

Bear River

Migratory Bird Refuge

*Hunting and Fishing
Regulations*



Welcome



This goose, designed by J.N. "Ding" Darling, is the symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

The Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge was established in 1928 to protect feeding and breeding grounds for migratory waterfowl. The Refuge is one of over 560 refuges in the National Wildlife Refuge System – a network of lands set aside specifically for wildlife. Managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Refuge System is a living heritage, preserving wildlife and habitat for people today and for generations to come.

The Refuge office is located in the Wildlife Education Center and is open Monday – Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, except for Federal holidays. The office and Wildlife Education Center are also open on Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

For your safety, please observe all of the regulations covered in this brochure. See the Refuge general brochure for additional information.

General Refuge Regulations

Vehicles and Parking

- Legally licensed vehicles are allowed on Refuge roads open to the public. Unlicensed off-highway vehicles (OHVs), such as motorcycles or all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), may not be used on the Refuge.
- Parking is permitted in designated parking areas only and is strictly enforced.
- The Refuge auto tour road is open from sunrise to sunset.

Fires and Camping

Fires and camping are prohibited on the Refuge. Overnight RV parking is also prohibited.

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).
- You may only discharge firearms on the Refuge during legal hunting activities.
- Target shooting on the Refuge is prohibited.

Refuge Hunting Regulations

Ducks, geese, coots, tundra (whistling) swans, and pheasant may be hunted as described below. Hunting any other wildlife species is prohibited.

- Tundra swan hunting requires a special Utah State Permit. Swan hunting is permitted in all areas of the Refuge open to public hunting.
- No personal property may be left on the Refuge overnight.
- The use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.
- All commercial guiding and outfitting activities are prohibited on the Refuge.
- Current Federal and State regulations for seasons, hours, and bag and possession limits apply. Consult the Utah Waterfowl Proclamation (*available at the Refuge office and at <http://wildlife.utah.gov/guidebooks/>*) for a complete list of State regulations.
- Archery hunting is prohibited on the Refuge.
- Entering hunt units prior to the opening day of hunting season is prohibited.

Hunting Areas

- See the map for the locations of open hunting areas.
- No hunting or shooting is allowed within 100 yards of primary Refuge roads, parking areas, or observation platforms.

Littering

Please pack out any trash generated during your hunt, including spent shot shells.

Hours

You may enter the Refuge 2 hours before legal sunrise and must exit the Refuge by 2 hours after legal sunset during Refuge hunting seasons.

Retrieving

Hunters may not enter closed areas to retrieve birds. Be sure to allow enough room between the closed area boundary and where you are hunting to retrieve your birds.

Special Shot Restrictions

- Non-toxic shot is required on the Refuge.
- You may possess only 10 shells while hunting within 50 feet of the center of the Unit 1A and 2C dikes (*see map*).

Boats

- Small motor boats are permitted in all hunt units during waterfowl hunting season. Utah State laws requiring registration and safety equipment apply.
- Boats may be launched only at designated boat ramps.
- Air boats are permitted only in Unit 9 and Willard Spur.

Blinds

- The use of pit and permanent blinds is prohibited. Only temporary blinds made out of natural materials are permitted on the Refuge.
- Blinds may not be built on the Refuge prior to the opening day of hunting season.
- All temporary blinds are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Refuge Fishing Regulations

