

Lacreek

*National Wildlife
Refuge*

*Hunting and Fishing
Information*



Welcome to Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge

Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) is managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Refuge is one of over 550 refuges in the National Wildlife Refuge System – a network of lands set aside to conserve wildlife and habitat for people today and for generations to come. The Refuge is located 12 miles southeast of Martin, South Dakota. The Refuge headquarters is open from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

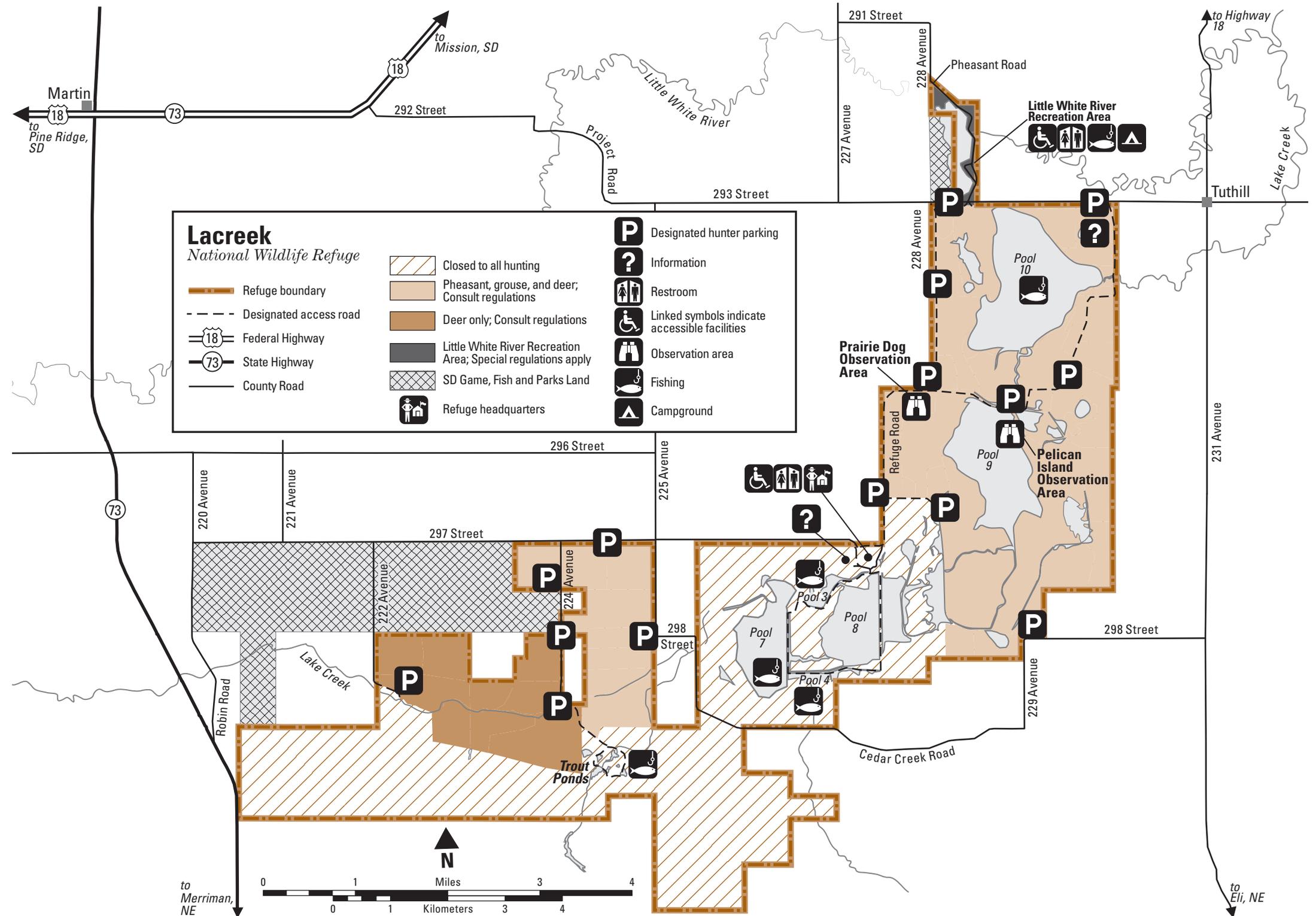
Designated areas of the Refuge are open to hunting and fishing, and all South Dakota regulations, license requirements, seasons, and bag limits apply unless otherwise specified in this brochure. Please see the map for areas open to hunting and fishing.

