

2016 WATERFOWL HUNT REGULATIONS

MONTEZUMA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays October 22 – December 4, 2016
Sandhill Crane Unit & Kipp Island will be hunted for the 2016 season
Tschache Pool will be opened if conditions permit

AREA REGULATIONS

- Boats are required for Tschache Pool & suggested for other hunting areas. You may only take/use one boat and one motor vehicle per reservation into the hunting area. Motors on boats are prohibited.
- Parking sites are selected at the time of reservation. Hunting areas are selected each hunt day by a free roam system once you're in the marsh. **YOU MUST LAUNCH YOUR BOAT FROM YOUR RESERVED PARKING AREA.**
- Each Hunter is limited to possessing no more than **15 nontoxic shot shells** while in the field or hunt area (*do not bring more than 15 nontoxic shot shells per hunter into the waterfowl hunting areas*). Hunters are limited to discharging no more than the allotted 15 nontoxic shot shells per hunt day.
- No shooting from the dike or road; you must be 50' from the dike or road to shoot. *There is a 500' no hunt zone around the observation tower at the southern end of Tschache Pool.*
- You must be set-up before legal shooting time (1/2 hour before sunrise).
- Hunting ends at 12:00 noon local time. All hunters must be out of the hunt area and checked out by 1:00 pm local time.
- Successful completion of the New York State **Waterfowl Identification Course**, the Montezuma Non-Resident Waterfowl Identification Course or a suitable non-resident State Waterfowl Identification Course is **REQUIRED** to hunt the Refuge.

**YOU MUST SHOW PROOF OF WATERFOWL ID COURSE COMPLETION,
HUNT LICENSE & DUCK STAMP EACH TIME YOU HUNT**

RESERVATIONS

- Up to 20 reservations per day (maximum of 2 people per reservation) for Tschache Pool.
- Up to 6 reservations per day (maximum of 2 people per reservation) for Sandhill Crane Unit.
- Up to 6 reservations per day (maximum of 2 people per reservation) for Kipp Island.
- All reservations are first-come, first-served. Persons with a reservation may bring 1 companion. Hunters reserve the parking area of their choice while making their hunt reservation.
- Telephone reservations are taken from **8:30am to 9:00am on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays for the next hunt day** (call Tuesday to hunt Thursday, call Thursday to hunt Saturday).

The reservation telephone number is (315) 568-4136

RESERVATIONS FOR OPENING DAY WILL BE TAKEN ON Thursday, Oct. 13, 8:30am to 9:00am

Reservations for the Saturday, Oct. 1 YOUTH HUNT will be taken Thursday, Sept. 22, 8:30am to 9:00am

CHECK-IN

- All hunters with reservations and their companions **must be at check in 1 hour before legal shooting time (legal shooting time is 1/2 hr. before sunrise; CHECK IN OPENS 1 1/2 HRS. BEFORE SUNRISE)** or forfeit their reservation. Check-in is at the Hunter Check Station on Route 89.
- Daily permits are available at the Check Station; you must check in with Refuge Staff at the check-in area.
- Carry the **Migratory Bird Hunt Report** as your refuge waterfowl hunting permit while hunting on the Refuge. **Complete it at the end of the hunt day and leave it in the box at Tschache Pool or the Part B Box at the Check Station.**

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

- USE OR POSSESSION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES WHILE HUNTING IS PROHIBITED
- VEHICLES BLOCKING GATES OR ROADS WILL RESULT IN A CITATION AND A FINE AND POSSIBLE TOWING
- RESPECT ADJACENT LANDOWNERS' PROPERTY—**PLEASE DO NOT TRESPASS**

