

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# Upper Souris

*National Wildlife  
Refuge*

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*Hunting Information*



## Welcome to Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge

The diversity of wetlands, native grasslands, and woodlands found on the Refuge provides excellent wildlife habitat for a variety of game animals. The Refuge offers a quality hunting experience for deer, sharp-tailed grouse, Hungarian (gray) partridge, and ring-necked pheasant.

Hunting on the Refuge is in accordance with all North Dakota Game and Fish Department regulations. To help protect wildlife and wildlife habitat, and to ensure your safety, please familiarize yourself with the following information.

### Special Refuge Hunting Regulations

- The Refuge is open from 5 am to 10 pm.
- Migratory bird hunting is prohibited.
- 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 regulations in 50 CFR Part 32).
- Check with the Refuge Manager for updated regulations and seasons.
- It is unlawful to carry a loaded firearm in any vehicle on Refuge lands or roads.
- Weapons are **not** allowed in boats and canoes.
- Vehicle travel is restricted to public roads and recreation area parking lots. Do not block gates. The use of all-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles, bicycles, and other off-road vehicles is **not** allowed. Only walk-in access is allowed.
- Horses are not permitted on the Refuge.
- Camping and open fires are **not** allowed on the Refuge.
- Visitors must take their trash with them when they leave.
- Entering closed areas is **not** permitted.
- The areas surrounding the Refuge headquarters and visitor center and residences are posted as closed to hunting. State law prohibits hunting within one-quarter mile of an occupied building.
- Collecting, injuring, disturbing, destroying, or harming any animal or plant, except legally taken fish or game animals, is **not** permitted.
- Searching for and or disturbing or collecting prehistoric or historic artifacts is prohibited

### Deer Hunting

- Deer hunting is allowed anywhere on the Refuge except the closed area surrounding the Refuge headquarters and visitor center, and residences.
- Archery and gun seasons on the Refuge coincide with State hunting season dates.
- A Refuge permit issued by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department for Unit IIIA2 is required to hunt antlered deer on the Refuge during the 16 ½-day rifle season.
- Hunters possessing a State muzzleloader deer permit may hunt without a Refuge permit.
- Pre-season scouting is allowed only in open public use areas and in areas marked “foot traffic only.”
- Once hunters fill their deer tag, they may return to the Refuge and participate in other open seasons as permitted.
- Portable tree stands are allowed, but they must be removed from the Refuge daily. Only strap-on steps or removable climbing ladders are allowed.
- Hunters can carry, drag, or use a cart to remove their deer.
- Baiting is **not** allowed on the Refuge.
- Trail cameras and other electronic equipment may not be left on the Refuge overnight.

### Grouse, Partridge, and Pheasant Hunting

- Approved non-toxic shot is required when hunting game birds. No other type of shot may be possessed while in the field.
- Hunting on Unit I is open during the State grouse, partridge, and pheasant hunting season. Unit I includes all Refuge land **north** of the township road that crosses Dam 41.
- Hunting on Unit II is open during the State grouse, partridge, and pheasant hunting season, except it is closed from the first day of State duck season to the last day of State deer rifle season. Unit II includes Refuge land **south** of the township road that crosses Dam 41. Land south of Lake Darling Dam is closed to all upland game bird hunting.
- Hunting with dogs is allowed on the Refuge.
- Blaze orange vest and cap must be worn when hunting game birds during the deer rifle season.

## Refuge Headquarters and Visitor Center

The Refuge headquarters and visitor center is located southeast of Lake Darling Dam and is open from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays. To reach the Refuge headquarters, take Highway 52 to 1 mile north of Foxholm, then north 7 miles on County Road 11. The Refuge headquarters can also be reached by traveling 18 miles north of Minot on Highway 83, then west 12 miles on County Road 6.

