

Crane Meadows

National Wildlife Refuge

Hunting Regulations & Map 2020-21 Hunt Season



Crane Meadows National Wildlife Refuge General Hunt Permit

The signing of this permit validates it as your general refuge hunting permit and must be in your possession while participating in authorized refuge hunting activities. Expiration date: June 30, 2021.

I have read and understand these regulations.

Hunter's Name (print)

Hunter's Signature (valid only when signed)



SPECIAL HUNTS

Special hunts are available for persons with disabilities. For more information on these hunts, see website or call 763-389-3323.

Signs to Know:



Refuge Boundary



No Hunting



Closed to All Entry

CONTACT INFORMATION

Crane Meadows is part of the Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge Complex and is managed out of the Complex Headquarters in Zimmerman, MN. Visitors may contact staff at Complex Headquarters with questions.

Complex Headquarters763-389-3323
Crane Meadows Maintenance Office320-632-1575

Address: 19502 Iris Road, Little Falls, MN 56345
Website Address: www.fws.gov/refuge/crane_meadows/
Email Address: cranemeadows@fws.gov

People with hearing impairments may reach Crane Meadows NWR through the Federal Information Relay System at 1-800-877-8339.

To Report Violations:
Federal Wildlife Officer 612-283-8963
Turn in Poachers (TIP) Line 1-800-652-9093
Fish & Wildlife Service TIP Line.....1-844-397-8477

Serious injuries or accidents occurring on the refuge should be reported to 911 and also to the Federal Wildlife Officer and Complex Headquarters.



July 2020



HUNTABLE SPECIES

The refuge is open to hunting for the following species: ducks, geese, merganser, American coot, common moorhen, American woodcock, sora, Virginia rail, mourning dove, common snipe, crow, ruffed grouse, ring-necked pheasant, cottontail and jack rabbits, snowshoe hare, squirrels (gray, fox, and red), wild turkey, raccoon, red and gray fox, badger, opossum, long and short-tailed weasels, bobcat, coyote, striped skunk, white-tailed deer.



DOGS

Hunting dogs are permitted, except when hunting furbearers, provided they are under the immediate control of the hunter at all times, and used only during the state hunting season, in areas open to hunting. Training and allowing pets off leash are prohibited at all other times.



VEHICLES

Vehicles may be parked in parking areas shown on the map or on the shoulder of the road in accordance with county and state regulations. Blocking gates and overnight parking are not permitted.



Horses, ATVs, and off-highway vehicles (OHVs) are prohibited. Motorized vehicles are not permitted, except on designated parking areas and public roads.



PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

- The use of artificial lights or automobile headlights to locate or take wildlife is prohibited.
- Distribution of or hunting over bait, including salts or minerals, is prohibited.
- Disposal of animal carcasses on refuge property is prohibited.
- Camping and fires are not permitted.
- Collecting or removal of antler sheds is prohibited.
- The use or possession of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, or drug paraphernalia while hunting is prohibited.

SOO LINE TRAIL

The Soo Line Trail can be used to access some refuge units when it is open. All hunters must comply with trail regulations as posted or found on the Morrison County Parks, Trails, and Facilities website.

Refuge Hunting Regulations



REFUGE HUNTING PERMIT

All hunters must possess a refuge hunting permit. This brochure, when signed, and in your possession, serves as a permit for all refuge hunts.

STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS

- Federal regulations apply (16 USC 668 dd & 50 CFR Park 25-32)
- All state regulations apply, including hunting methods license, tagging and reporting requirements.

REFUGE HUNTING AND ACCESS HOURS



Refuge hunting hours follow those set forth by the state regulations, *except for furbearers*. **Furbearer hunting is allowed from ½ hour before sunrise until sunset. Trapping is prohibited.**

Hunters are allowed to *access* the refuge 2 hours before legal shooting time and must leave the refuge no later than 2 hours after legal shooting time. You must call and/or leave a message with refuge law enforcement to remain after closing hours to retrieve or track wounded game.

