

2019 White-Tailed Deer Regular Season Regulations

MONTEZUMA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

November 16 – December 8

REGULATIONS

We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We close Esker Brook and South Spring Pool Trails to hunting before November 1 each year. **We close Wildlife Drive to hunting before December 1 each year.** We open Seneca Trail and the Refuge Headquarters area during New York State's late archery/ muzzleloader season only. We allow a youth white-tailed deer hunt during the State's established youth white-tailed deer hunt each year.
2. You must possess a valid daily hunt permit card (Big Game Harvest Report, FWS Form 3-2359). We require you to complete and return the daily hunt permit card by the end of the hunt day. You must display parking passes visibly on your windshield while you are afield.
3. We allow white-tailed deer hunters to be on the refuge during the period that begins 2 hours before legal sunrise and ends 2 hours after legal sunset.
4. We prohibit parking and walking along the Wildlife Drive for the purpose of hunting, unless otherwise posted by refuge personnel.
5. Permits & parking passes will be available at the Route 89 Hunter Check Station and must be picked up **DAILY** from refuge personnel or on a self-service basis from the permit box. Permits will be a different color each day. **You must possess the day's permit color.**

**TAKING MORE THAN ONE PERMIT PER HUNTER PER DAY IS PROHIBITED
(do not "stockpile" different colored permits in your vehicle, hunting gear, home, etc.)**

7. 175 permits will be available each hunt day on a first-come, first-served basis. An ADA-compliant hunting platform is available to hunters with a disabled hunting license or America the Beautiful Access Pass (**prior notice needed; first come/first served**).
8. Complete **PART A** of the permit card at check in and leave it with refuge personnel or in slot provided at the Route 89 Hunter Check Station.
9. Carry **Part B** of the permit card while hunting, as your permit. Complete it at the end of the day and leave it in slot provided at the Route 89 Hunter Check Station.

**Successful hunters must bring their deer to the Route 89 Hunter Check Station or
US Route 20 Headquarters Office when indicated at the Check Station.**

****CALL (315) 200-8489 TO ARRANGE LOCATION WITH REFUGE STAFF.****

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- We suggest that hunters wear on **THE HEAD, CHEST AND BACK** at least **400 square inches (2,600square centimeters)** of **SOLID BLAZE ORANGE** (minimum of a hat and vest). **NO CAMO ORANGE or RED.** **We also suggest putting 400 square inches of Solid Blaze Orange on all sides of any ground blind.**
- Use of **HUNTING IMPLEMENTS** follow New York State regulations.
- **SCOUTING** will be allowed during the last week of the Regular Archery season, November 9 – November 15, 1 hour before legal sunrise to 1 hour after legal sunset. If you have questions, please call the refuge office Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM at (315) 568-5987. **You must have a deer hunting license and firearms tag to scout at this time. On a daily basis, you must obtain a scouting permit from the hunter check station prior to your entry into the field and return it to the check station at the end of your scouting period.**
- No boats or canoes on refuge pools. No hunting open water portions of the refuge pools.
- The Wildlife Drive is a **No Hunting Zone** until December 1. **HUNTING FROM, WALKING ON, OR PARKING ON THE WILDLIFE DRIVE FOR HUNTING PURPOSES IS PROHIBITED UNTIL DECEMBER 1.**
- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages and illegal substances on the refuge is prohibited.
- Tree stands must be removed at the end of each hunt day. **Screw-in tree steps are prohibited.**
- Obey all signs. Blocking gates or roadways will result in a citation, a fine, or possible towing. **Respect adjacent landowner's property, do not trespass.**

2019 White-Tailed Deer Bowhunting Season Regulations

MONTEZUMA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

October 1 – November 15 and December 9 – 17

**ESKER BROOK & SOUTH SPRING POOL TRAIL AREAS
DO NOT OPEN UNTIL NOVEMBER 1**

THE WILDLIFE DRIVE AREA DOES NOT OPEN UNTIL DECEMBER 1

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9. Carry **Part B** of the permit card while hunting, as your permit. Complete it at the end of the day and leave it in slot provided at the Route 89 Hunter Check Station.

