



2018 Deer Hunting Regulations

Deer (Firearm): Only firearms deer hunters with a valid Sand Lake Refuge deer license issued by the South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks may hunt deer with a firearm on Sand Lake Refuge. Hunters are allowed on the Refuge only during the days covered by their deer licenses. The 2018 season dates are: **SL-1 – MUZZLELOADER: Nov. 10-14; SL-2: Nov. 15-19; SL-3: Nov. 20-25; SL-4: Nov. 26-Dec. 2; SL-5: Dec. 3-9; Unused antlerless deer tags valid Dec. 24-Jan. 1, 2019.**

Deer (Archery): Hunters with a valid State archery license may hunt on the Refuge during the established refuge archery season. The 2018 Sand Lake Refuge archery season dates are: **Oct. 20 – Nov. 9; and Dec. 10, 2018 – Jan. 1, 2019.**

Antlerless Only Whitetail Archery tags (ARD-LM1) are valid on Sand Lake Refuge during the Refuge archery season.

Hunter Accompaniment: *Revised as of 2017* A licensed deer hunter is allowed one unarmed assistant to hunt with them. The assistant must stay within 50 yards of the licensed hunter, except during deer retrieval. Youth under the age of 18 are exempt from this rule. No firearms restriction in place for any hunting season prohibit a licensee or person possessing a valid concealed pistol permit from carrying a pistol while hunting.

Hunting Hours: Hunters may be on the Refuge from one hour before legal shooting time to one hour after legal shooting time. For special situations, please contact Refuge personnel. See bottom for contact information.

Parking: You are encouraged to use the designated parking lots around the Refuge boundary. Archery hunters that are hunting near the Refuge headquarters may not park in the Refuge headquarters parking lot or entrance road.

Closed Areas: See map on reverse for locations of closed areas.

Deer Retrieval: Vehicles are only allowed on established Refuge roads & trails **ONLY** to retrieve harvested deer and **ONLY** during the following time frames: **9:30am to 10:00am; 1:30pm to 2:00pm;** and from **the end of legal shooting time to one (1) hour after the end of legal shooting time.** Please close gates behind you. Snowmobiles and ATVs are not allowed on the Refuge at any time.

Dates to Place Deer Stands: You may place deer stands and blinds on Sand Lake Refuge only during the season for which you possess a deer license. **Early tree stand/blind placement is not allowed.** Deer stands and blinds may be left on the Refuge only during your licensed season and must be removed when your licensed season has ended. Archery hunters may not leave tree stands or blinds on the Refuge during the deer firearms seasons.

Tree Stand/Portable Blind Requirements: The use of nails, screws, bolts, or screw-in steps is prohibited on Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge. The name and address or the year and current deer tag number of the owner must be on the stand and readable from the ground. Elevated platforms and portable blinds must also conform to these labeling requirements. The construction or use of permanent tree stands or blinds is prohibited. The placement of portable blinds in unharvested crop fields is not allowed until November 1. Be advised that prescribed burning is a common practice used to manage habitats. Efforts will be made to avoid burning portable blinds; however, you assume the risk of this occurring should you choose to leave your blind on the Refuge. Contact Refuge Headquarters for more information.

Hunter Orange: All individuals afield during the deer firearms seasons must wear a minimum of 400 square inches of solid hunter orange on the head, chest and back which must be visible at all times. A vest and hat meet this requirement. **Camouflage orange material is not legal.**

Bicycles & Boats are not allowed on the Refuge. Access is by walk-in only.