Refuge may be temporarily closed to all public access for special hunts. **Refuge will be closed October 13th and 14th in 2020.**

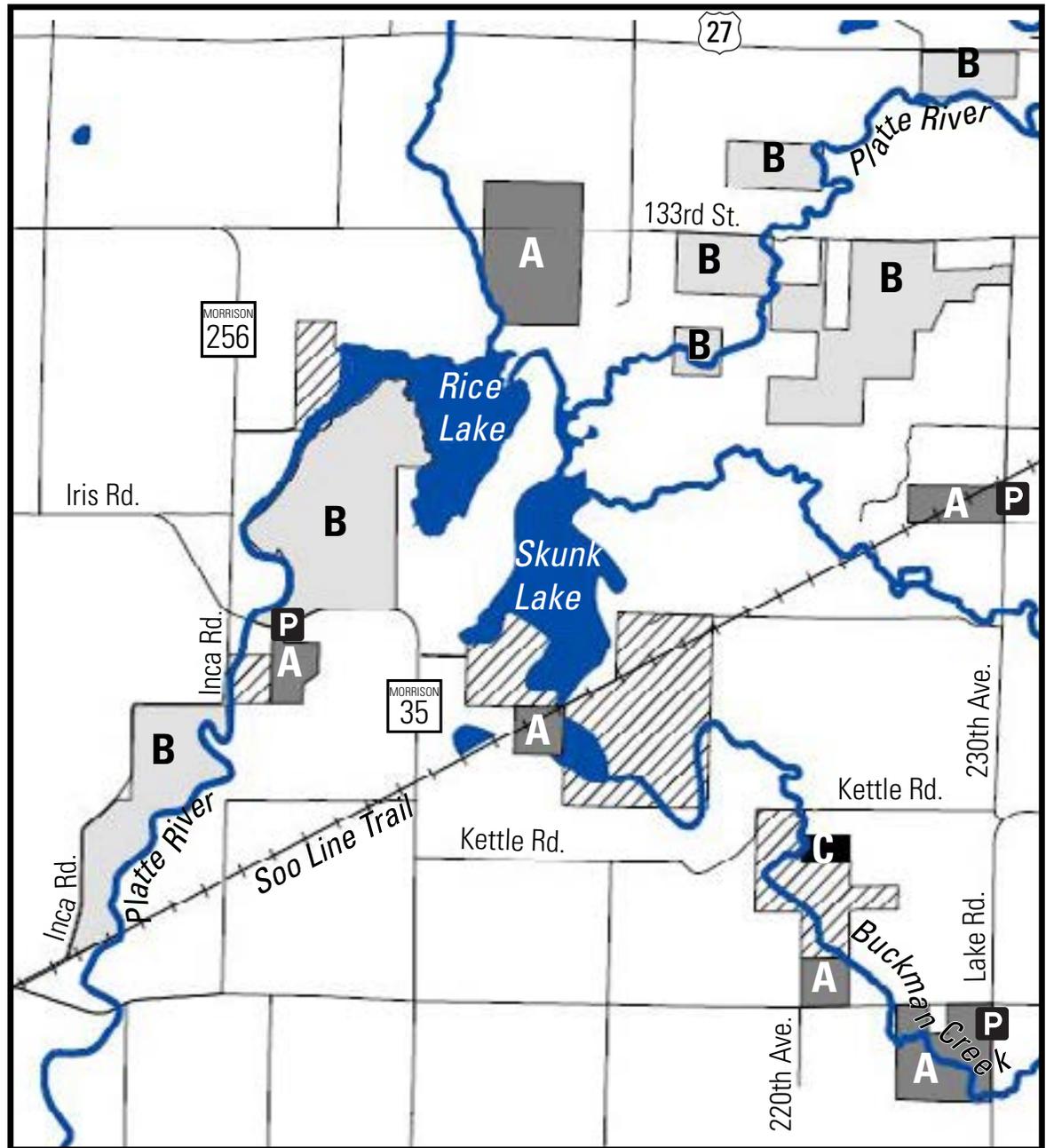
NON-TOXIC SHOT



You must possess and use only approved non-toxic shot shells while hunting small game, migratory birds, and wild turkey on the refuge. NO target or indiscriminate shooting is permitted.

STANDS, BLINDS & OTHER PROPERTY

- Permanent stands are not permitted. Portable stands or temporary blinds are permitted, but must be removed at the end of each day.
- Nails, wire, bolts, spikes, screw-in steps or bow holders, and any item that penetrate the outer bark of a tree are prohibited.
- All property brought onto the refuge must be removed at the end of each day. This includes vehicles, decoys, trail cameras, trash, and hunting equipment.
- Cutting, mowing, sawing, digging, collecting, injuring, or removing vegetation is prohibited.



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| A | Refuge Land OPEN to Public Hunting | | Minnesota DNR Lands (WMAs) |
| B | Refuge Land CLOSED to Public Hunting | P | Parking Area/Brochure Box |
| C | Refuge Land CLOSED to ALL Public Access | | |