Welcome to Your Refuge!

Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge is located on the Detroit River and western Lake Erie. The refuge's acquisition boundary stretches along 48 miles of Detroit River and western Lake Erie. The Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge (DRIWR) provides a wide array of activities to the public, including birding, wildlife observation, interpretive programs, photography, hiking, and hunting on 1,900 owned acres, 3,000 leased acres, including the refuge's leased portion, and 17,000 contiguous acres administered by the Detroit River Inter-Tribal Council.

General Hunting Regulations:

The hunting regulations specific to Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge (DRIWR) and other national wildlife refuges are set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. Individuals are encouraged to review this publication prior to hunting on Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge and other national wildlife refuges. The hunting regulations are managed under cooperative management agreements between the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge and other national wildlife refuges and outer landowners.

Migratory Bird Hunting:

A limited number of special hunting permits will be assigned a refuge installed watermark in accordance with State regulations on the use of tree stands. Tree stands are not allowed without a Special Hunting Permit.

Coyote Hunting:

Allowing the use of dog or other human-made materials to mark the refuge and outside landowners.

Cutting of woody vegetation on the refuge lands.

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