2016 FIREARMS HUNT REGULATIONS

MONTEZUMA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

November 19 – December 11

AREA REGULATIONS

•Permits & parking passes must be picked up **DAILY** at the Check Station. You must carry your permit on your person and parking passes must be displayed on vehicle dashboards when afield.

•Permits & parking passes will be available at the Route 89 Check Station from refuge personnel or on a self-service basis from the permit box. Permits will be a different color each day. ***You must possess the day's permit color.***

TAKING MORE THAN ONE PERMIT PER HUNTER PER DAY IS PROHIBITED (do not "stockpile" different colored permits in your vehicle, hunting gear, home, etc.)

•175 permits will be available each hunt day on a first-come, first-served basis. An ADA- compliant hunting platform is available to hunters with a disabled hunting license or America the Beautiful Access Pass (**prior notice needed; first come/first served**).

•Complete **PART A** of the permit card at check in and leave it with refuge personnel or in the Part A box at the Route 89 Check Station.

•Carry **Part B** of the permit card while hunting. Complete it at the end of the day and leave it in the PART B box at the Route 89 Check Station.

Successful hunters must bring their deer to the Route 89 Check Station or US Route 20 Headquarters Office when indicated at the Check Station.
****CALL (315) 200-8489 TO ARRANGE LOCATION WITH REFUGE STAFF.****

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

•Hunters must wear on **THE HEAD, CHEST AND BACK** at least **400 square inches (2,600square centimeters) of SOLID BLAZE ORANGE** (minimum of a hat and vest). **NO CAMO ORANGE or RED. 400 square inches of Solid Blaze Orange is also required on all sides of any ground blind.**

•Use of **HUNTING IMPLEMENTS** follow New York State regulations. Successful harvest of a deer with an implement other than an allowable firearm (e.g., with a bow or muzzleloader) during firearms season requires use of a firearms tag.

•Guns must be unloaded before legal sunrise and after legal sunset. New York State regulations apply to all weapons.

•**SCOUTING** will be allowed during the last week of the Regular Archery season, November 12 – November 18, 1 hour before legal sunrise to 1 hour after legal sunset. If you have questions, please call the refuge office Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM at (315) 568-5987. **You must have a deer hunting license and firearms tag to scout at this time. On a daily basis, you must obtain a scouting permit from the hunter check station prior to your entry into the field and return it to the check station at the end of your scouting period.**

•No boats or canoes on refuge pools. No hunting open water portions of the refuge pools.

•The Wildlife Drive is a **No Hunting Zone** until December 1. **HUNTING FROM, WALKING ON, OR PARKING ON THE WILDLIFE DRIVE FOR HUNTING PURPOSES IS PROHIBITED UNTIL DECEMBER 1.**

•Use or possession of alcoholic beverages and illegal substances on the refuge is prohibited.

•Trees stands must be removed at the end of each hunt day. **Screw-in tree steps are prohibited.**

•Hunters are permitted on the refuge **1 hour before legal sunrise (2 hours on opening day) and 1 hour after legal sunset.**

•Obey all signs. Blocking gates or roadways will result in a citation and a fine or possible towing.

RESPECT ADJACENT LANDOWNER'S PROPERTY – PLEASE DO NOT TRESPASS

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Additional DOE TAGS for the Refuge will be available at the Check Station or Refuge Office during the hunting seasons.

2016 ARCHERY HUNT REGULATIONS

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October 1 – November 18 and December 12 – 20

Crossbow allowed November 5 – 18 according to NYS Regulations

ESKER BROOK & SOUTH SPRING POOL TRAIL AREAS DO NOT OPEN UNTIL NOVEMBER 1

AREA REGULATIONS

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TAKING MORE THAN ONE PERMIT PER HUNTER PER DAY IS PROHIBITED (do not "stockpile" different colored permits in your vehicle, hunting gear, home, etc.)

•300 permits will be available each hunt day on a first-come, first-served basis. An ADA- compliant hunting platform is available to hunters with a disabled hunting license or Golden Access Passport (**prior notice needed; first come/first served**).

•Complete **PART A** of the permit card at check in and leave it with refuge personnel or in the Part A box at the Route 89 Check Station.

•Carry **Part B** of the permit card while hunting. Complete it at the end of the day and leave it in the PART B box at the Route 89 Check Station.

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ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

•Bows must be disassembled, locked or cased before legal sunrise and after legal sunset.

•**Muzzleloaders** are permitted during New York State's late archery season for white-tailed deer (December 12 – 20). **Crossbows** are permitted during the late archery season using Bow/Muzz tags, DMPs, DMAP tags, or an unfilled Regular Big Game tag (late season only). **Crossbows** are also permitted from November 5 – 18, per NYS regulations.

