

Signature (permits are not transferable)

**Muscatuck Hunting Permit 2021—2022**  
When signed and carried, this serves as your permit for all refuge hunts and acknowledges your understanding of the regulations contained herein. Expires July 31, 2022



# Muscatuck National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Regulations 2021–2022

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Activity	Bag Limit	Hunting Dates	Special Regulations
Archery Deer	2 deer per day - 1 buck and 1 doe Or 2 does	Oct. 1 – Dec. 3, 2021 & Dec. 20, 2021 – Jan. 2, 2022	Closed during muzzleloader state season. Can not use military/refuge license
Muzzleloader Deer	2 deer per day - 1 buck and 1 doe Or 2 does	Dec. 4 – Dec. 19, 2021	Draw only May use military/refuge license
Deer Youth	2 deer per day - 1 buck and 1 doe Or 2 does	Sep. 25 & 26, 2021	Draw only May use military/refuge license
Spring Turkey	1 bearded or male turkey	State season	Draw only first six days Non-toxic shot only
Youth Turkey	1 bearded or male turkey	State season	Draw only Non-toxic shot only
Red and Gray Fox	None	Oct. 15 2021 – Feb. 28, 2022	Non-toxic shot only in shotguns. Rim fire rifles allowed
Striped Skunk	None	Oct. 15, 2021 – Mar. 15 2022	Non-toxic shot only in shotguns. Rim fire rifles allowed
Raccoon & Opossum	None	Nov. 8, 2021 – Jan. 31, 2022	Non-toxic shot only in shotguns. Rim fire rifles allowed
Coyote	None	See Refuge deer hunt dates	Coyote hunting by permitted deer hunters only.
Gray and Fox Squirrel	5	Aug. 15, 2021 – Jan. 31, 2022	Non-toxic shot only in shotguns. Rim fire rifles allowed
Rabbit	5	Nov. 1, 2021 – Feb. 28, 2022	Non-toxic shot only in shotguns. Rim fire rifles allowed
Quail	8	Nov. 1, 2021 – Jan. 10, 2022	Non-toxic shot only in shotguns. Rim fire rifles allowed

### Access

Hunters may only access the Refuge from 1 hour before sunrise to one hour after legal sunset.

Hunters may park in designated parking areas or along roadsides so long as no part of the vehicle is in the road. Blocking trails or levees is prohibited.

### Big Game

**Draw Hunts:** Youth Turkey, Spring Turkey (first six days), Deer muzzle loader and youth Deer hunts are by Draw only. Hunters can apply on the Indiana DNR website: [www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/](http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/)

**Stands:** All stands, blinds, or platforms must be removed daily.

**Weapons and Ammo :** Deer can only be hunted with archery equipment and muzzle loader rifles. During youth deer season, hunters may use state approved firearms for public lands. Only non-toxic shot can be used in shotguns on the refuge.

### Migratory Bird/Upland Game and Small Game

- Blinds must be removed daily.
- Dogs may be used and must be under control of the handler at all times.

### Prohibited Activities

- Trail cameras are prohibited
- Tree stands, platforms, & portable blinds must be removed daily
- Use of lights to located game on the refuge is prohibited
- Baiting wildlife is not permitted
- Use or possession of alcohol is prohibited
- Use or possession of plastic flagging or reflective tacks is prohibited
- Cutting trails or trimming trees is prohibited
- Commercial guiding or participating in a paid commercial hunt is prohibited.
- Taking or harassing any animal other than those authorized to hunt is prohibited

### Signs and Boundaries

Please respect the following signs:

- No vehicles: All Traffic prohibited
- Closed Area: Do not enter for any reason.
- No Hunting Zone: No hunting or weapons permitted here.

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Seymour, IN 47274  
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[www.fws.gov/refuge/muscatuck](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/muscatuck)  
[Muscatuck@fws.gov](mailto:Muscatuck@fws.gov)  
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
1-800-344-WILD  
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### Welcome

Muscatuck National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1966 along the Vernon Fork of the Muscatuck River "...for use as an inviolate sanctuary, or for any other management purpose, for migratory birds" The refuge mission is to restore, preserve, and manage a mix of forest, wetland, and grassland habitat for fish, wildlife and people. More than 290 species of birds have been seen at Muscatuck, and the refuge is recognized as a "Continently Important" bird area.

