

Agassiz

National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Map & Regulations



Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge
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Hearing impaired persons may contact
Agassiz through the Federal Relay Number
at 1 800/877 8339.

<http://www.fws.gov/refuge/agassiz>

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
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Ruffed and Sharp-tailed Grouse

Late Season Upland Bird Hunting

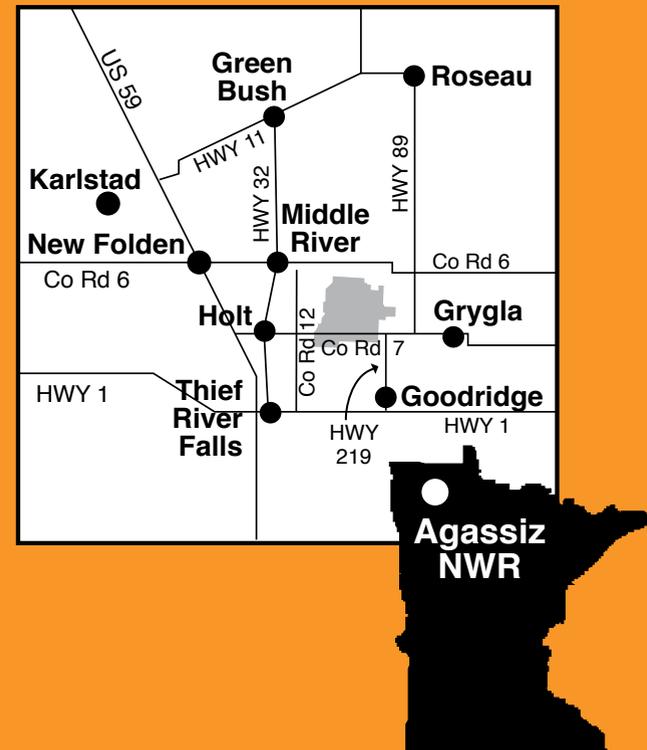
- Open the first day of the deer firearms season and close in accordance with the state seasons.
- Hunters may only possess approved non-toxic shot. Lead shot may not be used or carried while hunting on the refuge.
- The use of dogs is allowed for hunting grouse.

Youth Waterfowl Hunt

- Restricted to a limited area, contact refuge manager for more details.
- Follows state season in accordance with all applicable state, federal and refuge regulations, and as posted.
- Only non-motorized boats may be used.

State Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs)

- Questions regarding state lands should be directed to the Area Wildlife Management Office, Thief River Falls, MN 218-681-0946.



Prohibited Activities

- Off-road vehicles (ATV, OHV, UTV and ORV) or snowmobiles
- Overnight camping, parking or open fires
- Parking, blocking, or restricting access to roads and gates
- Entry into a no hunting zone/closed area for any reason
- Shooting on, from, over, across or within 30' of a road edge open to public vehicle transportation
- Littering
- Using or possessing alcoholic beverages while hunting
- Distribution of feed or bait (including salts and minerals), or hunting over bait.
- Occupying illegally set up or constructed ground blinds or elevated stands
- Using horses to hunt or retrieve game

Deer Hunting

- Deer firearm, muzzleloader and youth deer hunts follow state seasons in accordance with all applicable state, federal and refuge regulations, and as posted.
- Deer archery; opens the first day of the deer firearm season and closes in accordance with the state season.
- No permanent stands permitted. Also, the use of nails, wire, screws, or bolts to attach a stand to a tree, or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven or screwed to support a hunter or hunting equipment, is prohibited. Portable or temporary hunting blinds or stands can only be set up the day of the hunt, and must be removed at the end of each day.
- Vehicles must remain on designated roads.
- Use of non-motorized bicycles, boats, and wheeled carts is allowed EXCEPT in the designated Wilderness Area.

Bow, Gun, Muzzleloader, and Youth



This blue goose, Designed by J.N. "Ding" Darling has become a symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Welcome to Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge

Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) is managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The refuge is one of more than 560 refuges in the National Wildlife Refuge System – a network of lands set aside to conserve wildlife and habitat for generations to come.

Agassiz is located in northwestern Minnesota in the aspen/parkland transitional zone between the boreal forest, tallgrass prairie and the prairie pothole region of the United States.

The refuge headquarters is located 11 miles east of Holt, Minnesota on Marshall County Road 7. Office hours are 7:30 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, except for Federal holidays.

Hunting

Deer hunting on Agassiz refuge is a long-standing tradition. In addition to the traditional deer firearms season, in 2009, Agassiz expanded its hunting opportunities to include muzzleloader and archery deer hunting, grouse hunting, and special youth deer and waterfowl hunts.

Some seasons are in accordance with state regulations; others have delayed openers. The one-day youth waterfowl hunt is restricted to a limited area; contact refuge manager for more details.



General Information

The refuge is divided into areas which are designated as open or closed to hunting as shown on the map. Areas closed to hunting are posted with “No Hunting Zone” or “Closed Area” signs.

We allow the public onto the refuge the day prior to the season for scouting purposes for youth waterfowl, youth deer and the deer firearms hunt.

Vehicles must remain on designated roads. Vehicle access changes occur following the deer firearms season – see map for details. Portions of refuge roads may be closed at various times due to prescribed burning, wildfire, or weather-related emergencies. Snow is not removed from roads, travel with caution.

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).

The refuge is CLOSED from 7:00 pm until 5:30 am.