•**SCOUTING** will be allowed September 24 and 25, 1 hour before legal sunrise to 1 hour after legal sunset. If you have questions, please call the refuge office Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM at (315) 568-5987. **You must have a deer hunting license and archery or firearms tag to scout at this time. On a daily basis, you must obtain a scouting permit from the hunter check station prior to your entry into the field and return it to the check station at the end of your scouting period.**

•No boats or canoes on refuge pools. No hunting open water portions of the refuge pools.

•The Wildlife Drive is a **No Hunting Zone** until December 1. **HUNTING FROM OR PARKING ON THE WILDLIFE DRIVE FOR HUNTING PURPOSES IS PROHIBITED UNTIL DECEMBER 1.**

•Use or possession of alcoholic beverages and illegal substances is prohibited.

•Trees stands must be removed at the end of each hunt day. **Screw-in tree steps are prohibited.**

•Hunters are permitted on the refuge **1 hour before legal sunrise (2 hours on opening day) and 1 hour after legal sunset.**

•Obey all signs. Blocking gates or roadways will result in a citation and a fine and possible towing.

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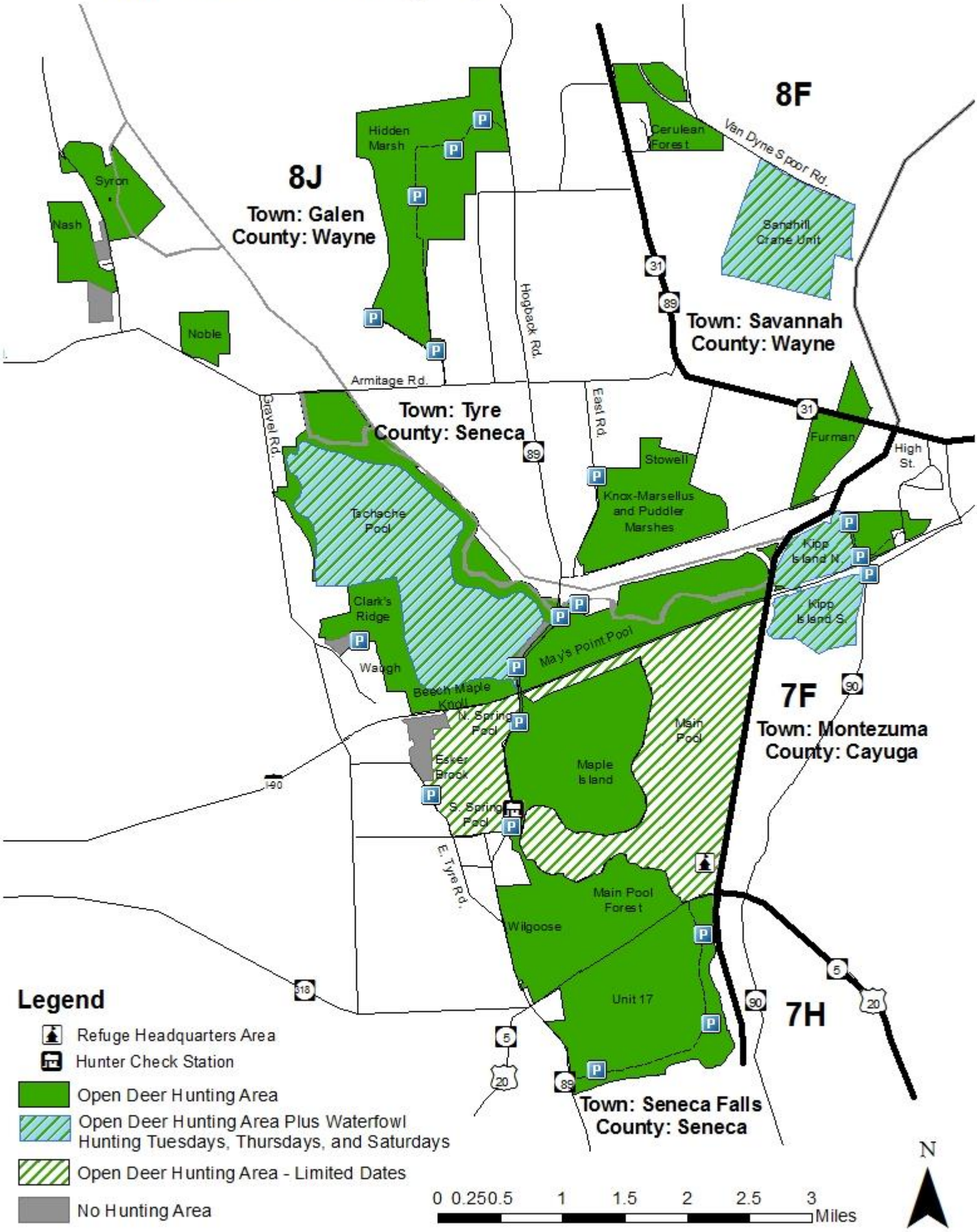
White-tailed Deer Hunting Map



