

REFUGE SPECIFIC HUNTING REGULATIONS (cont.)

Hunting hours of all upland and small game begin at 0800 (8:00 a.m.) and end at 1630 (4:30 p.m.).

For deer hunting, Refuge access is from one hour before official sunrise to one hour after official sunset.

Trapping of fur-bearing animals is prohibited anywhere on the Refuge, including road ditches.

Construction or use of permanent stands or ladders is prohibited. Portable stands may be used but must be removed at the end of each day. Steps, ladders, and stands will be erected in such a way that the trees are not damaged.

Shooting on, from, or over any Refuge road within 50 feet of the center line is prohibited.

The use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited on all National Wildlife Refuges.

The use of hunting dogs is allowed for pheasant hunting during the state approved season, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

The training of dogs on the Refuge is prohibited.

Falconry is prohibited on the Refuge.

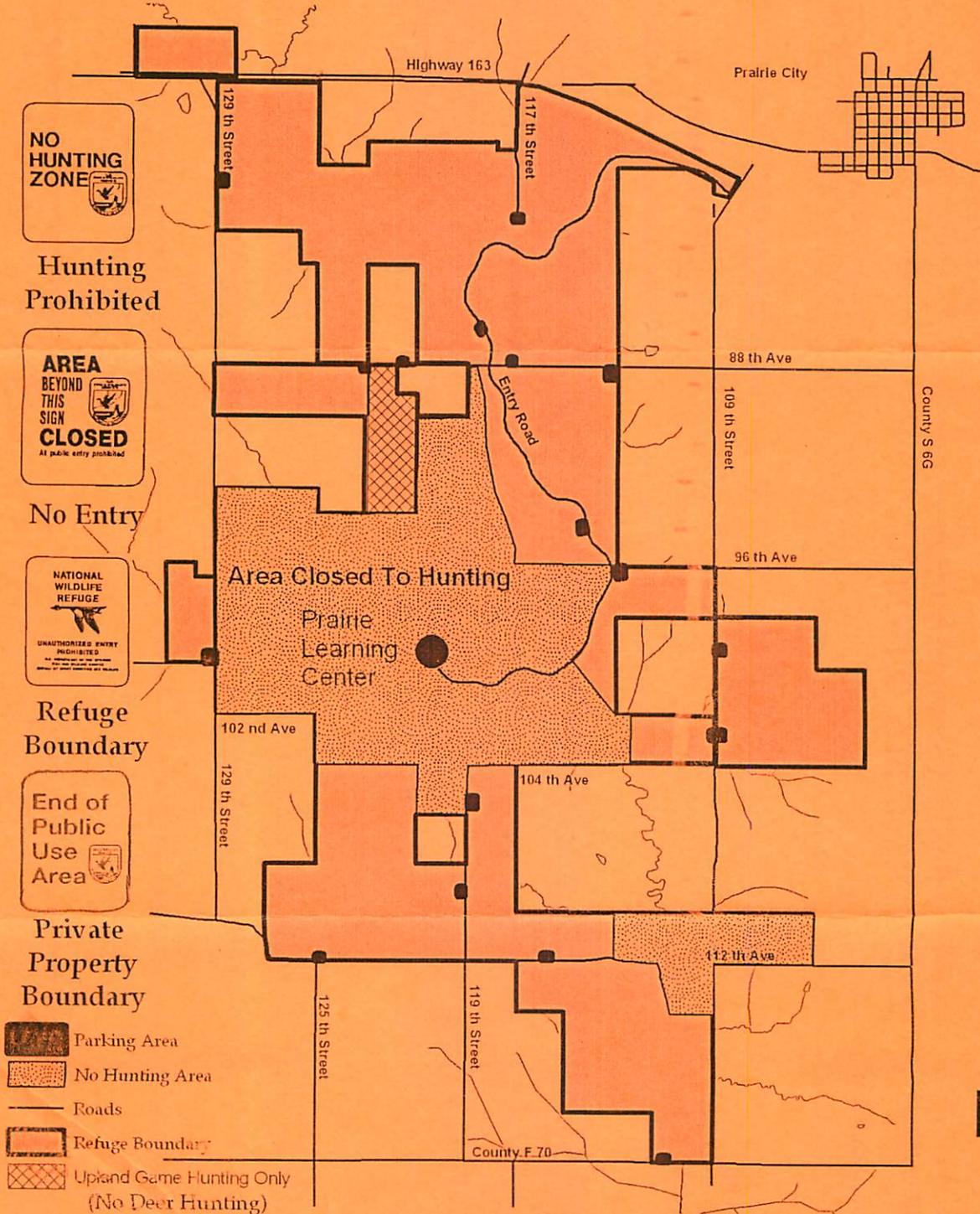
Please respect our neighbors. Poles marking 200 yards from buildings inhabited by people or livestock are located throughout the Refuge. The poles are marked with the color orange.

