U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Hunting

Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge

By law, national wildlife refuges are closed to all public use activities unless expressly permitted. Hunting, fishing, and certain other public uses are permitted on portions of the refuge. Some areas are closed to all forms of public entry.

When permitted, hunting, fishing, and other public uses on areas of the refuge will be in accordance with applicable State laws unless otherwise listed. To ensure your safety and enjoyment while visiting Salt Plains NWR, please take the time to become familiar with the current regulations and authorized activities before entering the refuge, these can be obtained by visiting the Refuge Headquarters located 2 miles south and 1 mile west of the State Hwy 11 and 38 junction or by calling 580-626-4794 or www.fws.gov

All Parties Must Sign In:
- Hunters are to log in and out daily.
- All hunters under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Prohibited Activities

-Littering, dumping garbage or waste. Pick up spent shotgun shells from hunt area.

-Spotlighting - artificial light may not be use to locate wildlife.

-Taking of wildlife or plants (including cutting live trees or brush, mushroom picking, and deer shed collecting) other than specified in this brochure.

-No party hunting allowed (hunters may only take their own legal daily bag limit and not add to their hunting partners).

Parking
- Parking is limited to 5 hunting access locations on the north side of Highway 11. All vehicles must be parked in designated refuge-access parking areas.
- Parking areas are marked with hunting regulations and sign-in cards. See map on reverse side for public hunting area parking locations.
- Alcohol as well as camping is not allowed in parking areas or hunting units.

Public Migratory and Upland Game Hunting Area Rules and Regulations
- Area Closed at Noon: No afternoon hunting.

- Legal shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to noon.

- No boats are allowed in the river or creek channels.

- No target shooting allowed on Refuge.

Hunting of Pheasant, Quail, Dove, Ducks, Geese and Sandhill Cranes is permitted on designated areas (see map) subject to the following conditions:

- Hunting is restricted to the area bounded by the refuge boundary to the west and north. The east boundary is the western edge of Sand Creek. The south boundary is 150 yards north of State Hwy 11. 150 yards north of State Hwy 11 is a retrieval zone only.

- Deer hunting is by permit only. Apply for hunts through ODWC Controlled Hunts

Animals/Pets

Hunting dogs are permitted for hunting migratory and upland birds only during designated open areas and seasons. Neither hunters nor dogs may enter closed areas of the Refuge. Training of dogs is not authorized. All other pets must be on a leash or in your vehicle.

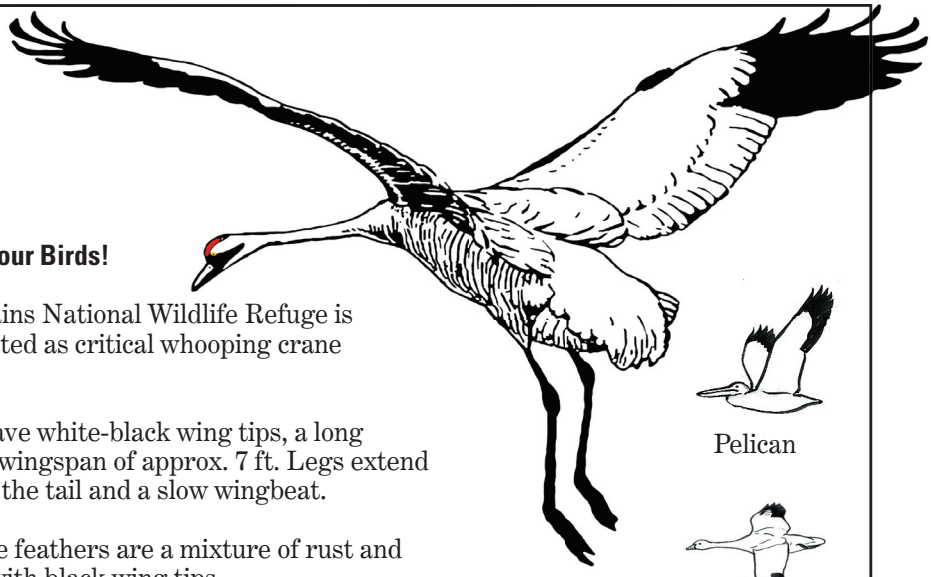
Hunters should consult ODWC's hunt brochures for further regulations.

All state regulations apply except those as listed below:

- Federally approved nontoxic shot only. Hunters can not be in possession of shot shells loaded with shot other than federally approved nontoxic shot while in the hunting area.