- **Esker Brook & South Spring Pool Trail Areas are closed to hunting until November 1. The Wildlife Drive area is closed to hunting, including parking and walking for hunting purposes, until December 1.**
- **Youth Hunt (firearms) for ages 14-15 with a qualified mentor, October 8-10, 2016! Follow regular hunt day procedures.**
- **From December 1 through the rest of the season, the Wildlife Drive area will be open for parking and hunting. Caution: The road will not be plowed/maintained and may be closed to vehicles due to poor conditions; walking in will still be permitted.**
- **The Seneca Trail & Headquarters areas will be open for deer hunting on December 12.**
- **The Sandhill Crane Unit (in 8F) and Kipp Island (7F) are open to WATERFOWL HUNTING on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays through December 4. Please respect other hunters and their safety.**

2016 WATERFOWL HUNT REGULATIONS
MONTEZUMA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays October 22 – December 4, 2016
Sandhill Crane Unit & Kipp Island will be hunted for the 2016 season
Tschache Pool will be opened if conditions permit

AREA REGULATIONS

•**Boats are required for Tschache Pool & limited to 1 boat per reservation.** Motors are prohibited. Boats are not required for the Sandhill Crane Unit or Kipp Island.

•**Parking sites are selected at the time of reservation. Hunting areas are selected each hunt day by a free roam system once you're in the marsh.** ***YOU MUST LAUNCH YOUR BOAT FROM YOUR RESERVED PARKING AREA.***

•**Each Hunter is limited to possessing no more than *15 nontoxic shot shells* while in the field or hunt area (*do not bring more than 15 nontoxic shot shells per hunter into the waterfowl hunting areas*). Hunters are limited to discharging no more than the allotted 15 nontoxic shot shells per hunt day.**

•**No shooting from the dike or road; you must be 50' from the dike or road to shoot.** ***There is a 500' no hunt zone around the observation tower at the southern end of Tschache Pool.***

•**You must be set-up before legal shooting time (1/2 hour before sunrise).**

•**Hunting ends at 12:00 noon local time. All hunters must be out of the hunt area and checked out by 1:00 pm local time.**

•**Successful completion of the New York State Waterfowl Identification Course, the Montezuma Non-Resident Waterfowl Identification Course or a suitable non-resident State Waterfowl Identification Course is REQUIRED to hunt the Refuge.**

YOU MUST SHOW PROOF OF WATERFOWL ID COURSE COMPLETION,
HUNT LICENSE & DUCK STAMP EACH TIME YOU HUNT

RESERVATIONS

•Up to 20 reservations per day (maximum of 2 people per reservation) for Tschache Pool.
•Up to 6 reservations per day (maximum of 2 people per reservation) for Sandhill Crane Unit.
•Up to 6 reservations per day (maximum of 2 people per reservation) for Kipp Island.

•All reservations are first-come, first-served. Persons with a reservation may bring 1 companion. Hunters reserve the parking area of their choice while making their hunt reservation.

•Telephone reservations are taken from ***8:30am to 9:00am*** **on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays for the next hunt day** (call Tuesday to hunt Thursday, call Thursday to hunt Saturday).

The **reservation telephone number is (315) 568-4136**

RESERVATIONS FOR OPENING DAY WILL BE TAKEN ON Thursday, Oct. 13, 8:30am to 9:00am

Reservations for the Saturday, Oct. 1 YOUTH HUNT will be taken Thursday, Sept. 22, 8:30am to 9:00am

CHECK-IN

•All hunters with reservations and their companions **must be at check in 1 hour before legal shooting time (legal shooting time is ½ hr. before sunrise; CHECK IN OPENS 1 ½ HRS. BEFORE SUNRISE) or forfeit their reservation. Check-in is at the Hunter Check Station on Route 89.**
•**Daily permits are available at the Check Station; you must check in with Refuge Staff at the check-in area.**

•**Carry the Migratory Bird Hunt Report as your refuge waterfowl hunting permit while hunting on the Refuge. Complete it at the end of the hunt day and leave it in the box at Tschache Pool or the Part B Box at the Check Station.**

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS
•**USE OR POSSESSION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES WHILE HUNTING IS PROHIBITED**
•**VEHICLES BLOCKING GATES OR ROADS WILL RESULT IN A CITATION AND A FINE AND POSSIBLE TOWING**
•**RESPECT ADJACENT LANDOWNERS' PROPERTY—PLEASE DO NOT TRESPASS**

FOR YOUR SAFETY & A GOOD EXPERIENCE
MAINTAIN A SAFE DISTANCE from other hunting parties to help ensure safety and a good hunting experience for all hunters.