Please refer to the State of Iowa Hunting Regulations for clothing requirements, definition of approved weapons, bag limits, license requirements, and other important information. Contact the Iowa Department of Natural Resources at (515)281-5918 or check their web page at www.iowadnr.gov.

Report all accidents and injuries to the Refuge:

Law Enforcement Officer: (515) 422-4020 (cell)
Refuge Headquarters: (515) 994-3400

Neal Smith NWR Hunting Area Map 2011 - 2012



Contact Refuge Before Hunting for current Prescribed Fire Units

Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge
Prairie Learning Center
Box 399
Prairie City, IA 50228

Phone: 515/994-3400
TTY users may reach
Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge
through the
Federal Information Relay System at
1-800/877-8339

Web addresses:
www.tallgrass.org or
Midwest.fws.gov/nealsmith

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
1-800/344-WILD



Neal Smith

National Wildlife Refuge

Public Use and Hunting Regulations 2011-2012

PUBLIC USE REGULATIONS

The Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge is open to public use during daylight hours only, except for deer hunting where hunters are allowed access one hour before sunrise and to one hour after sunset.

Please stay on designated trails and roads.

Pets, skateboards, bicycles, and Segway scooters are not allowed on Refuge trails. Wheelchairs, electric carts, and strollers are permitted.

Berries and morels may be gathered on the Refuge for personal consumption only.

Fires on the Refuge are prohibited.

Camping on the Refuge is prohibited.

Firearms are permitted on Refuge land in accordance with Federal and State laws. Except for authorized hunting activities, discharge of firearms on Refuge land is prohibited.

Fireworks are prohibited on National Wildlife Refuges.

Parking is allowed at designated areas which are marked with a "P" for parking. Do not park in any field entrance. (*Access must be maintained for emergency, fire and patrol vehicles.*) Do not drive into fields or grassland areas.

Overnight parking is prohibited.

The destruction and/or collection of plants, animals, minerals, and artifacts are prohibited on the Refuge.

Wood gathering is permitted in designated areas with a special use permit. See the Refuge Manager to obtain a permit.

Use of spotlights or other artificial lights to spot, locate, or take any wildlife within the boundaries of any Refuge or along the right-of-way on public or private roads is **prohibited**.

Shed antler collection is prohibited.

REFUGE SPECIFIC HUNTING REGULATIONS

Non-toxic shot is required for the hunting of all small game and upland game birds.

A special refuge permit is required for all deer hunting. A copy of this brochure in your possession will suffice as a permit.

Hunting of a species not listed here is prohibited. Hunting of listed species is permitted only within the dates listed.

Upland Game Birds

Bobwhite Quail Oct. 29 - Jan. 31

Rooster Pheasant Oct. 29 - Jan. 10

Small Game Animals

Squirrel Sept. 3 - Jan. 31

Cottontail Rabbit Sept. 3 - Jan. 31

Whitetail Deer

Bow Oct. 1 - Dec. 2
Dec. 19 - Jan. 10

Muzzleloader Oct. 15 - Oct. 23
Dec. 19 - Jan. 10

Shotgun Dec. 3 - Dec. 7
Dec. 10 - Dec. 18

Antlerless Deer

Nov. 25 - Nov. 27
Jan. 11 - Jan. 29

Special youth and disabled hunter deer seasons are currently not open on Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge.

No deer hunting is allowed until the state archery season opens on October 1, 2011.