

News Release



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Union Slough Hunting Regulations Open House

Union Slough National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) is having an open house on Thursday, September 24th from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The purpose for the open house is to discuss minor changes made in the Code of Federal Regulations for hunting units on Union Slough NWR.

Migratory Game Bird Hunting Changes include:

1. Hunters are allowed on the refuge from 1 hour before legal sunrise until 1 hour after legal sunset. **Changed from ½ hour after legal sunset.**
2. Hunters may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey. **Change made nontoxic shot required for wild turkey hunting.**
3. Allow boats or other floating devices. We allow electric motors only. We prohibit the use of air-thrust boats. You may not leave boats unattended. **Changed to electric motors only.**

Big Game Hunting Changes include:

1. Portable tree stands, portable blinds, and freestanding elevated platforms to be left on the refuge from 7 days prior to the first deer hunting season; they must be removed prior to 7 days following the last deer hunting season. They must be labeled with name, address, and phone number if left unattended and legible from the ground. Turkey hunters must remove blinds and stands each day. **Change allows portable blinds and stands to remain from 7 days prior to 7 days following the last deer hunting season rather than remove daily.**
2. Deer hunters are allowed on the refuge from 1 hour before legal sunrise until 1 hour after legal sunset. **Changed from ½ hour before legal sunrise until ½ hour after sunset.**
3. Allow turkey hunters on the refuge from 1 hour before legal sunrise until 1 hour after legal sunset. **Changed form ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset.**

Hunters that are unable to attend the open house are welcome to stop by the office to discuss the changes with staff during the normal office hours of Monday through Friday from 7:30am-4:00pm. Hunter should call ahead to make sure someone will be available to visit with them.

The refuge headquarters is located 6 miles east of Bancroft, Iowa on County Road A-42. Please call (515) 928-2523 with any questions regarding units open to hunting or changes made.

Visit the Refuge on Facebook at www.facebook.com/UnionSloughNWR.

For more information on the Midwest Region of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service visit <http://midwest.fws.gov>.

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