



2016 Canada Goose Hunt

Las Vegas

National Wildlife Refuge

Las Vegas National Wildlife Refuge is one of more than 560 national wildlife refuges located throughout the United States. The primary objective of a national wildlife refuge is to provide habitat for the conservation of wildlife. Carefully managed hunts maintain wildlife populations at a level compatible with available habitat and provide recreational opportunities.

Regulations

Season

A hunter is assigned one hunt date.

Shooting Hours

½ hour before legal sunrise to 1 p.m.

Daily Bag Limit

Two Canada Geese

Hunt Dates

Tuesday, November 22
Tuesday, November 29
Friday, December 2
Tuesday, December 6
Friday, December 9
Tuesday, December 13
Friday, December 16
Tuesday, December 20

Public hunting for Canada geese will be allowed by permit on Las Vegas National Wildlife Refuge in the goose hunt area.

Each person in the hunt area must have a valid refuge goose hunt permit in their possession.

Only Canada goose hunting is permitted. No other species of wildlife may be taken.

Only the portion of the refuge shown on the Goose Hunt Map is open to goose hunting. All other areas are closed to hunting. Shooting is only allowed from assigned blinds except when collecting wounded birds.

Each hunter may only possess six shells containing approved nontoxic shot while in the hunt area.

We allow the use of hunting dogs for bird retrieval. You must keep dogs on a leash when not hunting. We prohibit hunters and dogs from entering closed areas to retrieve birds.

Goose plucking, gutting or littering of any kind is prohibited on the refuge.

Hunters must submit all harvested geese to refuge personnel for collection of biological data.

The use or possession of alcoholic beverages or other intoxicants while hunting is prohibited.

All State of New Mexico, federal and refuge specific regulations apply. Hunters must have a federal duck stamp, State of New Mexico hunting license with a management and access validation and a Migratory Bird Permit Number.

For additional information on licensing and regulations refer to the New Mexico Small Game & Waterfowl Rules & Information booklet or <http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us>.

Permit Process

Hunters are selected and assigned pit blinds by public drawing. Fill out and return the attached application. Up to three hunters may apply and hunt together from the same blind by placing all three applications in the same envelope. Each hunter may apply only once. Duplicate applications will be voided. We may issue up to 18 permits for each hunt day. Each permit is valid for one day from 5:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Permits may not be transferred or dates changed.

Applications must be postmarked by October 13, 2016. Hunters who are successfully drawn on October 20th will be notified by letter with further instructions. **Hunters are required to pay a \$15.00 user to receive their permit.** Do not send the fee with the application. You may call after October 20th for confirmation.

The refuge provides each hunt group with a blind. Hunters are assigned one of six blinds on October 20th. The blinds are four foot deep pits with a moveable camouflage cover. Occasionally pop-up blinds are substituted for management reasons.

Decoys

At 5:30 a.m. the day of their hunt, hunters can borrow two dozen goose shell decoys per blind from refuge staff at the visitor center. Hunters are encouraged to bring their own decoys. All decoys and other gear must be carried in on foot and packed back out by the end of your hunt.

Public Access

At 5:30 a.m. refuge staff are at the visitor center to orient hunters and loan out decoys.

Access to the goose hunt area is by permit only.

The refuge manager may close all or part of the hunt area including parking areas without notice to safeguard refuge resources or for safety reasons.

The refuge headquarters is located 6 miles southeast of the city of Las Vegas on Highway 281, at mile marker 4.

Accessibility

Hunt blinds are located a ¼ to ½ mile walk from the parking areas. Hunters possessing a Handicapped Hunting License or Mobility Impaired Card that require a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in the hunt should contact the refuge manager prior to arrival.