- Decoys and materials brought into the refuge for blind construction must be removed at the end of every hunt day.

- All hunting closed on Saturday thru Monday during state rifle deer season.



Know Your Birds!

Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge is designated as critical whooping crane habitat.

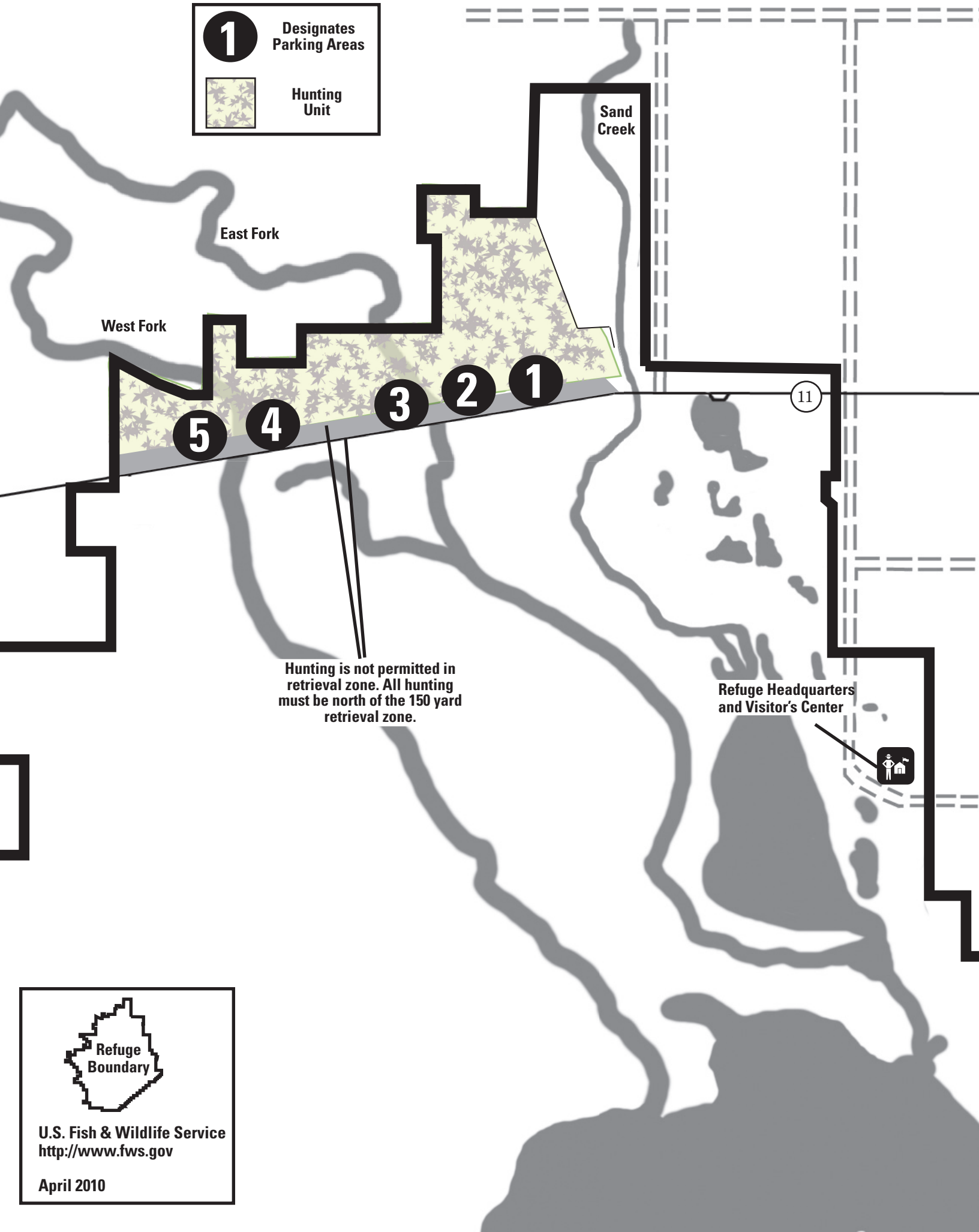
They have white-black wing tips, a long neck, a wingspan of approx. 7 ft. Legs extend beyond the tail and a slow wingbeat.

Juvenile feathers are a mixture of rust and white, with black wing tips.

Know before you shoot.

Pelican

Snow Goose


Designates Parking Areas
Hunting Unit
Sand Creek
East Fork
West Fork
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Hunting is not permitted in retrieval zone. All hunting must be north of the 150 yard retrieval zone.
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