



This goose, designed by J.N. "Ding" Darling, is the symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Quivira National Wildlife Refuge

Fishing and Hunting Regulations

Welcome

Quivira National Wildlife Refuge is one of a system of 550 refuges administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Quivira NWR is primarily managed to provide food, water, and resting areas for migratory waterfowl. A system of canals and water control structures diverts water from Rattlesnake Creek to 34 water units ranging in size from 10 to 1,500 acres.

General Refuge Regulations

Vehicles and Parking

Motorized vehicles are permitted only on developed roads and parking areas. Driving off roads or on roads closed by signs or barriers is prohibited. Parking in front of gates or on bridges or water control structures is prohibited.

Camping, Fires, and Boating

- Overnight camping is not permitted. All visitors must leave the area at the end of each day. The Refuge is open daylight to dark.
- No fires of any type are permitted within the Refuge.
- The use of boats, canoes, and other watercraft is not permitted.

Firearms

Firearms may only be possessed in legal hunting areas during legal hunting seasons and for hunting purposes only. When being transported through the Refuge, all firearms must be unloaded, cased, or dismantled.

Littering

Littering is prohibited. Please remove all trash, including spent shell casings, from the Refuge.

Caution – Deep Water

Water levels fluctuate from one season to the next. Use caution when crossing open water areas as deep channels may not be visible.

Collecting

Nothing may be removed from the Refuge including deer antler sheds.

Fishing Regulations

All Refuge waters are open to sportfishing in accordance with State fishing regulations with the exceptions listed below.

Exceptions

Fishing with trotlines and setlines is prohibited. The use of seines for taking bait is not permitted. Fishing from water control structures and bridges is prohibited.

Legal Species

Fish species listed in the State fishing regulations may be taken. All other wildlife species, including turtles, frogs, and snakes are protected and may not be disturbed or removed from the Refuge.

Kids' Fishing Pond

The Kids' Fishing Pond is open for kids 14 years and younger. An accompanying adult may fish with the youth.

Hunting Regulations

Hunting is permitted on 8,000 of the Refuge's 22,135 acres in accordance with applicable Federal and State regulations and the following special regulations.

Seasons

Refuge hunting areas are open September 1 through February 28. Refuge hunting areas may be closed to hunting without notice when whooping cranes are present or if emergencies arise.

Legal Species

Waterfowl, pheasants, quail, doves, snipe, rails, squirrels, and rabbits may be hunted during the regular State seasons, except when the Refuge is closed to all hunting from March 1 through August 31. No hunting is permitted for deer, turkey, sandhill cranes, or other species not listed.

Firearms

Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on National Wildlife Refuge lands must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with Refuge regulations (50 CFR 27.42 and specific Refuge regulations in 50 CFR Part 32). Discharge of a firearm for any reason other than for the taking of game animals is prohibited.

Hunting Areas

Parts of the Refuge are posted as "Public Hunting Area" and are shown on the map. Hunting is not permitted outside these shaded areas, or from or across roads, trails, and parking areas.

Non-Toxic Shot

Steel shot, bismuth, or other non-toxic shot is required in all gauges when hunting any game on the Refuge. The possession of lead shot in the field is prohibited.

Trapping and Baiting

Trapping and baiting are prohibited on the Refuge.

Retrieving

Retrieving game from areas closed to hunting is prohibited. Regulate your shooting so that game does not fall into no hunting zones of the Refuge.

Dogs

The use of dogs for hunting and retrieving is encouraged.

Blinds

Portable devices or temporary blinds of natural vegetation are permitted. Permanent blinds or pits may not be constructed. All devices or blinds must be removed daily.

An accessible hunting blind is available on Unit 30. The blind is available by reservation only by contacting staff at the Refuge Headquarters.

Hours

Hunters may not enter Refuge hunting areas to set up decoys, etc., until 1 hour prior to legal shooting time. All decoys must be removed within 1 hour following the end of the legal shooting time.