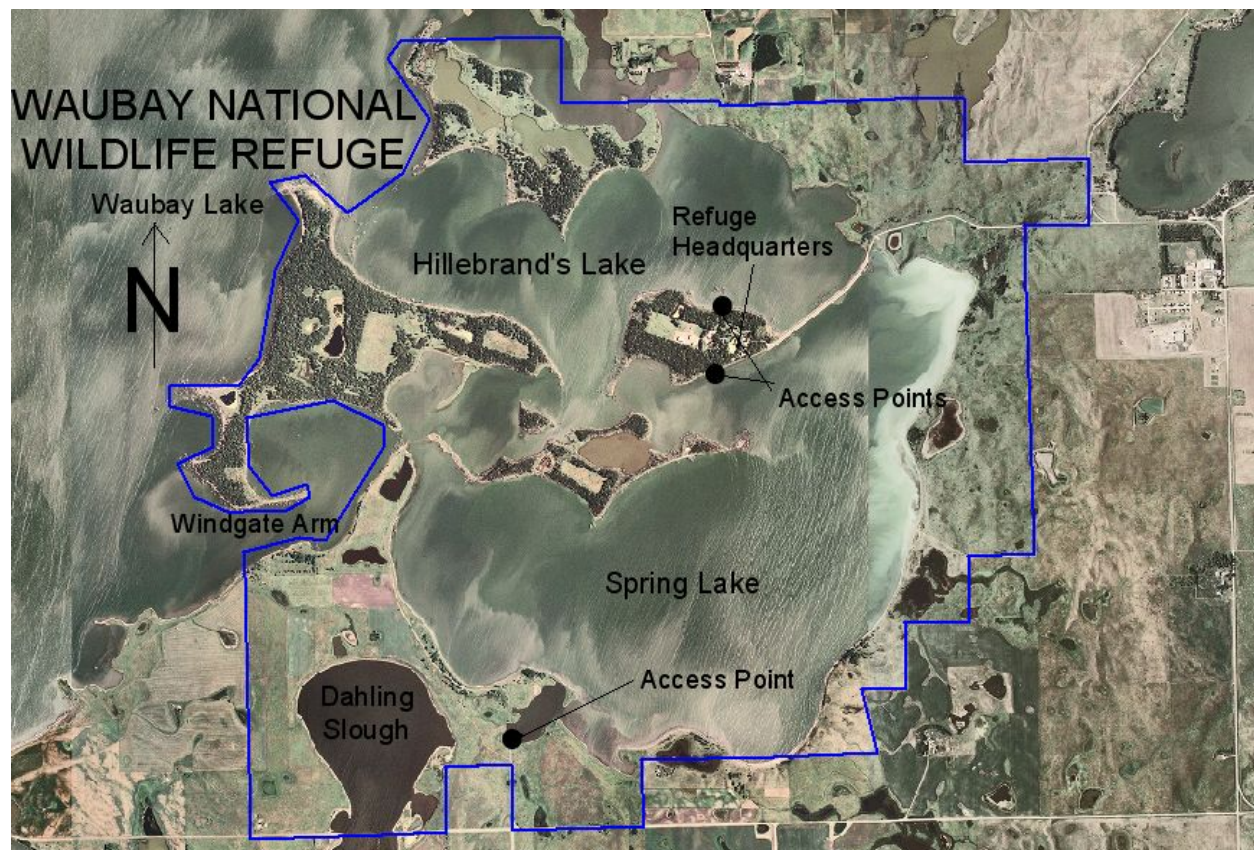


Ice-Fishing Regulations - Winter of 2019-2020

Waubay National Wildlife Refuge

1. Dates and times open: Ice-up on or after December 9th, 2019 to ice-out, spring 2020. Fishermen can **NOT** be **on the ice** until one hour prior to sunrise and must be **off the ice** one hour after sunset (see table). Disregarding this Refuge Special Regulation is a violation of federal law. Plan your quitting time to allow time for walking distance and to get off the ice.



2. Vehicle travel is restricted to public roads. **No motorized vehicles** including trucks, cars, snowmobiles, ATVs, etc. are permitted on any other portion of the Refuge, including lake ice.

3. Parking on the east entrance road is permitted only on the south side (observe posted signs) to keep a clear lane for vehicle travel. On Headquarters Island, parking is permitted only in parking lots.

4. Foot travel is restricted to public roads, lake ice, or the access points on Headquarters Island (see map). Walking across grasslands, islands, or woodlands is not permitted for any reason.

5. Portable ice-shacks are permitted on Refuge lakes. Ice shacks must be removed from the Refuge each day by closing time.

6. Fish cleanings cannot be placed on shorelines or in public waters.

7. State fishing regulations apply to Refuge waters. Walleye/sauger - limit and size restrictions for Waubay Lake apply to Refuge lakes (4 walleye daily limit, one walleye 20-inches or longer, no minimum length for walleye/sauger). Yellow perch daily limit is 15 fish. Consult the South Dakota Fishing Handbook for other species limits and fishing regulations.

8. **Power augers** are permitted on Refuge lakes.
9. Take your **garbage** with you when you leave. Littering is ugly, dangerous to wildlife, and a violation of federal law.
10. **No open fires** or collecting fire wood.
11. **All Pets must be confined** to a vehicle or inside a fish house, or is on a leash controlled by the handler.

Why the restrictions on vehicle travel and ice-shacks?

Wildlife comes first on National Wildlife Refuges, but recreation also is important. Winter is a difficult time for wildlife and we strive to reduce conflicts and disturbance. Please report illegal snowmobile or vehicle activity or other unauthorized acts to the Refuge headquarters.

For any questions, please visit our headquarters Monday through Friday 8:00 to 4:30, or call Waubay National Wildlife Refuge at: **605-947-4521**.

Times anglers may be **on the ice**; times listed **INCLUDE** the one hour before & after periods.

(Extrapolate times between listed dates)

Date	Time Open (AM)	Time Closed (PM)
Dec 09	6:55	5:46
Dec 18	7:03	5:47
Dec 25	7:07	5:51
Jan 1	7:09	5:56
Jan 8	7:08	6:03
Jan 15	7:05	6:11
Jan 22	7:01	6:20
Jan 29	6:54	6:30
Feb 08	6:42	6:34
Feb 15	6:32	6:55
Feb 22	6:21	7:05
Feb 29	6:09	7:14
Mar 08*	6:55*	8:25*
Mar 14	6:44	8:33
Mar 21	6:30	8:42
Mar 28	6:17	8:52
Apr 04	6:04	9:01
Apr 11	5:51	9:10

*** Daylight Saving Time begins.**

PLEASE BE SURE TO LET SOMEONE KNOW WHERE YOU ARE FISHING AND WHEN YOU PLAN TO RETURN, WHETHER FISHING WAUBAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE OR ELSEWHERE. WE RECOMMEND CARRYING ICE PICKS AND A CELL PHONE IN YOUR UPPER CHEST POCKET.

THE ENTRANCE ROAD HAS BEEN RIP-RAPPED; THERE ARE WALKING HAZARDS: HOLES, LARGE SHARP ROCKS, ETC.

--ACCESSING FROM THE ENTRANCE ROAD IS AT YOUR OWN RISK.--