

# Ouray National Wildlife Refuge

## Hunting and Fishing Information



### Welcome

Welcome to Ouray National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). Established in 1960, this 11,987-acre Refuge protects wetland and upland habitat along the Green River in northeast Utah.

### General Information

The Refuge is open from 1 hour before sunrise to 1 hour after sunset. The Refuge headquarters is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm, except on Federal holidays.

### Prohibited Activities

- Camping or overnight parking.
- Lighting of fires or campfires.
- Disturbing, injuring, or removing plants, animals, natural objects (including shed antlers), or artifacts.
- Littering, including shell casings, ammunition boxes, and fishing line.
- Use, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages while hunting.
- Use or possession of a controlled substance or drug paraphernalia.
- Use of unmanned aircraft systems, including drones.
- Use of bait or hunting over bait.
- Use of trail or game cameras.
- Commercial guiding or outfitting
- Entering closed areas.
- Target shooting.

### Vehicles

All motorized vehicles, off-road vehicles (ORVs), and bicycles must stay on developed roads. The speed limit on all Refuge roads is 35 mph unless posted otherwise.

All Refuge roads and facilities are subject to temporary closures due to weather, flooding, or construction.

### Dogs

Dogs must be confined or leashed except when participating in a legal hunt.

### Firearms

Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on National Wildlife Refuge System lands must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with Refuge regulations (50 CFR 27.42 and specific Refuge regulations in 50 CFR Part 32).

### Hunting and Fishing Regulations

Hunting and fishing are allowed in accordance with Federal regulations governing public use on National Wildlife Refuges as set forth in Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations, State regulations, and the Refuge-specific regulations in this brochure.

### Hunting

Hunting is permitted in designated areas for species listed in the Hunting Regulations Table. **Hunting of all other species is prohibited.**

During hunting season, the Refuge is open from 1½ hours before sunrise to 1½ hours after sunset.

The river, sandbars, and islands within the Refuge boundary are closed to hunting.

Sheppard Bottom is closed to hunting and the farm fields are closed to all public entry (see map).

Portions of the Refuge are leased Tribal lands (see map). A special hunting permit issued by the Ute Indian Tribe is required to hunt these leased lands.

Portions of the Refuge are leased Utah State Trust lands (see map). Refuge regulations apply to these lands.

### Tree Stands/Blinds

Hunters may use portable blinds or blinds constructed of natural dead vegetation, tree stands, or climbing devices that do not require drilling or nailing into a tree. Hunters must remove all blinds and stands no later than the last day of their permitted hunt period.

### Fishing

Fishing is allowed on the Green River from Refuge lands that border the Green River. Fishing is not allowed within Refuge wetlands. All State of Utah and Tribal fishing regulations apply.

Fishing with trotline, bow and arrow, spear, speargun, crossbow, and firearm is prohibited.

The razorback sucker, Colorado pikeminnow, humpback chub, and bonytail are endangered fish species found in the Green River and must be returned to the river unharmed if caught.