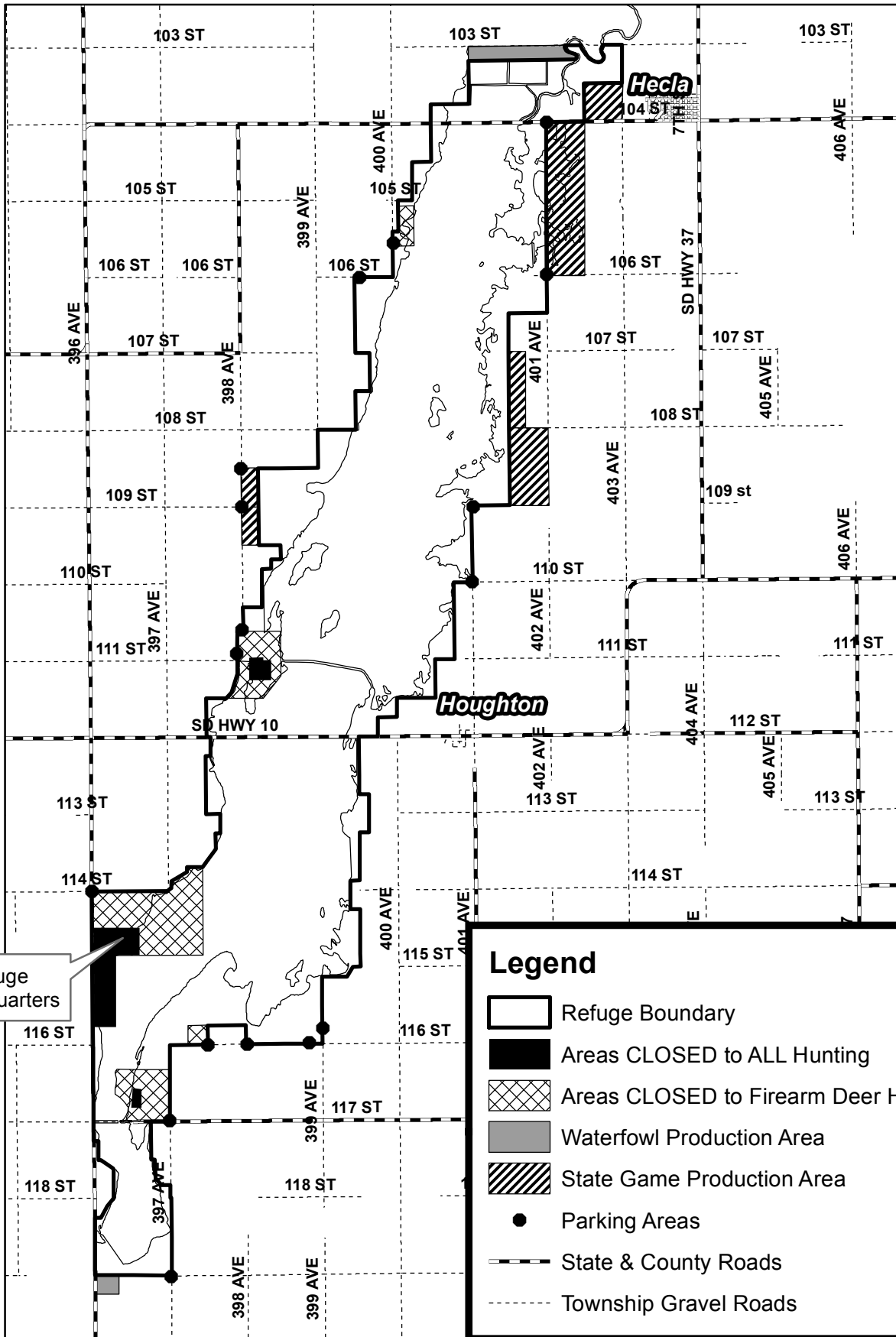
Trail Cameras are not allowed on the refuge at any time.

Ice Conditions on the James River can be extremely unstable and weak. Please Use Extreme Caution!

**If you need assistance from Refuge Law Enforcement, call Don Soderlund (605-380-6674) or Eric Hoggarth (605-380-8179)



Deer Hunting Map



Refuge Headquarters

Legend

- Refuge Boundary
- Areas CLOSED to ALL Hunting
- Areas CLOSED to Firearm Deer Hunting
- Waterfowl Production Area
- State Game Production Area
- Parking Areas
- State & County Roads
- Township Gravel Roads



Designated CLOSED Areas are Posted