

# Parker River

## *National Wildlife Refuge*

### *Waterfowl Hunting Information*

Thank you for your interest in waterfowl hunting at Parker River National Wildlife Refuge. Please read the following information thoroughly so that we may ensure your hunting experience is as safe and enjoyable as possible. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. Enjoy your visit!

#### **General**

Waterfowl hunting for ducks, geese, and coots, is permitted in Areas A, B, and C (see map on reverse) in accordance with refuge, state, and federal regulations. Sea ducks may be hunted in designated hunting areas only when their open season coincides with the open season on "Ducks." Goose hunting is permitted in Areas A, B, and C during any state goose season. The refuge will also honor any state authorized Youth Waterfowl Hunting Day(s).

A refuge permit is not required for waterfowl hunting.

#### **Blinds**

Portable blinds, nets, tarps, or similar forms of temporary concealment are permitted. Digging pits and cutting vegetation are prohibited.

#### **Shot and Shotshells**

Approved non-toxic shot is required 50 CFR § 20.21 (j) and 50 CFR §32.2(k). Possession of lead shot is prohibited.

#### **Dogs and Decoys**

The use of dogs and artificial decoys is encouraged. Dogs must be under the hunter's control at all times 50 CFR § 20.21.

#### **Other**

Entering any portion of the refuge other than Areas A, B, or C to retrieve downed waterfowl, with or without a firearm, is prohibited. Loaded firearms and shooting (including in pursuit of crippled birds), are prohibited on Plum Island River, Parker River, and Plum Island/Broad Sound, including all islands and sand spits therein. Sunday hunting is prohibited. The use or possession of alcoholic beverages on the refuge is prohibited 50 CFR §32.2(j).

#### **Access and Hunting Areas**

Access to the hunting areas is by foot or boat, with certain restrictions (see below). The refuge entrance gate and parking lots open one hour before legal shooting time. Launching of motorized boats is allowed from the boat ramp across from Lot 1 only during hunting season and only for waterfowl hunting. Launching motorized boats for scouting purposes prior to hunting is prohibited.

**Area A**—Access by boat or by foot from non-refuge areas.

**Area B**—Access either by boat, by foot from the refuge parking lot via Newbury Neck Road and Marsh Avenue (Newbury, MA), or by foot from non-refuge areas. Hunting is allowed only in the area marked by "Public Hunting Area" signs. From the parking lot this area is located approximately 0.3 miles to the left of trail's end.

**Area C (Nelson Island)** – Access either by boat, by foot from the refuge parking lot at the end of Stackyard Road (Rowley, MA), or by foot from non-refuge areas. Hunting within 150 feet of the refuge parking lot is prohibited.

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