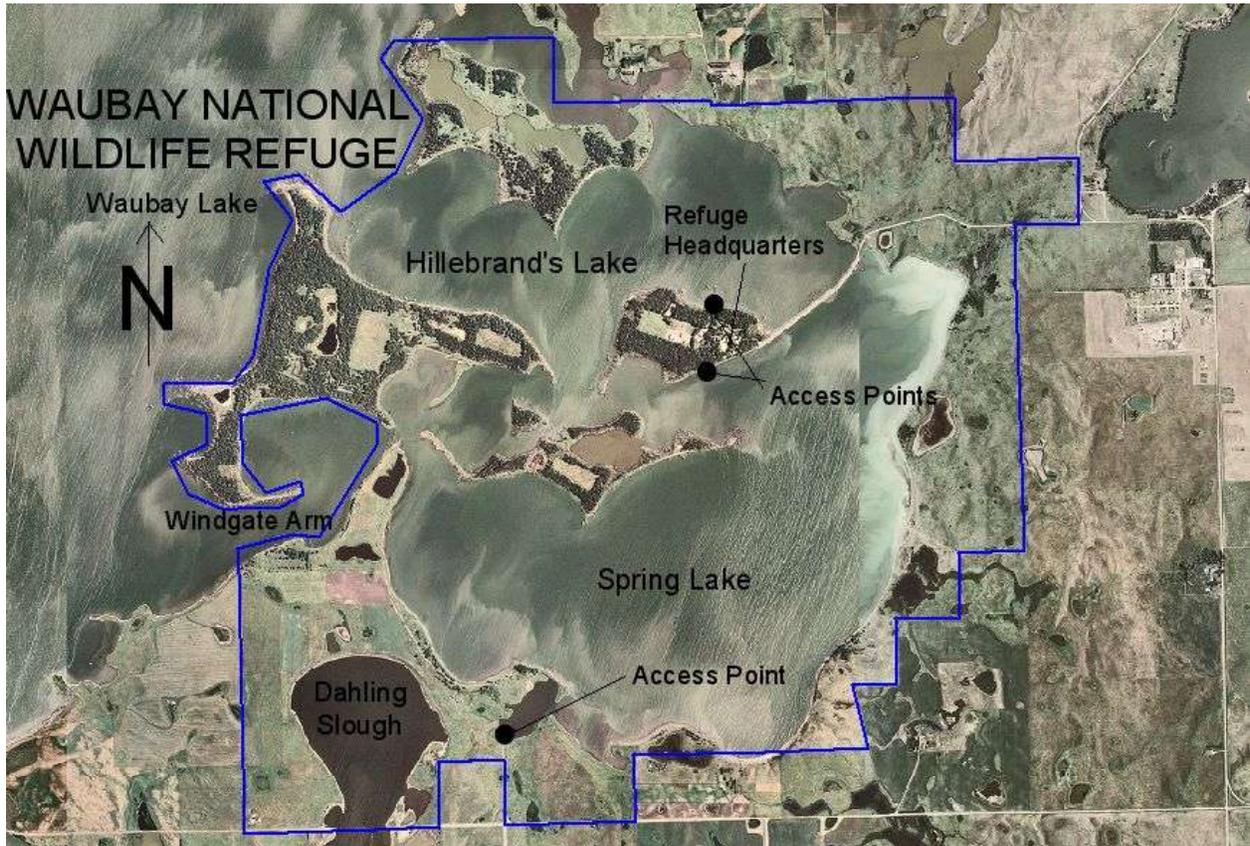


Ice-Fishing Regulations - Winter of 2012-2013

Waubay National Wildlife Refuge

1. **Dates and times open:** Ice-up on or after December 3rd, 2012 to ice-out, spring 2013. Fishermen can **NOT** be **on the ice** until one hour prior to sunrise and must be **off the ice** one hour after sunset (see table). Disregarding this Refuge Special Regulation is a violation of federal law; dozens of fishermen have been cited and fined for being on the ice outside of legal hours. Plan your quitting time to allow time for walking distance and to get off the ice.