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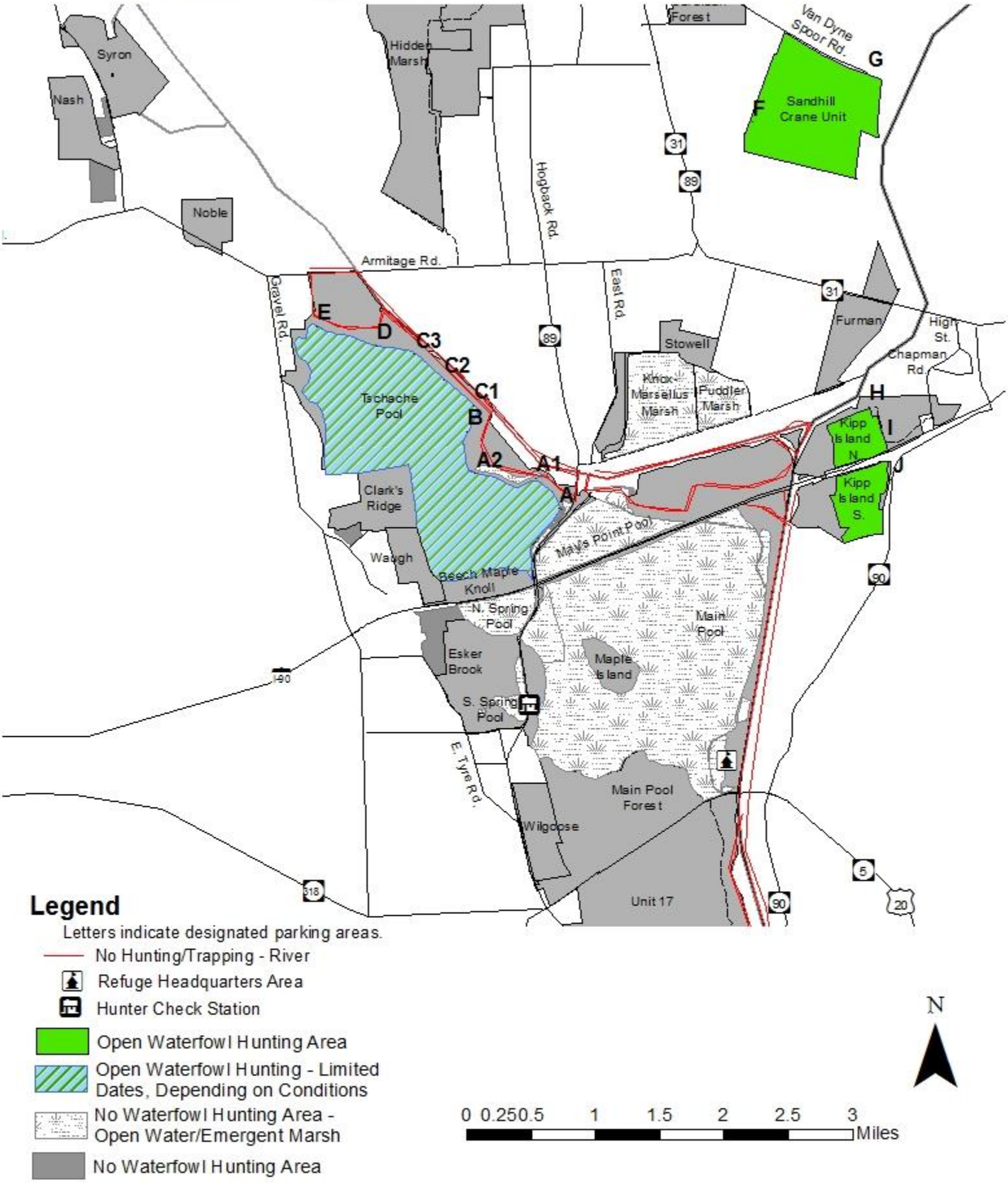
Waterfowl Hunting Map 2016



NO HUNTING ALONG THE NEW YORK STATE BARGE CANAL/CLYDE RIVER/CAYUGA SENECA BARGE CANAL FROM ARMITAGE ROAD TO U.S. ROUTE 20 TO STATE ROUTE 89.

White-tailed deer hunting will be permitted in the Tschache Pool, Sandhill Crane Unit and Kipp Island areas beginning November 1.