General Information

- Hunters may hunt only in areas open to hunting as shown on the map.
- Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on National Wildlife Refuge System 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 regulations in 50 CFR Part 32).
- Motor vehicles are permitted only on designated roads and in hunter parking areas. Hunters must access and exit hunting areas from designated hunter parking areas only.
- Hunters may leave portable tree stands and free-standing platforms on the Refuge from the first Saturday after August 25 through February 15. All other personal property must be removed at the end of each day.
- Overnight use and camping is permitted in the Little White River Recreation Area only. All other Refuge lands are closed to these activities.
- Hunters must close any gate opened for access.

Game Species

Pheasants, sharp-tailed grouse, and deer may be hunted on Lacreek NWR. All other animals are protected. Additional game species may be hunted only in the Little White River Recreation Area and include goose, duck, common snipe, sandhill crane, American crow, mourning dove, pheasant, and turkey.



Deer Hunting

Hunting for white-tailed and mule deer is permitted in designated areas of the Refuge as shown on the map. Muzzleloader hunters are required to possess a valid State muzzleloader deer hunting license specific to Lacreek NWR. Deer hunters may only access the Refuge 1 hour before legal shooting time and until 1 hour after legal shooting time ends. Legal shooting times are posted in the South Dakota Hunting and Trapping Handbook.

Archery hunters must possess, sign, and carry a Refuge deer hunting permit, in addition to a valid State archery license. Archery permits are free of charge and available at the Refuge headquarters. The Refuge is closed to archery deer hunting during Lacreek NWR muzzleloader seasons. Refer to the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Refuge Deer Application form for muzzleloader season dates. The Refuge is closed to archery deer hunting after December 31.

Pheasant and Sharp-tailed Grouse Hunting

Hunting for pheasants and sharp-tailed grouse is permitted in designated areas of the Refuge as shown on the map. Non-toxic shot is required while hunting on Lacreek NWR, and the possession of toxic shot in the field is prohibited. Pheasant and grouse hunters may remain on the Refuge until one-half hour after legal shooting time ends. Legal shooting times are posted in the South Dakota Hunting and Trapping Handbook.

Prohibited Activities

- Accessing the public hunting area from other than a designated hunter parking area
- Entering the Refuge to retrieve game that was shot from adjacent lands
- Shooting over Refuge property from adjacent road rights-of-way or private land
- Hunting from or with the aid of vehicles except for hunters possessing a Disabled Hunter Permit and a special use permit issued by the Refuge Manager
- Use of electronic or photographic trail monitoring cameras or other devices
- Carrying, possessing, or discharging fireworks or explosives
- Possession of alcoholic beverages
- Use or possession of air guns, spears, gigs, or other weapons
- Open fires on the Refuge, except in designated sites at the Little White River Recreation Area

Signs and Boundaries

These signs will help you find your location on the Refuge. The wording of the sign applies to the area located behind the sign, except for parking signs. Please respect the following signs:



Refuge Boundary – Authorized activities only. All Refuge areas are considered closed to public entry unless opened by public notice, regulation, brochure, or by special permit. Entry permitted in accordance with Refuge regulations.



Hunting, weapons, and game retrieval prohibited.



The entire Refuge is closed to the retrieval of game shot from adjacent lands. Shooting over Refuge property from adjacent road rights-of-way or private land is prohibited.



Hunters must park in front of this sign in designated locations. Hunters must access and exit the hunting area from designated hunter parking areas only.

Fishing

The Refuge is open to fishing at the Trout Ponds, Little White River Recreation Area, and Pools 3, 4, 7, and 10. Rainbow trout are stocked at the Trout Ponds. Channel catfish, largemouth bass, black crappie, bluegill, and yellow perch are included in the fish species found at the Little White River Recreation Area. Designated fishing areas are open one-half hour before legal sunrise until one-half hour after legal sunset except at Little White River Recreation Area. The use or possession of live minnows or bait fish is prohibited on the Refuge except at Little White River Recreation Area. Snapping turtles may be harvested in areas open to fishing and within 300 feet of any road open to public travel.

Accessibility

Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs and activities of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is available to all individuals regardless of physical or mental ability. Dial 711 for a free connection to the State transfer relay service for TTY and voice calls to and from the speech and hearing impaired. For more information or to address accessibility needs, please contact the Refuge staff at 605 / 685 6508, or the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Equal Opportunity, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20240.

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