For Additional Information:

505/425-3581

<http://www.fws.gov/southwest/refuges/newmex/lasvegas/index.html>

Send Applications to:

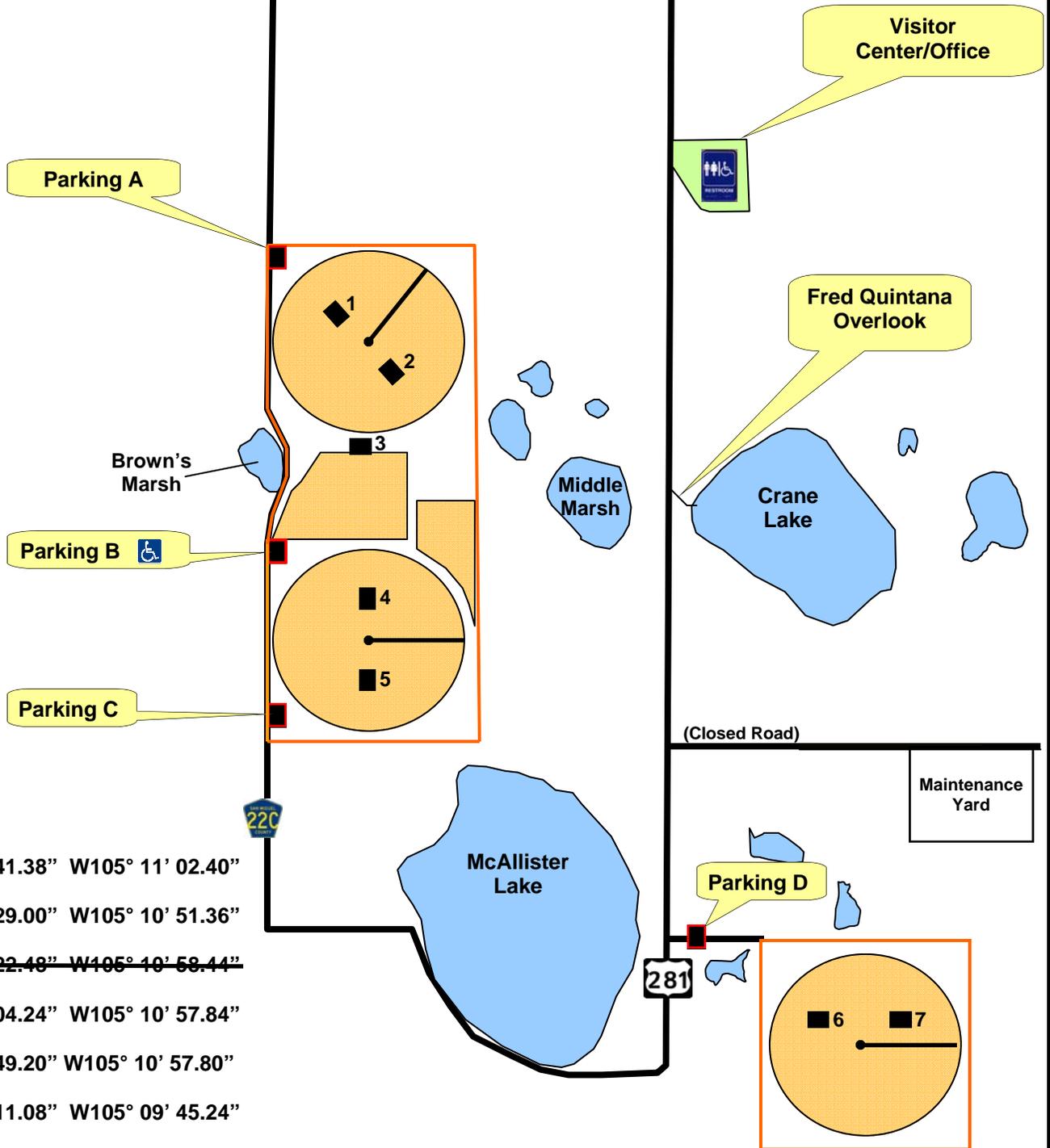
Las Vegas NWR
Rt. 1, Box 399
Las Vegas, NM 87701

Las Vegas National Wildlife Refuge Goose Hunt Map



Legend

-  Goose Hunt Area
-  Farm Fields
-  Lake/Pond
-  Roads
-  Pits



- Pit # 1 N35° 32' 41.38" W105° 11' 02.40"
- Pit # 2 N35° 32' 29.00" W105° 10' 51.36"
- ~~Pit # 3 N35° 32' 22.48" W105° 10' 58.44"~~
- Pit # 4 N35° 32' 04.24" W105° 10' 57.84"
- Pit # 5 N35° 31' 49.20" W105° 10' 57.80"
- Pit # 6 N35° 31' 11.08" W105° 09' 45.24"
- Pit # 7 N35° 31' 11.50" W105° 09' 32.02"