



## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# Boating and Fishing

## *Cibola National Wildlife Refuge*

Cibola National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1964 as mitigation for the loss of fish and wildlife habitat due to dam construction and channelization of the Lower Colorado River. Cibola National Wildlife Refuge is working to restore and conserve historic fish and wildlife habitat and provide opportunities for compatible wildlife-oriented recreational activities.

Fishing and boating are permitted in designated areas during specific times of the year subject to the regulations provided in this brochure, the Refuge's general brochure, and Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and state fishing regulations.

Individuals utilizing the Refuge are subject to inspection of permits, licenses, fishing equipment, bag and creel, vehicles and boats (and their content) by refuge officers.

To ensure your safety and enjoyment while visiting Cibola National Wildlife Refuge, please take time to become familiar with the following regulations.

### General Regulations

Fishing and boating regulations are designed to protect fish and wildlife populations while allowing use of a renewable natural resources. The regulations below supplement the general regulations governing public use of national wildlife refuges as set forth in 50 CFR.

Fishing and boating are permitted in the following areas in accordance with all applicable Federal and State fishing and boating laws and regulations unless otherwise specified in this brochure.

Possession of the Colorado River Fishing Stamp allows fishermen licensed in either California or Arizona to fish where permitted on the refuge.

### *Arnett Ditch*

Fishing is permitted year-round. Some areas of the ditch are walk-in access only.

### *Cibola Lake*

Fishing and boating area permitted in Cibola Lake from one-half hour before sunrise March 15 through Labor Day. Cibola Lake is a *No Wake* zone and only electric trolling motor or manually powered vessels may be used.

### Main Channel of the Colorado River

Fishing and boating are permitted year-round, except that fishing from the east shore south of the tie-back levee is prohibited from the day after Labor Day until 6:00 a.m. MST March 15.

### *Hart Mine Marsh*

Fishing is permitted from one half hour before sunrise MST March 15 through Labor day.

### *High Levee Pond*

Fishing and boating are prohibited year-round.

### *Old Colorado River Channel and Palo Verde Outfall Drain*

Fishing and boating are permitted year-round. The old Colorado River channel and Palo Verde outfall drain are *No Wake* zones.

### *Pretty Water*

Fishing and boating are permitted year-round, except that all entry (including fishing and boating) is prohibited from 3:00 p.m. MST to one-half hour before sunrise October 15 through March 14. Pretty Water is a *No Wake* zone.

### *Three Finger Lake*

Fishing and boating are permitted year-round. Three Fingers Lake is a *No Wake* zone and only electric trolling motor or manually powered vessels may be used.

### Water Skiing

Waterskiing and general boating are permitted on the Main Channel of the Colorado River. All other waters on Cibola National Wildlife Refuge are *No Wake* zones.

### Motor Vehicles

All operators and vehicles must be licensed, registered, and insured for highway use to be operated on refuge roads. Motor vehicle traffic is limited to designated roads and parking areas (see map). The refuge-wide speed limit is 25 mph. Other State and local traffic laws apply.

Watercraft can only be launched at designated boat ramps.

### Prohibited Activities

The following activities are prohibited at Cibola National Wildlife Refuge:

Littering,

Camping,

Fires,

Taking of wildlife or plants (including cutting trees or brush) unless specified in this or the refuge's hunting brochure or the state hunting and fishing regulations,

