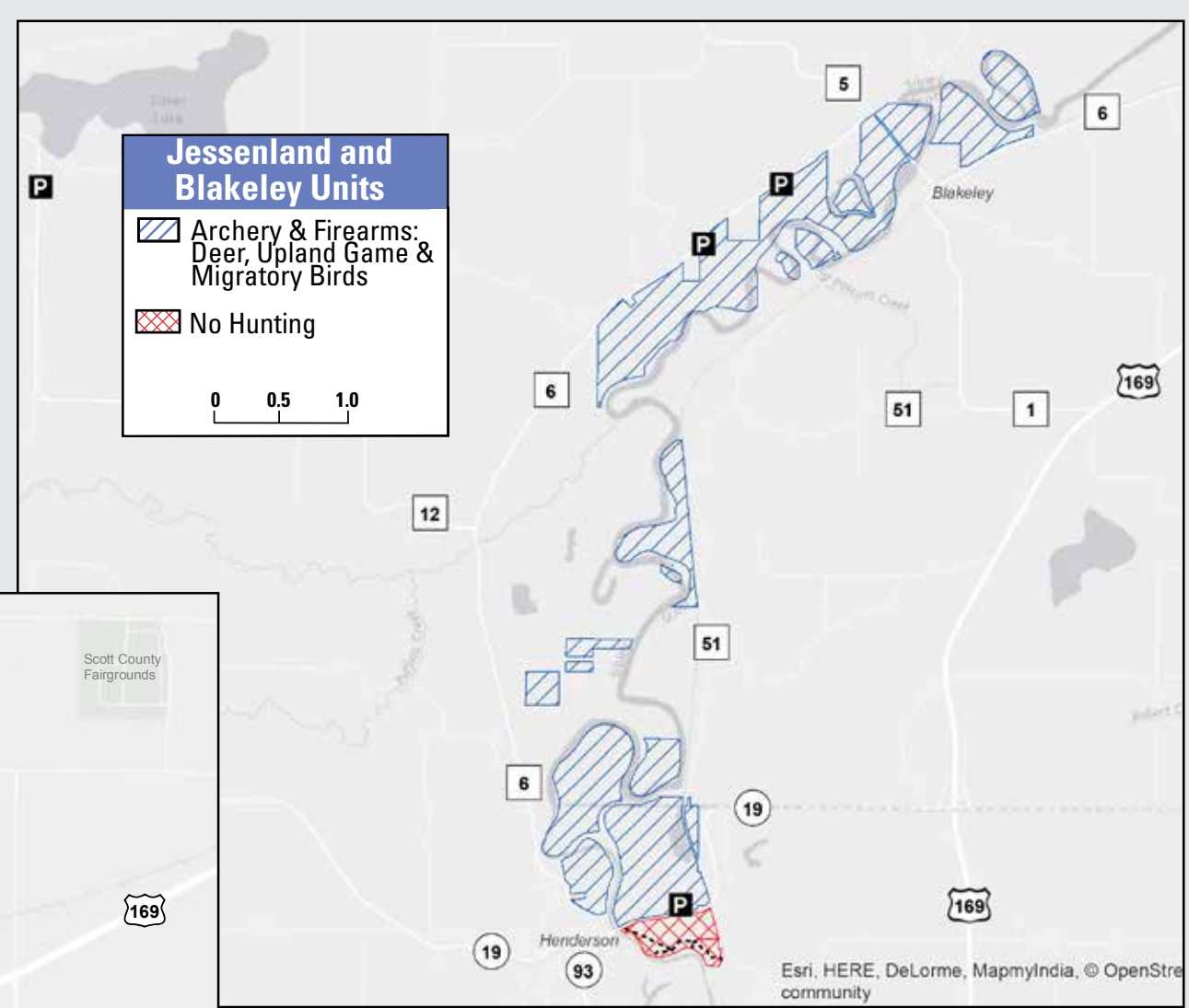
