marsh, Mama Juda Shoal, and waters surrounding Mud Island, Grassy Island, Humbug Island, Calf Island and the Brancheau Unit are will be open to waterfowl hunting below the ordinary high watermark in accordance with State laws and Regulations. Hunting from shore and entry onto uplands of Mud Island and Grassy Island or the mainland portion of the Humbug Marsh Unit above the ordinary high watermark are prohibited.

Hunters should note the regulations for deer hunting at the Fix Unit have changed significantly. **FIREARM DEER HUNTING IS NO LONGER PERMITTED AT THE FIX UNIT.** Only archery equipment is allowed for deer hunting at the Fix Unit. Firearms are still permitted for the take of all other species listed in the refuge hunt brochure.

As a reminder, all baiting is prohibited on National Wildlife Refuge land. Violators will be ticketed.

For more refuge specific information regarding the hunt program at Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, please visit the refuge website: [www.fws.gov/refuge/Detroit\\_River](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Detroit_River).

The Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge includes more than 5,700 acres along 48 miles of the lower Detroit River and western Lake Erie. The Refuge focuses on conserving, protecting, and restoring habitat for 29 species of waterfowl, 23 species of raptors, 31 species of shorebirds, over 100 species of fish, and over 300 species of birds. It is the first international refuge in North America and one of a few urban refuges in the nation. Unique habitats being managed within the Refuge include islands, coastal wetlands, marshes, shoals and waterfront lands.

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is, working with others, to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Service is both a leader and trusted partner in fish and wildlife conservation. Visit [www.fws.gov](http://www.fws.gov) to learn more.

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