

Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge
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800/877-8339

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U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
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National Wildlife Refuge

Public Use and Hunting Regulations 2015-2016



September 1, 2015

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 waterfowl, 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 shooting hours, 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**

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.

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.

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.

REFUGE SPECIFIC HUNTING REGULATIONS

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

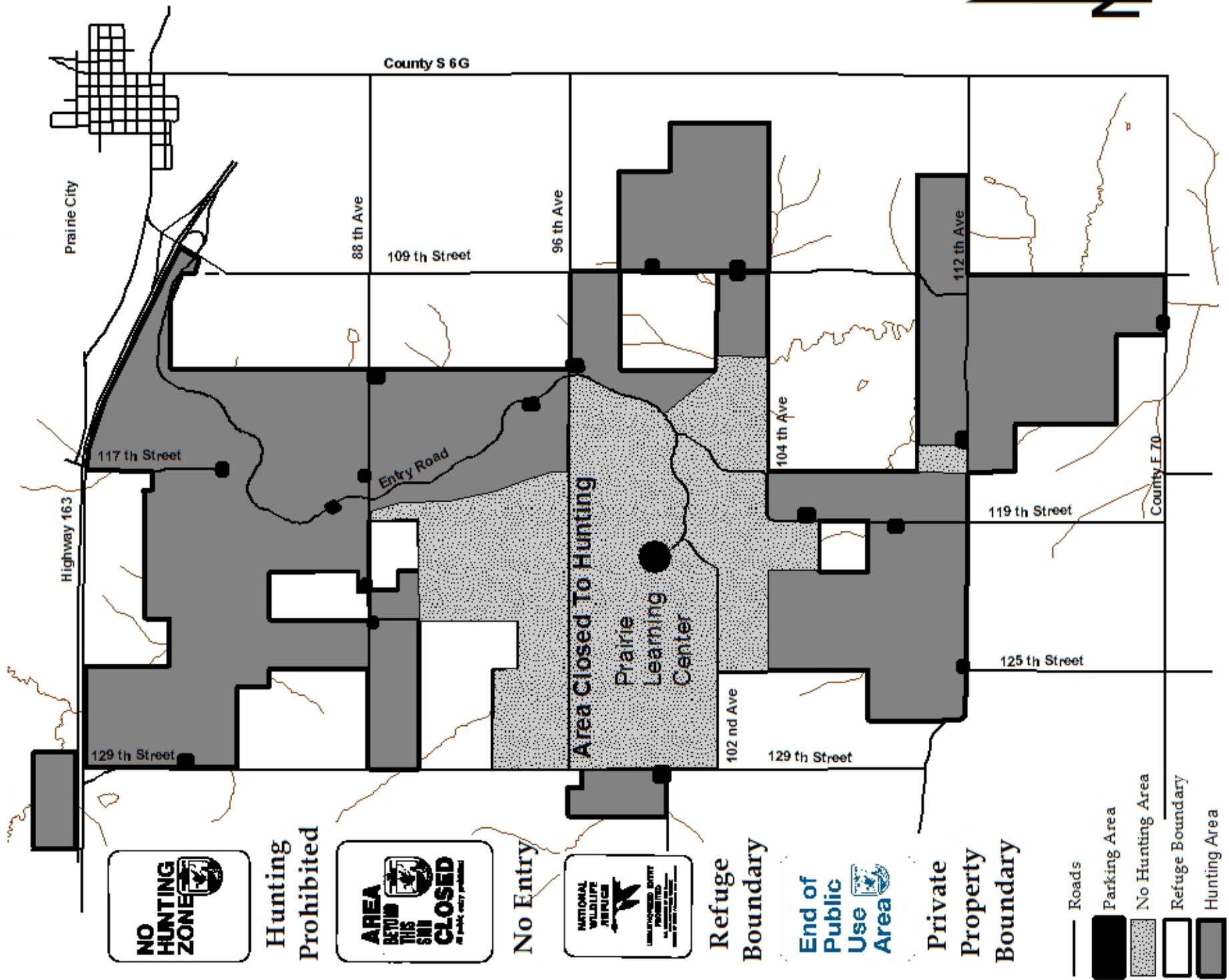
A special refuge permit is required for all hunting. A copy of this brochure in your possession will suffice as a permit.

All successful turkey hunters are required to report their harvest to the Refuge using the form on this brochure and to Iowa DNR.

Hunting is permitted for:

Species	Season
Rooster Pheasant (Youth)	Oct. 24 - Oct. 25
Rooster Pheasant	Oct. 31 - Jan. 10, 2016
Bobwhite Quail	Oct. 31 - Jan. 31, 2016
Rabbit (Cottontail)	Sept. 5 - Jan. 31, 2016
Squirrel (Gray and Fox)	Sept. 5 - Jan. 31, 2016
Crow	Oct. 15 - Nov. 30 and Jan. 14 - Jan. 31, 2016
Pigeon	Sept. 1 - Jan. 31, 2016
Coyote	Sept. 1 - Jan. 31, 2016
Turkey (Gun/Bow)	Oct. 12 - Dec. 4
Turkey (Archery only)	Dec. 21 - Jan. 10, 2016
Fox (Red and Gray)	Nov. 7 - Jan. 31, 2016
Doves (Morning and EurasianCollared)	Sept. 1 - Nov. 9
Waterfowl	
September Teal	Sept. 5 - Sept. 20
Ducks, Coots, and Mergansers	Oct. 3 - 7 and Oct. 17 - Dec. 10
Youth Waterfowl	Oct. 10 - 11
Canada Geese, Brant and White-fronted Geese	Oct. 3 - Jan. 8
Light Geese (white & blue phase snow geese, & Ross' geese)	Oct. 3 - Jan. 15, 2016
Whitetail Deer	
Youth Season	Sept. 19 - Oct. 4
Disabled Hunter Season	Sept. 19 - Oct. 4
Archery Season	
Early Split	Oct. 1 - Dec. 4 and Dec. 21 - Jan. 10, 2016
Late Split	
Early Muzzleloader	Oct. 17 - 25
Late Muzzleloader	Dec. 21 - Jan. 10, 2016
Shotgun	
Season 1	Dec. 5 - 9
Season 2	Dec. 12 - 20
Non-resident Holiday	Dec. 24 - Jan. 2, 2016

Neal Smith NWR Hunting Area Map 2015-16



Contact Refuge Before Hunting for current Prescribed Fire Units