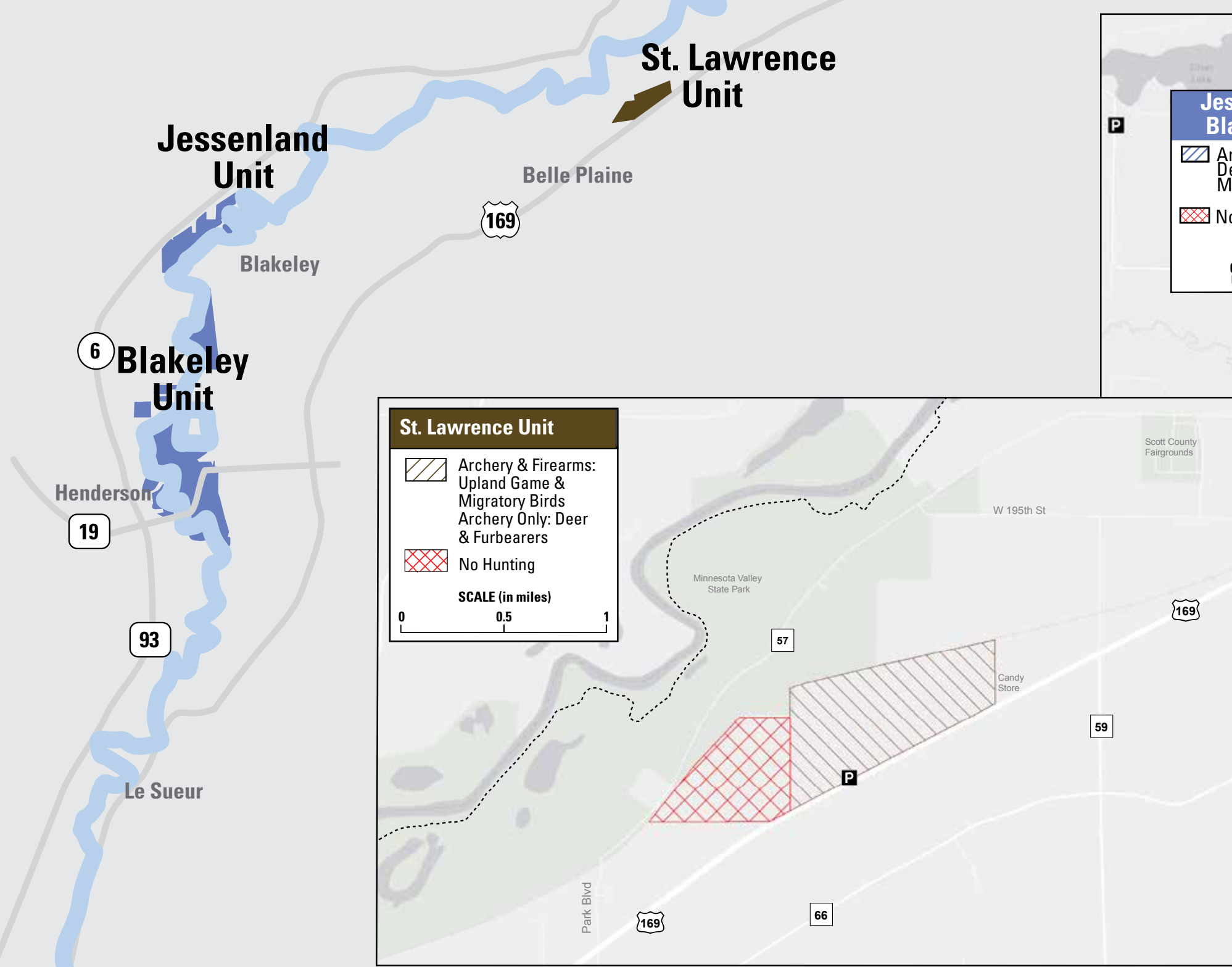
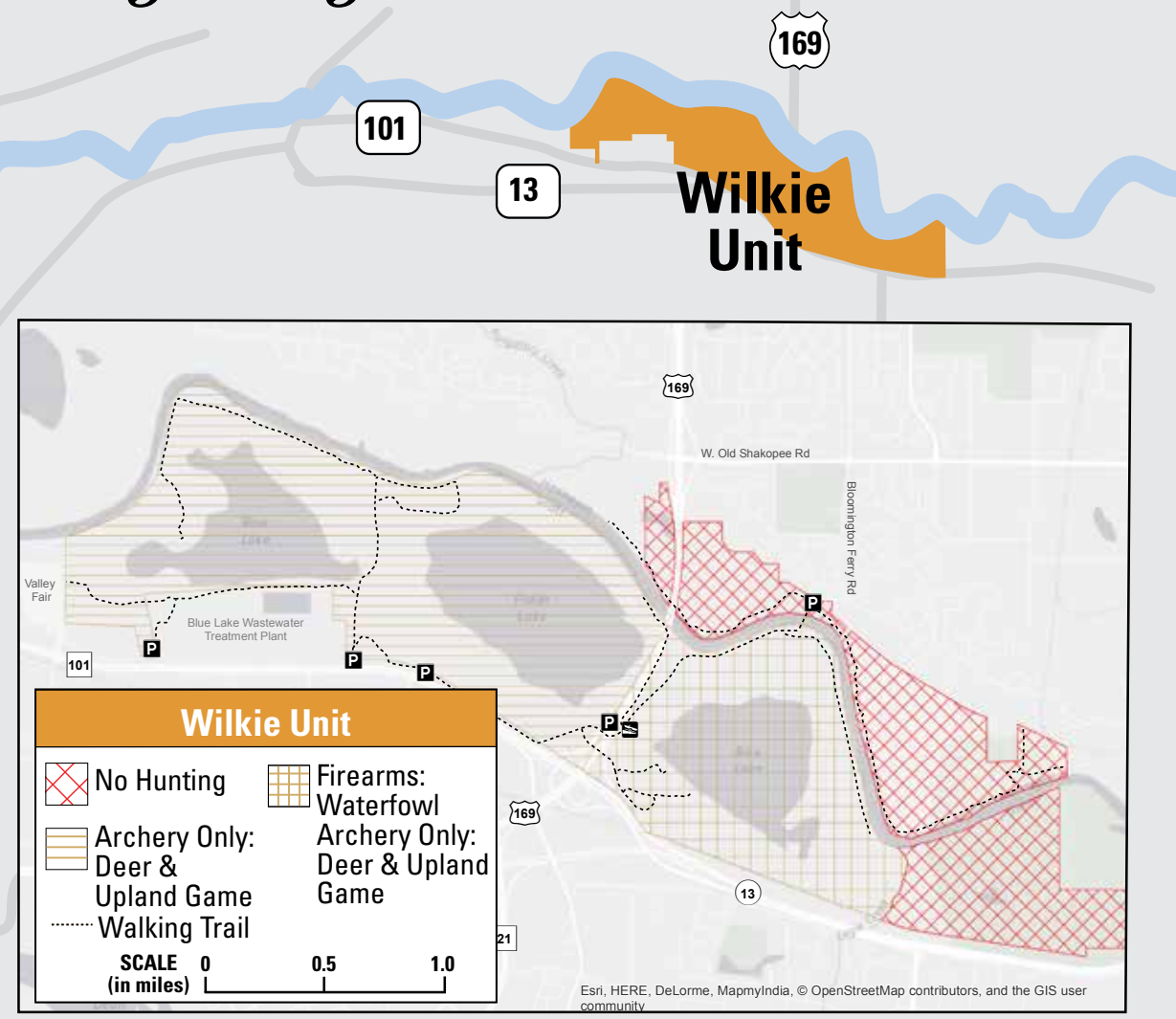