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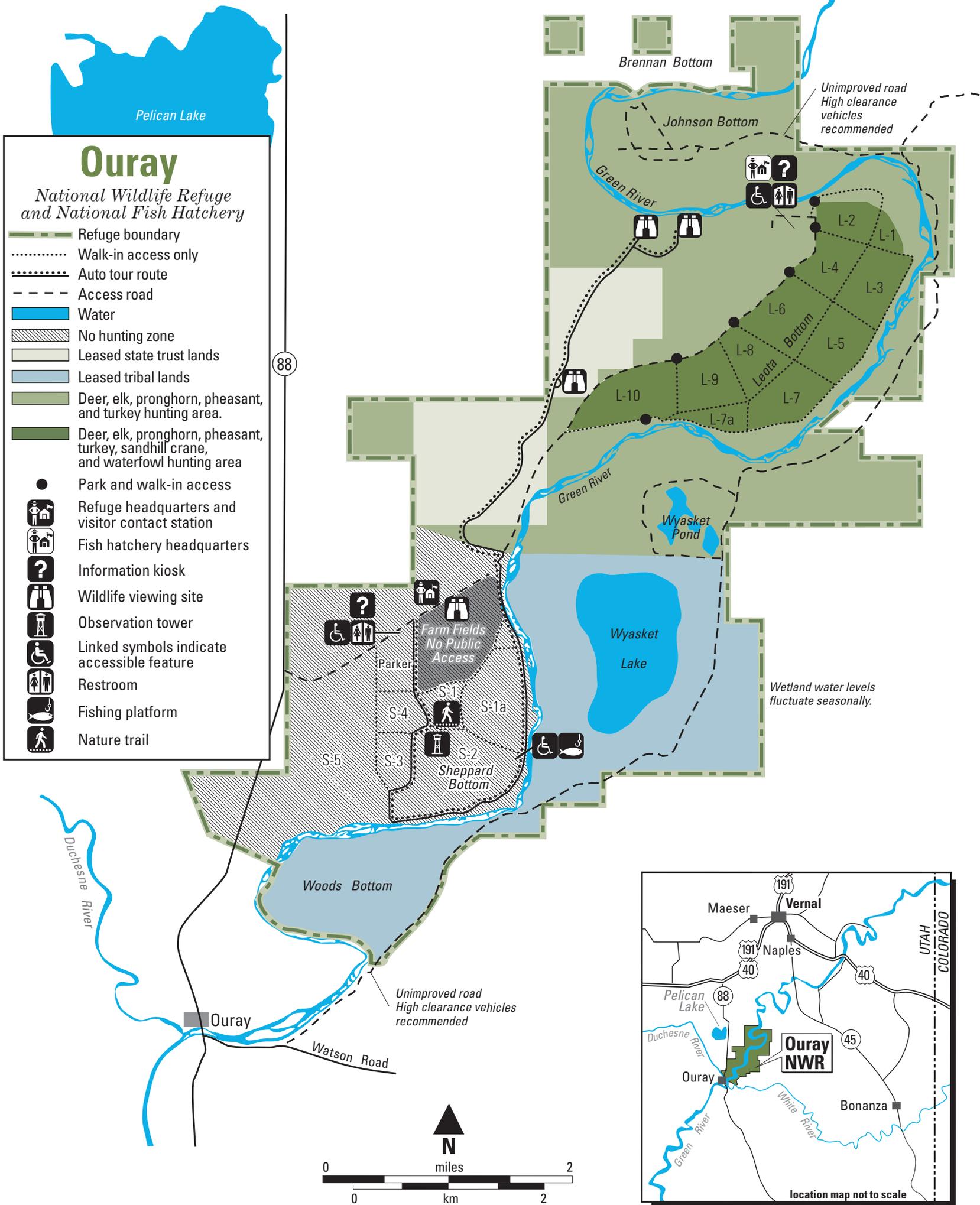
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The Blue Goose is the symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System, a network of lands and waters managed for the benefit of wildlife and people.



### Hunting Regulations Table

Hunting is in accordance with State and Federal regulations. In addition, Refuge specific regulations must be followed and are listed in the table below and described in this brochure.

Activity	Season Dates	Other Regulations
<b>Coots, ducks, geese, and sandhill cranes</b>	State seasons and regulations apply	Non-toxic shot only. Closed for spring and extended season goose hunts. Waterfowl and sandhill crane hunting within 100 yards of the Green River is prohibited.
<b>Pheasant</b>	State seasons and regulations apply	Non-toxic shot only.
<b>Turkey</b>	State seasons and regulations apply	Youth turkey hunting only and non-toxic shot only.
<b>Deer, pronghorn</b>	State seasons and regulations apply	
<b>Elk</b>	State seasons and regulations apply	Open to youth general (rifle) any bull elk hunt, disabled, and depredation hunts. Closed for general any-legal-weapon (rifle) and muzzleloader bull elk hunts. Open to general archery elk and Uintah Basin extended archery elk hunts. Starting December 1st, open to any-legal-weapon (rifle) antlerless elk hunt.

Consult the Utah Hunting and Fishing Guidebooks for a complete list of State regulations: <https://wildlife.utah.gov/hunting/hunting-regulation>