### Accessibility Information

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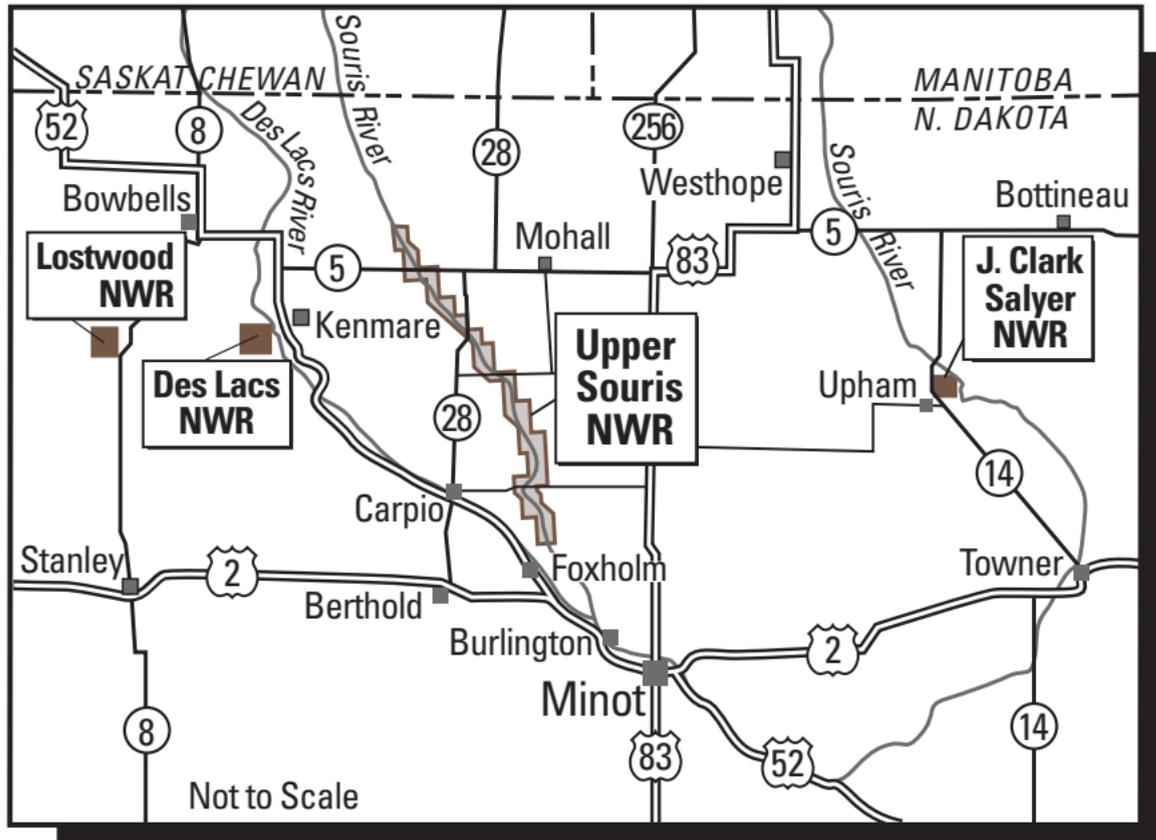
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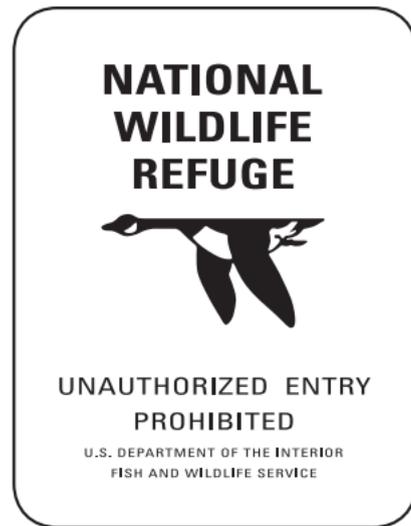
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## Refuge Signs and Their Meaning



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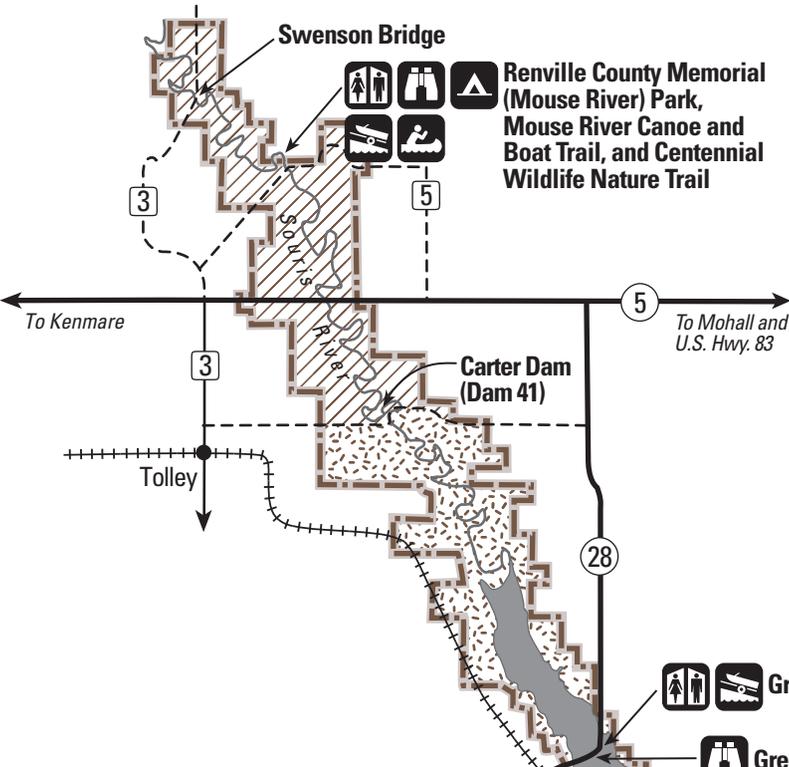


These signs mark areas that are closed to all public access to protect wildlife and habitat.

# Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Information Map



This goose, designed by J.N. "Ding" Darling, is the symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System.



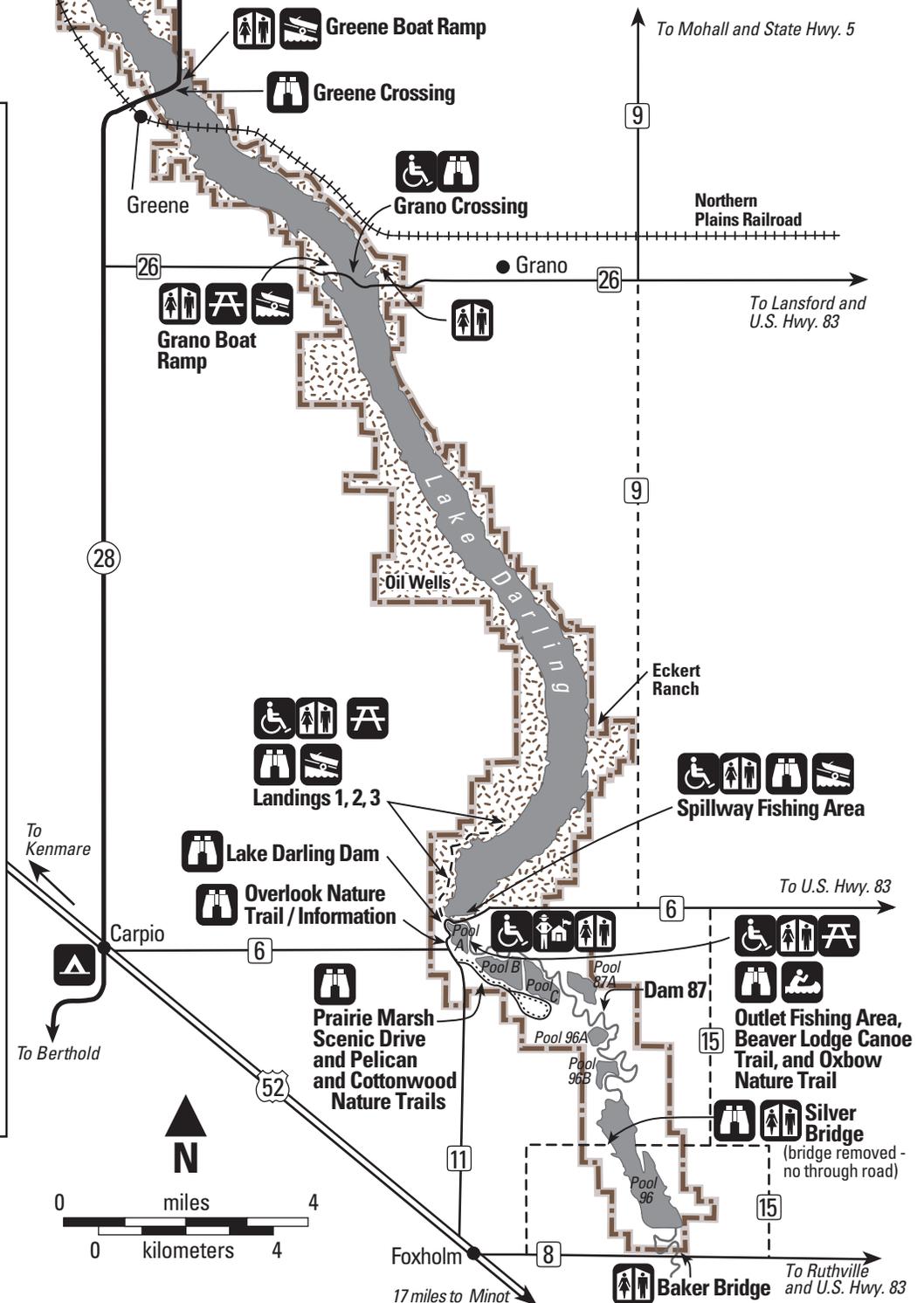
## Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge

- Refuge boundary
- Federal highway
- State highway
- County road
- Paved road
- Gravel road
- Scenic drive
- Railroad

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Area open during State season for hunting partridge, grouse, and pheasant

**Hunting Unit II**  
Area open during Refuge split season for hunting partridge, grouse, and pheasant

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- Restroom
- Linked symbols designate accessible features
- Wildlife observation area
- Table
- Boat launch - boat fishing
- Canoe trail
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