

Bear River

Migratory Bird Refuge

Hunting 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 566 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 Wildlife Education Center is open Tuesday – Friday from 8:00 am - to 4:00 pm, except for Federal holidays.

General Refuge Regulations

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

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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Hunting or shooting within 100 yards of Refuge roads, the D line levee, parking areas, and observation platforms is prohibited.

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

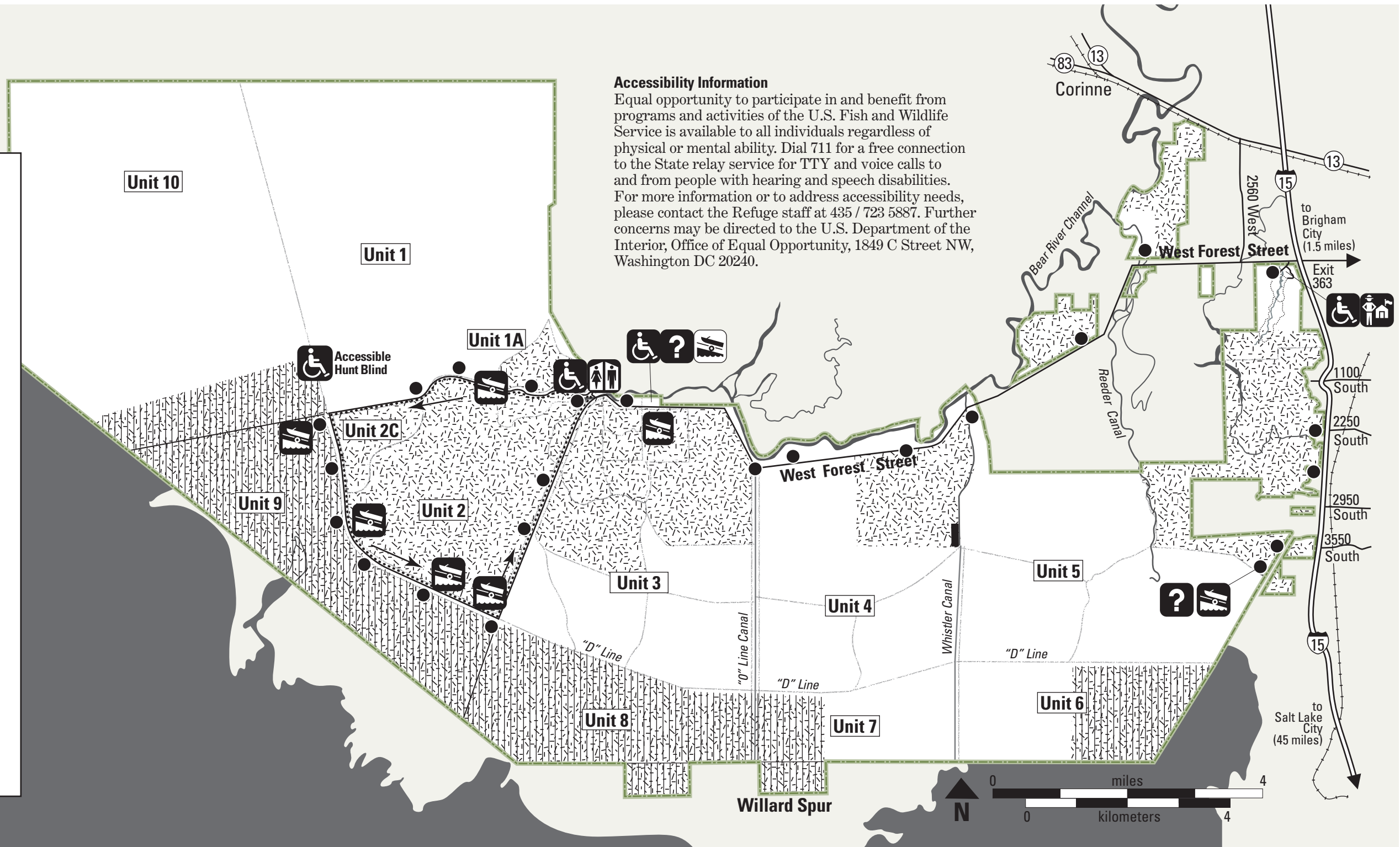
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-  Refuge boundary
-  Federal interstate highway
-  State highway
-  Secondary road
-  Auto tour road (one way)
-  Private inholding; closed to access
-  Dike
-  Nature trail
-  Closed to hunting
-  Open to hunting
-  Open to hunting; air boats permitted
-  Linked symbols designate accessible features
-  Wildlife Education Center and Refuge Office
-  Information kiosk
-  Restroom
-  Boat ramp (hunting access only)
-  Boat ramp (year-round access)
-  Parking

Accessibility Information

Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs and activities of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is available to all individuals regardless of physical or mental ability. Dial 711 for a free connection to the State relay service for TTY and voice calls to and from people with hearing and speech disabilities. For more information or to address accessibility needs, please contact the Refuge staff at 435 / 723 5887. Further concerns may be directed to the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Equal Opportunity, 1849 C Street NW, Washington DC 20240.



Refuge Hunting Regulations Continued

Boats

- Small motor boats are permitted in all hunt units during waterfowl hunting season.
- Boats may be launched only at designated boat ramps.
- Air boats are permitted only in the open areas of Unit 6, 7, 8, 9, 10; and Willard Spur (*see map*).

Blinds

- The use of pit and permanent blinds is prohibited. Only temporary blinds made out of natural materials are permitted.
- Blinds may not be built prior to the opening day of hunting season.
- All temporary blinds are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- An accessible hunting blind, located in Unit 10, is available to ADA certified hunters with a reservation from the Refuge office 435 / 723 5887.

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