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# Neal Smith

## National Wildlife Refuge

### Public Use and Hunting Regulations 2013-2014



August 29, 2013

## PUBLIC USE REGULATIONS

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

Dog walking is permitted on the Refuge. The following stipulations must be followed:

- All dogs must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet.
- Owners must maintain full control of dogs at all times.
- Dogs will not be permitted to threaten wildlife or people.
- Owners must clean up waste left by their pets on trails.
- The Refuge reserves the right, at the discretion of Management, to close any trail if these stipulations are not followed.

Wheelchairs, electric carts, and strollers are permitted on Refuge trails. Skateboards, bicycles and Segway scooters are prohibited. However, bicycles are allowed on the Entry Road.

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 hunting. A copy of this brochure in your possession will suffice as a permit.**

Hunting is permitted for:

Species	Season
Rooster Pheasant (Youth)	Oct 19 - Oct 20, 2013
Rooster Pheasant	Oct 26 - Jan 10, 2014
Bobwhite Quail	Oct 26 - Jan 31, 2014
Squirrel	Sept 1 - Jan 31, 2014
Cottontail Rabbit	Sept 1 - Jan 31, 2014
Whitetail Deer	
Youth Season	Sept 21 - Oct 6, 2013
Disabled Hunter Season	Sept 21 - Oct 6, 2013
Archery Season	
Early Split	Oct 1 - Dec 6, 2013
Late Split	Dec 23 - Jan 10, 2014
Early Muzzleloader	Oct 12 - 20, 2013
Late Muzzleloader	Dec 23 - Jan 10, 2014
Shotgun	
Season 1	Dec 7 - 11, 2013
Season 2	Dec 14 - 22, 2013
Resident Antlerless	Jan 11 - Jan 19, 2014
Nonresident Antlerless	Jan 11 - Jan 19, 2014
Nonresident Holiday	Dec 24 - Jan 2, 2014

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.

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## REFUGE SPECIFIC HUNTING REGULATIONS (cont.)

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.

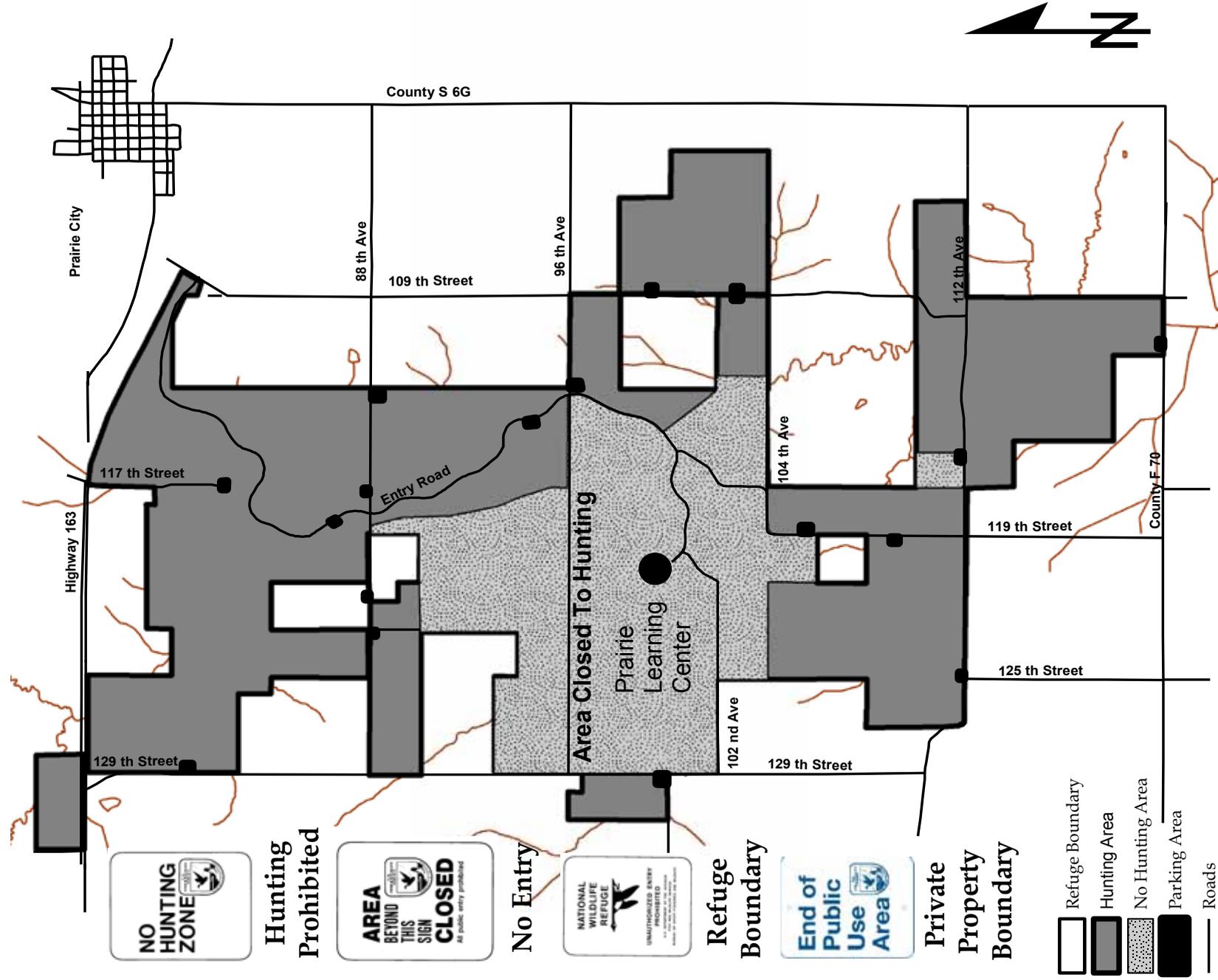
**Please respect our neighbors. State law prohibits shooting within 200 yards of buildings inhabited by people or livestock. Poles marking that distance are located throughout the Refuge. The poles are marked with the color orange.**

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](http://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 2013 - 2014



Contact Refuge Before Hunting for current Prescribed Fire Units