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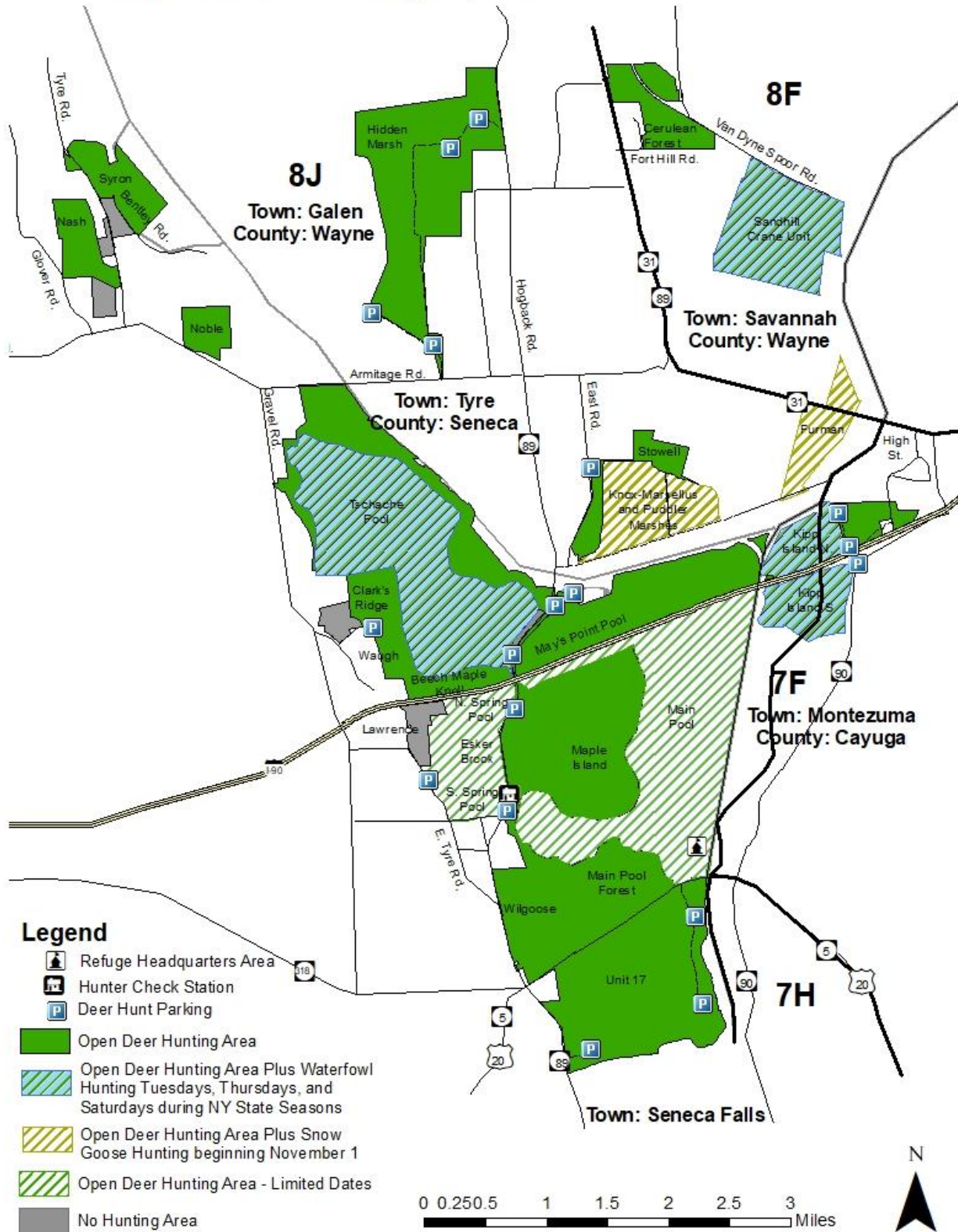
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All New York State regulations for hunting implements apply. Bows must be disassembled, locked or cased before legal sunrise and after legal sunset.
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White-tailed Deer Hunting Map 2019



- Esker Brook & South Spring Pool Trail Areas are closed to hunting until November 1. The Wildlife Drive area is closed to hunting, including parking and walking for hunting purposes, until December 1.
- **Youth Hunt (firearms) for ages 14-15 with a qualified mentor, October 12-14, 2019! Follow regular hunt day procedures.**
- From December 1 through the rest of the season, the Wildlife Drive area will be open for parking and hunting. Caution: The road will not be plowed/maintained and may be closed to vehicles due to poor conditions; walking in will still be permitted.
- The Seneca Trail & Headquarters areas will be open for deer hunting on December 9 – 17.
- **Tschache Pool, Sandhill Crane Unit, Kipp Island, Furman, Knox-Marsellus and Puddler Marshes are open for Waterfowl or Snow Goose hunting during the deer seasons. Please respect other hunters and their safety.**