Searching for, damaging, or removing rocks, minerals, or objects of antiquity,

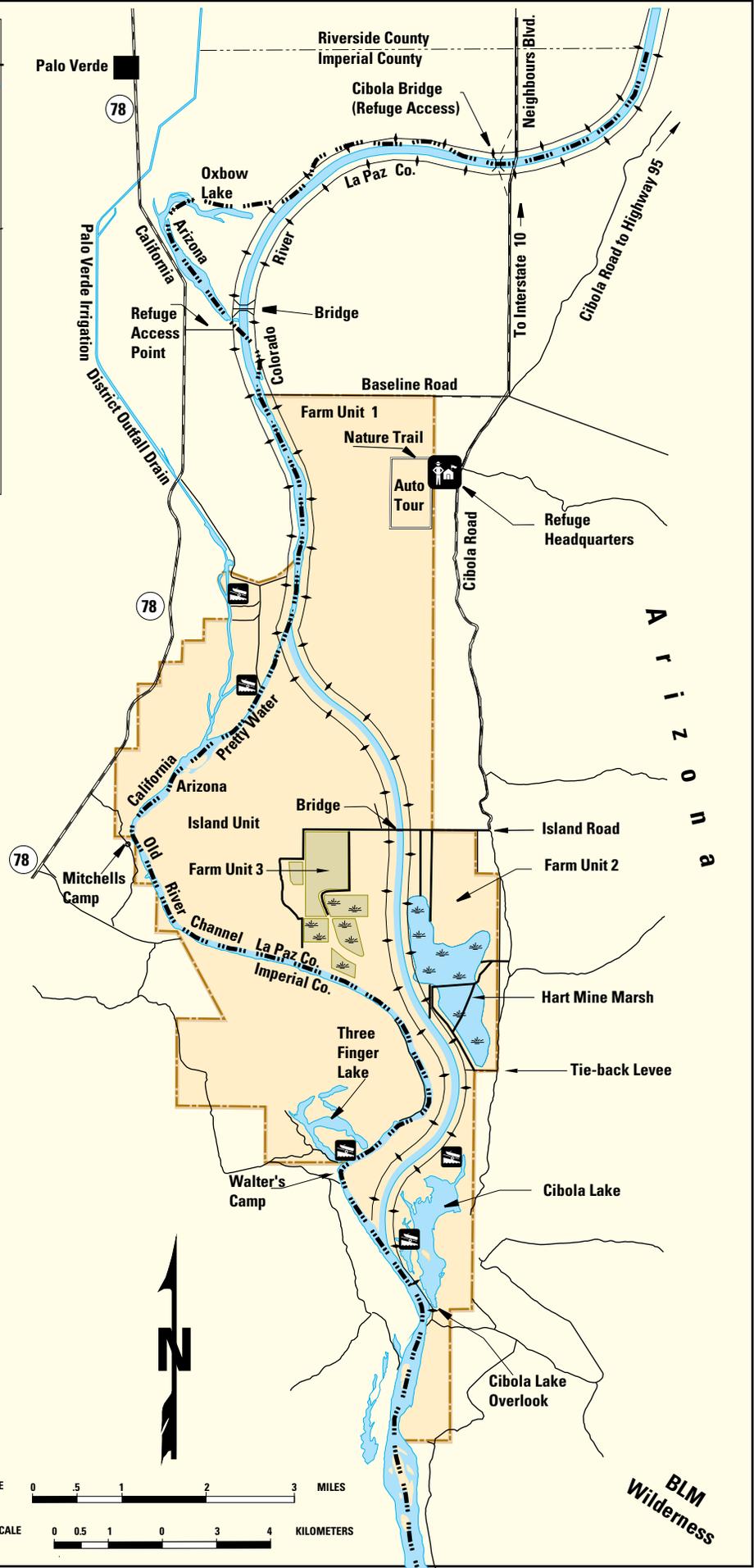
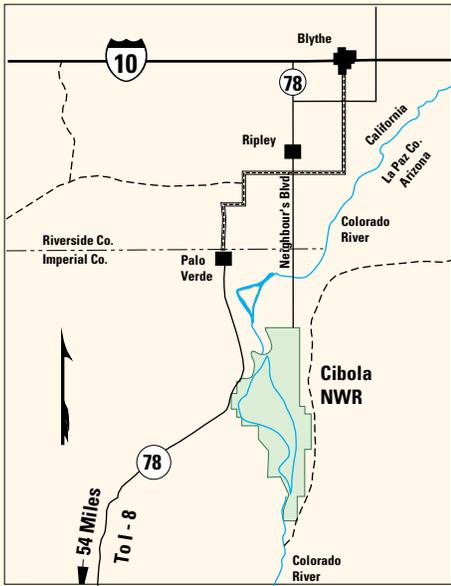
Mooring overnight,

Fishing or boating in waters not listed in this brochure.

### For Additional Information

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**Legend**

- Marsh
- State Boundary
- Refuge Boundary
- Paved Road
- Unimproved Road
- Levee Roads
- Open Water



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