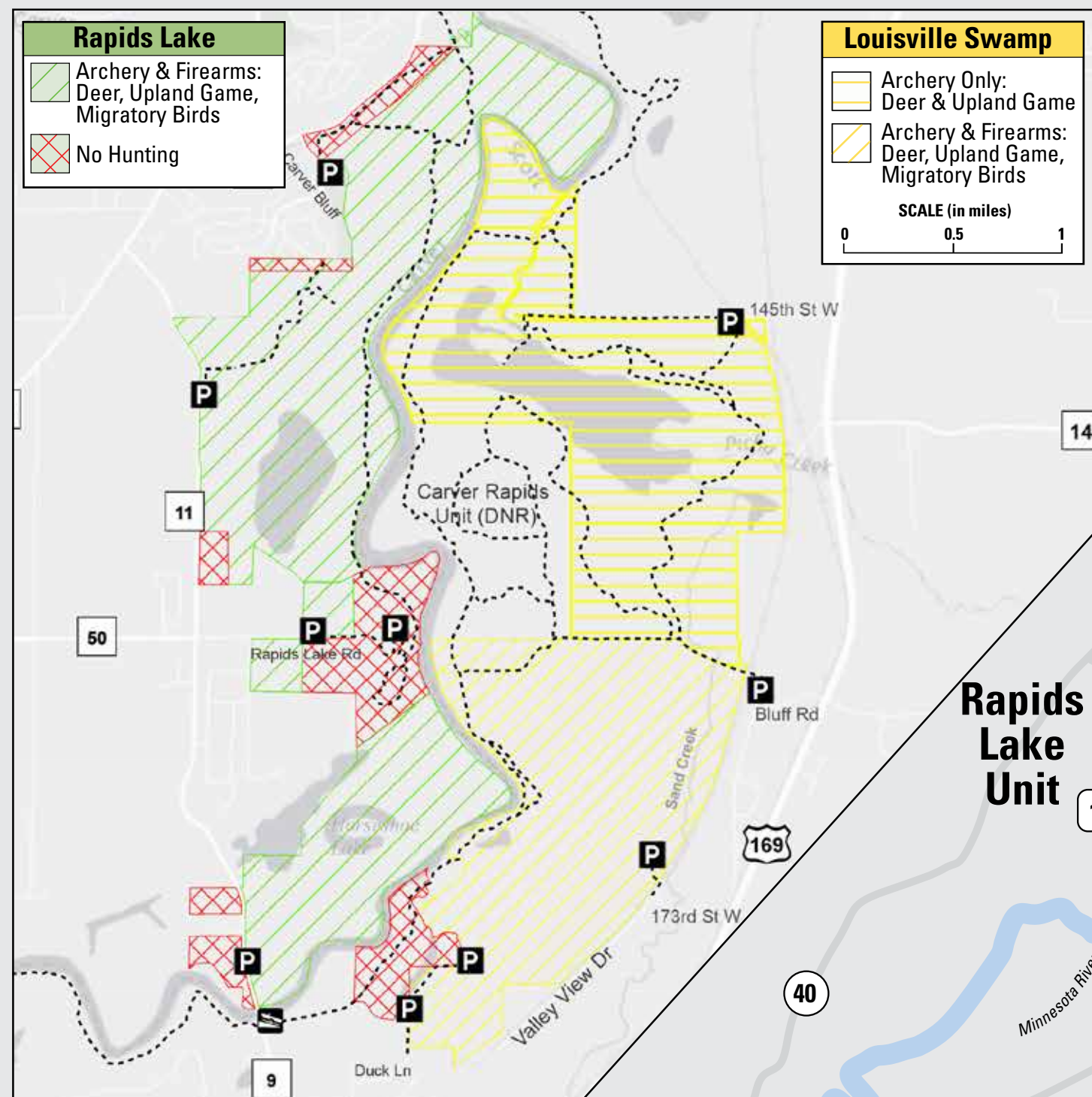


# Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge

## Hunting Regulations



**HUNTERS:**

**P** Hunters' parking areas

Street addresses to parking areas are approximate.

## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

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### Fall 2016/Spring 2017

## Hunting Map & Regulations



### General Hunting Regulations

You may only hunt species listed in this brochure. Minnesota state regulations and refuge specific regulations will be enforced. Refuge-specific regulations supersede state regulations. Hunting is allowed only on refuge units described in this brochure.

■ Each unit offers specific hunting opportunities during Minnesota state seasons. We prohibit the use of motorized (gas or electric) boats. We allow non-

■ Hunters may use bicycles and game carts on designated trails and service roads during the hunting seasons.

■ We prohibit hunting on, from, across, or within 100 feet (30 m) of any road, parking area, or designated trail.

■ All property brought onto the refuge must be removed after each day. This includes all vehicles, boats, decoys, blinds, stands, trail cameras and trash.

■ Entry into the refuge earlier than 2 hours before legal shooting time is prohibited. Hunters must leave the refuge no later than 1 hour after legal shooting time. You may only hunt coyotes, skunks, fox, opossum and raccoon from 1/2 hour before legal sunrise until legal sunset.

■ Camping, campfires and overnight parking are prohibited.

■ The use of hunting dogs is allowed during the State-approved hunting season and for non-firebearers only, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times. Training and allowing pets off leash are prohibited.

Species	Refuge Season
Goose.....	No hunting during the State spring goose hunt
American crow.....	State fall crow season only
Coyote.....	September 1 thru February 28
Fox (red and gray).....	Beginning of State season thru February 28
Raccoon.....	Beginning of State season thru February 28
Opossum.....	Beginning of State season thru February 28
Striped skunk.....	September 1 thru February 28

## The following refuge hunting seasons differ from State seasons.

- Single projectile ammunition for hunting upland game and firebearers on all refuge units is prohibited, except that we allow hunters to use small-caliber rim fire rifles and handguns (.22 caliber and smaller) on the Jessenland and Blakeley units. Where firearms deer hunting is allowed, you may use shotgun and muzzle loading rifles with single projectile ammunition. The use of air guns is prohibited on all refuge units. Target shooting is prohibited.
- Small game hunters must wear an article of blaze orange consistent with state regulations.
- Some areas are posted as No Hunting Zones to protect buildings, private property or critical habitat areas.
- Firearms and weapons must be cased and unloaded while accessing hunting areas through No Hunting Zones.
- Motorized vehicles are prohibited except on designated parking areas, access roads and public roads.
- No permanent stands are permitted. Hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven is prohibited. Do not use nails, wire, screws or bolts to attach a stand or steps to a tree.
- Distribution of feed or bait, or hunting over bait is prohibited. This includes salts and minerals.
- The possession of alcohol while hunting is prohibited.
- Trapping is prohibited on the refuge, except by permit issued by the refuge manager.