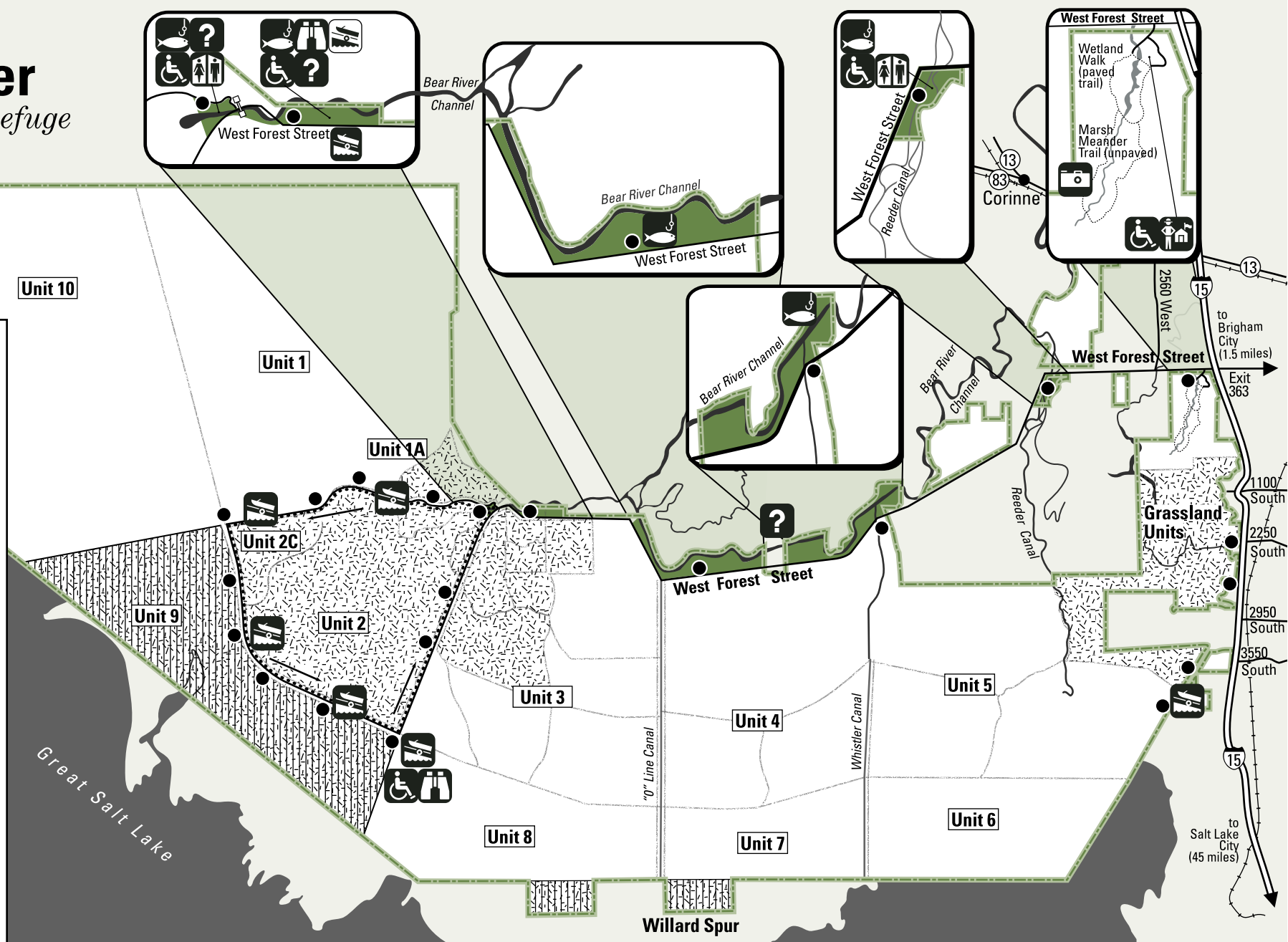
- Fishing is allowed on the Refuge at the following three locations: Refuge lands along the main Bear River channel upstream from the River Delta Interpretive Area; Refuge lands accessible from West Forest Street along the Reeder Canal; and Refuge lands north of West Forest Street along the Whistler canal.
- Fishing west of the auto tour road access gate is allowed from sunrise to sunset.
- Fishing is allowed in accordance with Utah State regulations only (*see Utah Fishing Proclamation available at the Refuge Office, all Utah sporting goods vendors, and at <http://wildlife.utah.gov/guidebooks/>*).
- Fishing is allowed by foot access only.
- Fishing from Refuge bridges and water control structures is prohibited.
- Please pack out all trash generated during fishing, including fishing line and hooks.

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Legend

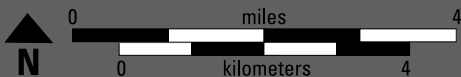
- Refuge boundary
- Federal interstate highway
- State highway
- Secondary road
- Auto tour road (one way)
- Auto tour road access gate
- Dike
- Nature trail
- Closed to hunting
- Open to hunting
- Open to hunting air boats permitted
- Wildlife Education Center and Refuge Office
- Information kiosk
- Linked symbols indicate accessible facility
- Restroom
- Boat ramp (hunting access only)
- Boat ramp (year-round access)
- Fishing access
- Wildlife viewing area
- Photo blind
- Parking



Accessibility Information

An accessible hunting blind, located in Unit 10, is available to hunters with a reservation from the Refuge office 435 / 723 5887.

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