2. **Vehicle travel** is restricted to public roads. **No motorized vehicles** including trucks, cars, snowmobiles, ATVs, etc. are permitted on any other portion of the Refuge, including lake ice.
3. **Parking** on the east entrance road is permitted only on the south side (observe posted signs) to keep a clear lane for vehicle travel. On Headquarters Island, parking is permitted only in parking lots.
4. **Foot travel** is restricted to public roads, lake ice, or the access points on Headquarters Island (see map). Walking across grasslands, islands, or woodlands is not permitted for any reason.
5. **Portable ice-shacks** are permitted on Refuge lakes. Ice shacks must be removed from the Refuge each day by closing time.
6. **Fish cleaning**, of any fish species, is prohibited on refuge lakes. State regulations prohibit fish cleaning on waters with size restrictions (walleye on Refuge lakes).

7. **State fishing regulations** apply to Refuge waters. Walleye/sauger - limit and size restrictions for Waubay Lake apply to Refuge lakes (4 walleye daily limit, one walleye 20-inches or longer, no minimum length for all walleye/sauger). Yellow perch and crappie daily limit is 15 fish each. Consult the South Dakota Fishing Handbook for other species limits and fishing regulations.

8. **Power augers** are permitted on Refuge lakes.

9. Take your **garbage** with you when you leave. Littering is a violation of federal law.

10. **No open fires** or collecting fire wood.

Why the restrictions on vehicle travel and ice-shacks?

Wildlife come first on National Wildlife Refuges, but recreation also is important! The Refuge is used extensively by wintering deer. Management objectives are to allow deer to rest undisturbed during the day and travel to food sources at night. Please help us achieve our goal of allowing fishing recreation and providing good habitat for wintering deer. Please report illegal snowmobile or vehicle activity or other unauthorized acts to the Refuge headquarters.

For any questions, please visit our headquarters Monday through Friday 8:00 to 4:30, or call Waubay National Wildlife Refuge at: **605-947-4521**.

Times anglers may be **on the ice**; times listed **INCLUDE** the one hour before & after periods.

(Central Daylight Time - Extrapolate times between listed dates)

Date	Time Open (AM)	Time Closed (PM)	Date	Open (AM)	Closed (PM)	Date	Open (AM)	Closed (PM)
Dec 3	6:52	5:48	Jan 19	7:03	6:19	Mar 9	5:53	7:28
Dec 5	6:54	5:48	Jan 23	7:00	6:25	Mar 10	6:51*	8:30*
Dec 8	6:57	5:47	Jan 26	6:57	6:29	Mar 13	6:46	8:34
Dec 12	7:00	5:47	Jan 30	6:53	6:35	Mar 16	6:40	8:38
Dec 15	7:03	5:48	Feb 2	6:49	6:39	Mar 20	6:33	8:43
Dec 19	7:06	5:49	Feb 6	6:44	6:45	Mar 23	6:27	8:47
Dec 22	7:07	5:51	Feb 9	6:40	6:49	Mar 27	6:19	8:52
Dec 26	7:09	5:53	Feb 13	6:34	6:55	Mar 30	6:14	8:56
Dec 29	7:09	5:56	Feb 16	6:29	6:59	Apr 3	6:06	9:01
Jan 2	7:10	5:59	Feb 20	6:23	7:05	Apr 6	6:01	9:05
Jan 5	7:09	6:02	Feb 23	6:18	7:09	Apr 10	5:51	9:10
Jan 9	7:08	6:07	Feb 27	6:11	7:15	Apr 13	5:48	9:14
Jan 12	7:07	6:10	Mar 2	6:06	7:19	Apr 17	5:41	9:19
Jan 16	7:05	6:15	Mar 6	6:59	6:24	Apr 20	5:36	9:23

*** Daylight Saving Time begins.**

PLEASE BE SURE TO LET SOMEONE KNOW WHERE YOU ARE FISHING AND WHEN YOU PLAN TO RETURN, WHETHER FISHING WAUBAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE OR ELSEWHERE. WE RECOMMEND CARRYING ICE PICKS AND A CELL PHONE IN YOUR UPPER CHEST POCKET.

WE HOPE YOU HAVE A SAFE, SUCCESSFUL, AND ENJOYABLE FISHING EXPERIENCE!!!

THE ENTRANCE ROAD HAS BEEN RIP-RAPPED; THERE ARE WALKING HAZARDS: HOLES, LARGE SHARP ROCKS, ETC.

--ACCESSING FROM THE ENTRANCE ROAD IS AT YOUR OWN RISK.--