Rapids Lake Hunting Activities & Regulations	St. Lawrence Hunting Activities & Regulations
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- Big Game: Archery & Firearms
- White-tailed deer
- Migratory Birds
- Migratory Birds (Closed to Spring Goose Hunting)
- Goose, duck, merganser, moorhen, coot, rails, mourning dove, snipe, and woodcock.
- Upland Game: Archery & Firearms
- Ruffed grouse, gray partridge, ring-necked pheasant, squirrel, snowshoe hare, cottontail rabbit, jackrabbit and wild turkey (spring and fall turkey state season).
- Open to crow hunting according to refuge-specific regulations.

**P** **30951 Scenic Byway Rd, Henderson, MN 56044**  
Lot is on south side of road, 1 mile SW of Co. Rd. 5.

**P** **31147 Scenic Byway Rd, Henderson, MN 56044**  
Lot is on south side of road, 2 miles SW of Co. Rd. 5.

**P** Approximately one mile east of Henderson on Hwy 19. Lot is on north side of road.

Louisville Swamp Hunting Activities & Regulations	Wilkie Hunting Activities & Regulations
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**Rice Lake Area** (from Eagle Creek west to the Highway 169 bridge)

- Big Game: Archery Only
- White-tailed deer
- Waterfowl Only: (Closed to Spring Goose Hunting)
- Goose, duck, merganser, moorhen, coot, rails.
- Closed to hunting mourning dove, snipe and woodcock.
- Upland Game: Archery Only
- Ruffed grouse, gray partridge, ring-necked pheasant, squirrel, snowshoe hare, cottontail rabbit, jackrabbit, coyote, fox, raccoon, skunk, and wild turkey (spring and fall turkey state season).

### West of Highway 169 bridge (including Fisher and Blue Lakes)

- Big Game: Archery Only
- White-tailed deer
- Migratory Birds: Closed
- Upland Game: Archery Only
- Ruffed grouse, gray partridge, ring-necked pheasant, squirrel, snowshoe hare, cottontail rabbit, jackrabbit, coyote, fox, reacock, skunk, and wild turkey (spring and fall turkey state season).
- Closed to crow hunting.

### East of Eagle Creek

**P** **7701 County Road 101 East, Shakopee, MN 55379**  
Lot is west of the Hwy 169/101 interchange on north side of the road.

**P** **7701 County Road 101 East, Shakopee , MN 55379**  
Waterfowl hunter access. Drive .8 miles past the first gate to the second gate. Boat launch to Rice Lake is 50 yards east of the road. Vehicle and trailer parking is under the HWY 169 bridge to the west.

**P** **11255 Bloomington Ferry Road, Bloomington, MN 55348**  
Park in lot and walk across the pedestrian bridge to access the Wilkie Unit.

**P** **16210 Jordan Ave, Jordan, MN 55352**  
Lot is .5 miles west of Hwy 169.

**P** **3898 145th St. W, Shakopee, MN 55379**  
Lot is .5 miles west of Hwy 169.

**P** **16210 Jordan Ave, Jordan, MN 55352**  
Near Bluff Drive & Hwy 169. On-street parking only, on east side of the road near refuge sign, at least 100 yards from the house. Please respect private property stay and on road to refuge entrance.

**P** **17000 Valley View Drive, Jordan, MN 55353**  
Lot is located near 173rd Street & Hwy 169.

**P** **17401 Duck Lane, Jordan, MN 55352**  
Parking is located at gate 1 mile north of Mendoza Avenue. 4-wheel drive is recommended until freeze-up.

**P** **102 Carver Bluffs Parkway, Carver, MN 55315**  
Lot is located in Carver Bluffs Park.

**P** **16899 Jonathan Carver Parkway, Carver, MN 55315**  
Lot is on east side of road, north of the Minnesota River Bridge.

**P** **15847 Rapids Lake Road, Carver, MN 55315**  
Lot is on north side of road 1 mile east of Co. Rd. 11.

**P** **14901 Jonathan Carver Parkway, Carver, MN 55315**  
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