



## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# Iroquois

## *National Wildlife Refuge 2015-2016 Deer Hunting Regulations and Permit*

### **Iroquois NWR 2015-2016 Deer Hunt Permit Valid for Deer Hunting Only**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the regulations governing hunting on Iroquois NWR.

Hunter's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

This permit **must be in your possession while hunting** and is **valid only when signed by the hunter**. The permit is valid for the duration of the Iroquois NWR deer hunt season.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Established in 1958, Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge is one of more than 560 national wildlife refuges in the United States and its territories. The National Wildlife Refuge System is a network of lands and waters set aside for the conservation, management, and where appropriate, restoration of the fish, wildlife, and plant resources and their habitats for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans. Hunting is one of many necessary tools used to responsibly manage wildlife populations. Maintaining a balanced population by removing surplus animals ensures the overall health and viability of all wildlife populations that depend on the habitat this refuge provides.

The information below supplements the general regulations that govern the legal use of national wildlife refuges and their hunting programs as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. New York state laws and regulations also apply to hunting programs on the refuge.

### **General Hunting Regulations**

The following regulation applies to all types of hunting on the refuge. By law, recreational activities on national wildlife refuges are prohibited unless expressly permitted. Hunting, fishing, and certain other recreational uses are permitted on designated areas of Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge. Contact the Refuge Manager for current regulations and authorized activities.

**To protect waterfowl and other migratory birds from potential lead poisoning, nontoxic shot is required for the shotgun hunting of all species except for deer and turkey.**

### **Hunting Seasons**

Deer hunting is permitted during New York archery, shotgun, and muzzleloader seasons starting October 1. Night hunting is prohibited.

### **Hunting Stands**

The use of portable tree stands is allowed on the refuge. Stands must be clearly marked with the owner's name

and telephone number, and must be removed at the end of each hunt day.

Constructing new or using existing permanent tree stands is prohibited.

### **Other Regulations**

Hunters must wear at least 400 square inches of solid fluorescent orange on head, chest, and back visible from 360 degrees during firearm deer seasons. (A hat and vest may fulfill this requirement).

### **Hunters with Disabilities**

Hunters with a state disabled hunting license or a Golden Access/America the Beautiful Access Pass may qualify for special accommodations and should contact the refuge office.

### **No Hunting Zone/Closed Area**

Hunters are required to make a reasonable effort to retrieve wounded game. Permission must be obtained from refuge personnel to enter a "No Hunting Zone" or "Closed Area" for the purpose of tracking and/or retrieving legally taken game animals.

No Hunting Zones include but are not limited to: immediate area around headquarters, refuge residences, the vicinity of the Iroquois Job Corps Center, Swallow Hollow Trail, Onondaga Trail (except during deer shotgun season), Kanyoo Trail and all areas around private residences, farm buildings or structures per state requirements.

### **Vehicles**

Vehicles are only allowed on established roads marked open for vehicular travel. Roads marked closed to all vehicles may be traveled on foot. Vehicles must be parked off of the lane of travel and clear of gates to allow emergency vehicle access. ATVs and snowmobiles are prohibited.

## Boating

Only canoes and other non-motorized boats may be used on the refuge and only on Oak Orchard Creek from Knowlesville Road to Route 63. Expect obstructions and variable water levels.

## Firearms

Firearms being transported in vehicles and boats during refuge hunts must be unloaded and dismantled (or cased). A loaded firearm is defined as having ammunition in the chamber or magazine. Muzzleloaders will be considered unloaded if the percussion cap is not seated in the chamber.

## Scouting

Scouting is allowed during periods when the refuge is open to general public access after September 15 and before March 1. Weapons and dogs are prohibited during scouting activities.

## Prohibited Activities

The distribution of bait, or hunting over a baited area, is prohibited.

Using illuminating devices, including automotive headlights, for the purpose of spotlighting deer is prohibited.

Camping, overnight parking, open fires and littering are prohibited.

No entry is permitted beyond "Closed Area" or "No Hunting Zone" signs.

Weapons may not be discharged within, into, or across a "No Hunting Zone" or "Closed Area". Discharging a firearm from or across any refuge road is prohibited.

Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.

Hunters are prohibited from using nails, ire, screws, or bolts to attach a stand to a tree and may not possess axes, hatchets, saws, nails, tacks, paint, or flagging for the marking of trees and shrubs.

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# Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge Hunt Map

