

Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge

2020 Waterfowl & Pheasant Hunting Regulations

Fee Hunt Area

Recreation User Fee – An annual recreation pass is required for all hunting on the Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge. Refer to the Refuge web page for purchasing options. *All State, Federal and Refuge required hunting licenses, stamps or validations, and permits must be in your possession while hunting.*

Hunting Hours – Hunting on Lower Klamath NWR is permitted 7 days per week. Entry time is 4:30 a.m. unless otherwise posted. On the California portion of Lower Klamath NWR, waterfowl shoot time ends each day at 1:00 p.m. During designated and special hunts, shooting hours will correspond with State regulations. Shooting hours for the Oregon portion correspond to State regulations. Pheasant hunting shoot times correspond to State Regulations. Vehicle line-up at hunt entrances may not begin before midnight unless otherwise posted. Standard Refuge hours are from sunrise to sunset.

Huntible Species – Only pheasants, waterfowl (ducks, geese and mergansers), coot, moorhens and snipe may be hunted on the Refuge. All other wildlife species are protected.

Access Routes and Parking - Motor vehicles are allowed on hunter access routes only and must park in designated parking areas unless otherwise posted. There are no parking restrictions in the Oregon Straits hunting area. Maximum speed limit on the Refuge is 35 MPH unless otherwise posted. Waterfowl hunters may drive into fields to set out or pick up decoys in all hunting areas. Driving off access routes is at your own risk. The Refuge takes no responsibility for damage to vehicles or equipment.

Retrieval Zones – Retrieval zones are no hunting zones. Restrictions apply to all hunting areas. Setting decoys or blinds inside these zones is prohibited. Only unloaded firearms may be taken through these zones when necessary to reach hunting areas.

Pit Blinds – The Stearns and 9D area pit blinds are available on a first come first served basis. Hunters must hunt within 100 feet of the blind.

Hunter-Made Blinds – Only portable and temporary blinds built of dead, downed or detached natural vegetation are permitted. Digging in the fields is prohibited.

Boats and OHVs – Boats may be used on all areas open to waterfowl hunting. Air-thrust and inboard water thrust (jet) boats

are prohibited. Unit 6B-1 is motor-less or electric motors only through November 30. Boat launching is not permitted after 1:00p.m. All State boating regulations are enforced. OHVs are permitted inside the drive-in fields only. OHVs are not allowed in marsh units. OHVs are not allowed on roads or dikes.

Blaze Orange – Blaze orange is required at all times while hunting pheasants. Outer garments must be worn above the waist and consist of at least 50% blaze orange which is visible from both front and back. Outer garments may consist of hat, cap, vest, jacket, shirt or coat.

Removal of Personal Property – Hunters and all personal property including decoys, boats and other equipment must be removed from all hunt areas within 1 ½ hours of ending shoot time; and from the refuge at the close of each day. Hunters are responsible for removing ALL trash including shot shell hulls when leaving hunting areas.

Disabled Hunters – Mobility impaired hunting blinds are available on the Lower Klamath NWR, Tule Lake NWR, Miller Island Wildlife Area, and Modoc NWR. For more information, or to reserve a Tule Lake NWR blind, please contact the Refuge office.

Prohibited Acts – Use or possession of alcohol is prohibited while hunting. No person may possess any weapon or ammunition in the field that may not be legally used for taking waterfowl or pheasant. It is illegal to carry loaded firearms or shoot from or across any access route or parking area. Non-toxic shot must be used for all hunted species on the Lower Klamath NWR.

State Regulation Information - Additional hunting information and regulations may be found on the Refuge website and in the State regulation booklets or at the following websites: California Department of Fish & Wildlife – www.wildlife.ca.gov Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife – www.dfw.state.or.us

For More Information, Contact:

Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuge Complex
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Phone: 530/667 2231

Web site address: http://www.fws.gov/refuge/lower_klamath/

To Report a violation in progress call: USFWS LE at 541/891-5980, CAL-TIP at 888/334 2258, or ODFW at 800/452 7888