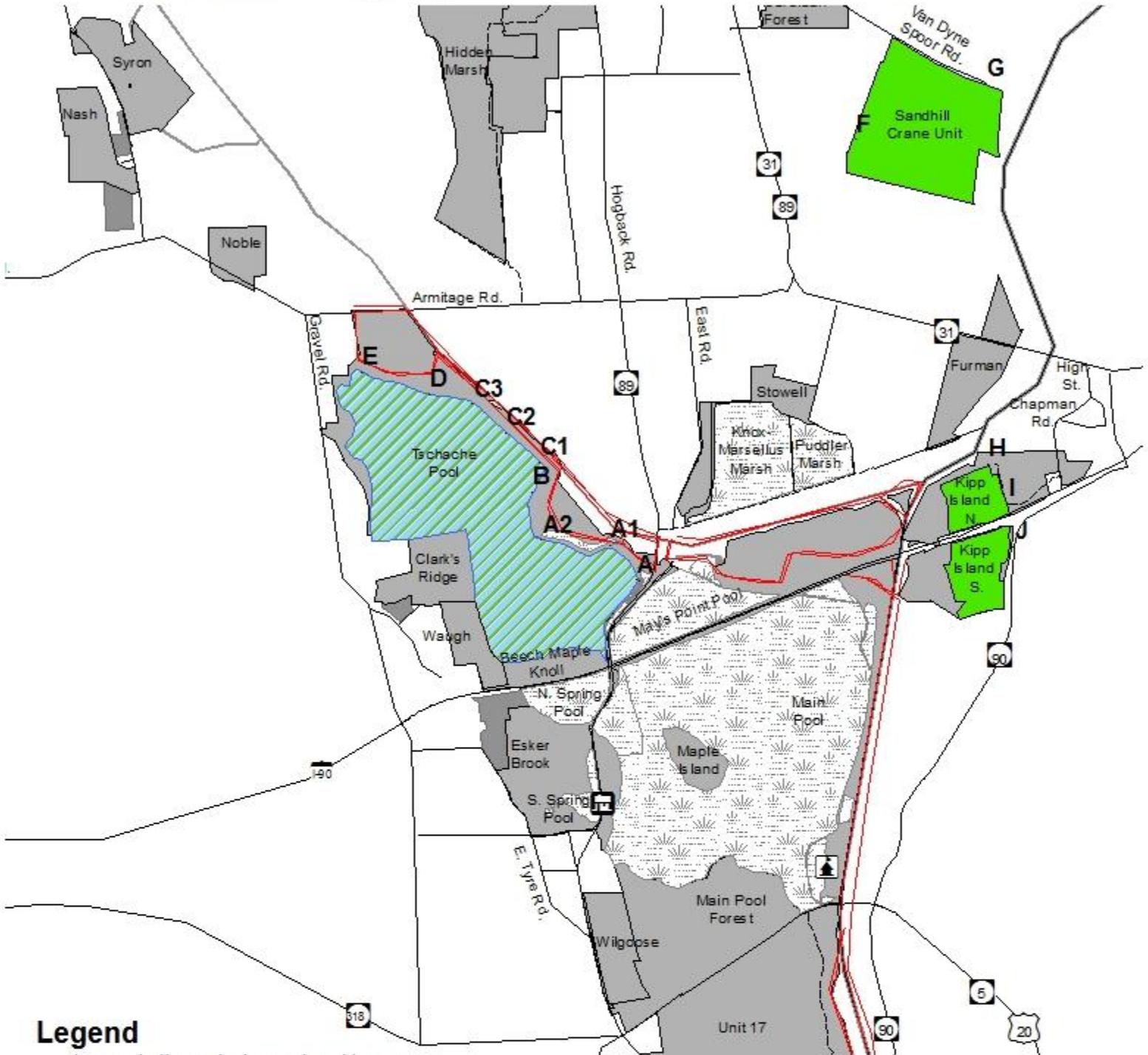
FOR YOUR SAFETY & A GOOD EXPERIENCE

MAINTAIN A SAFE DISTANCE from other hunting parties to help ensure safety and a good hunting experience for all hunters.



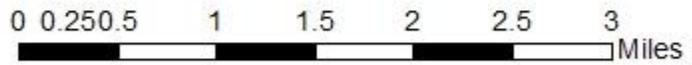
Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge

Waterfowl Hunting Map 2016



Legend

- Letters indicate designated parking areas.
- No Hunting/Trapping - River
- Refuge Headquarters Area
- Hunter Check Station
- Open Waterfowl Hunting Area
- Open Waterfowl Hunting - Limited Dates, Depending on Conditions
- No Waterfowl Hunting Area - Open Water/Emergent Marsh
- No Waterfowl Hunting Area



NO HUNTING ALONG THE NEW YORK STATE BARGE CANAL/CLYDE RIVER/CAYUGA SENECA BARGE CANAL FROM ARMITAGE ROAD TO U.S. ROUTE 20 TO STATE ROUTE 89.

White-tailed deer hunting will be permitted in the Tschache Pool, Sandhill Crane Unit and Kipp Island areas beginning October 1.