2017 Waterfowl and Goose Hunting Regulations
2017 SEPTEMBER CANDADA GOOSE
HUNT REGULATIONS
MONTEZUMA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
September 16-25, 2017 at Waugh & Furman Units Only

AREA REGULATIONS

• Proof of taking the Waterfowl ID course is not necessary for the September Canada Goose Hunting Season.

• Canada Goose hunting is permitted seven days per week during the limited Refuge Season (9/16-9/26) within the New York State September Canada Goose Season. All New York State Canada Goose Hunting regulations apply on the Refuge, including hunting hours.

• ONE GROUP WILL BE PERMITTED TO HUNT THE WAUGH UNIT AND TWO GROUPS WILL BE PERMITTED TO HUNT THE FURMAN UNIT (ONE IN THE NORTH SECTION; ONE IN THE SOUTH SECTION).

• A group is five or less people; all hunters in the group must stay together in the designated hunting area noted on their permit. YOU MAY ONLY TAKE ONE PERMIT PER GROUP.

• Permits & parking passes must be picked up DAILY at the Check Station. You must carry your permit on your person and parking passes must be displayed on vehicle dashboards when afield.

• Permits & parking passes will be available at the Route 89 Check Station from refuge personnel or on a self-service basis from the permit box. Permits will be dated and marked with the name of the hunt unit. YOU MUST POSSESS THE DAY’S PERMIT FOR THE UNIT IN WHICH YOU ARE HUNTING.

• Permits will be available each hunt day on a first-come, first-served basis.

• Complete PART A of the permit at check in and leave it with refuge personnel or in the Part A box at the Route 89 Check Station.

• Carry Part B of the permit (the Migratory Bird Hunt Report) while hunting. Complete it at the end of the day’s hunt and leave it in the PART B box at the Route 89 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

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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.

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2017 WATERFOWL HUNT REGULATIONS
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Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays October 28 – December 5, 2017
Youth Waterfowl Hunt Saturday October 14, 2017
Sandhill Crane Unit & Tschache Pool will be hunted for the 2017 season

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, and limited to discharging no more than the allotted 15 nontoxic shot shells per hunt day. Possession of more than **15 shot shells per hunter/per vehicle is prohibited.**
• 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.
• 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. 19, 8:30am to 9:00am
Reservations for the Saturday, Oct. 14 YOUTH HUNT will be taken Thursday, Oct. 5, 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 ½ hr. before sunrise; **CHECK IN OPENS 1 ½ HRS. BEFORE SUNRISE**) or forfeit their reservation. Check-in is at the Hunter Check Station on Route 89.
• You must check in with Refuge Staff at the check-in area to obtain your permit.
• 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.

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White-tailed deer hunting will be permitted in the Tschache Pool and the Sandhill Crane areas beginning October 1.
SNOW GOOSE HUNT REGULATIONS
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November 1, 2017 – April 15, 2018 at Knox-Marsellus, Puddler & Furman Units Only

AREA REGULATIONS

• Proof of taking the Waterfowl ID course is not necessary for the Snow Goose Hunting Season.

• Snow Goose hunting is permitted seven days per week November 1, 2017 – April 15, 2018. All New York State Snow Goose Hunting regulations apply on the Refuge, including hunting hours.

• ONE GROUP WILL BE PERMITTED TO HUNT EACH UNIT EACH DAY. UNITS ARE:
  o Knox-Marsellus Marsh
  o Puddler Marsh
  o Furman North
  o Furman South

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• Permits will be available each hunt day on a first-come, first-served basis.

• Complete **PART A** of the permit at check in and leave it with refuge personnel or in the Part A box at the Route 89 Check Station.

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