### Firearms

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 refuge regulations in 50 CFR Part 32.)

### Vehicles

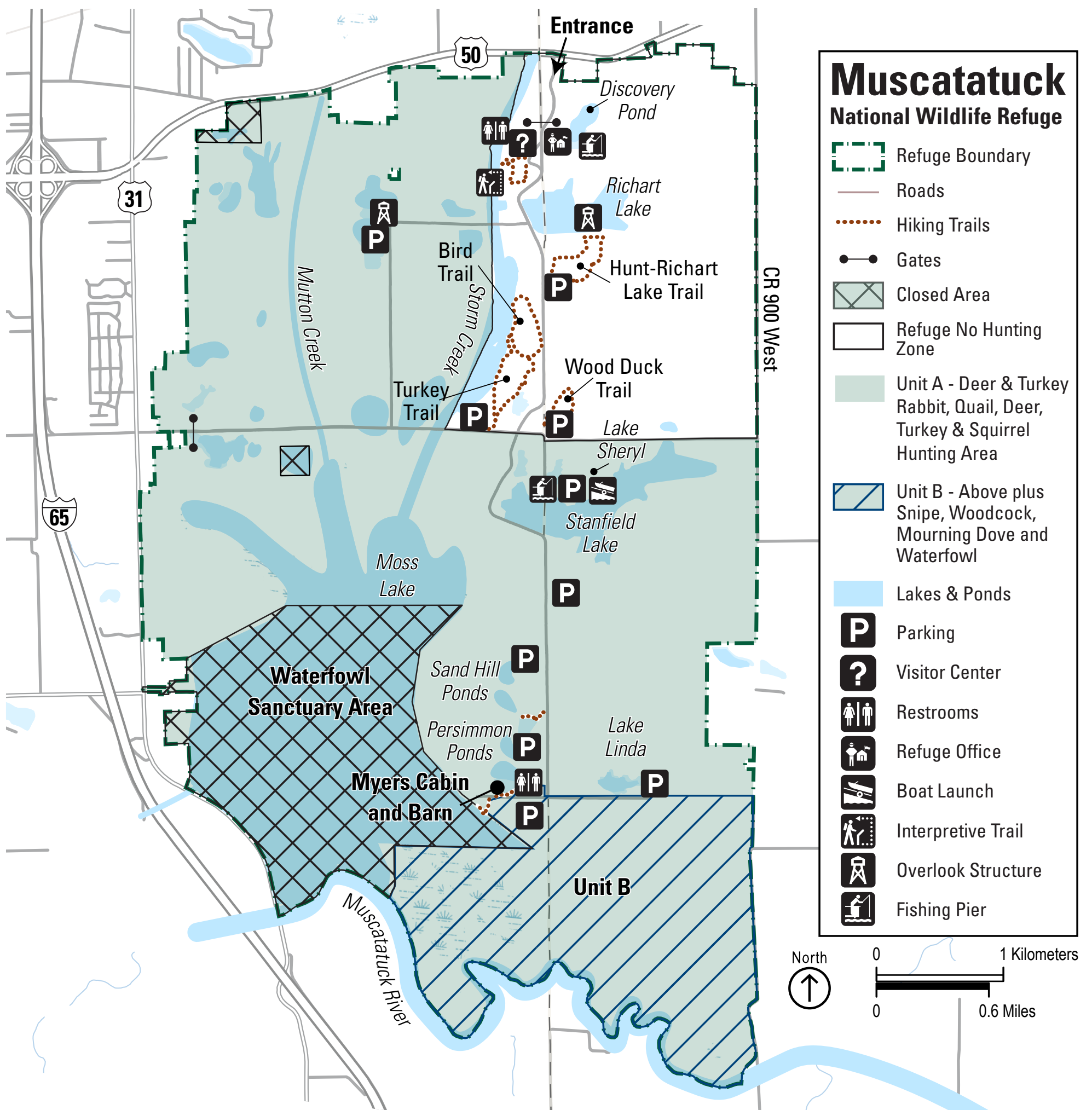
Licensed motor vehicles are permitted only on public use roads. ATV and UTVs are prohibited.

### Accessibility Information

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. For more information please contact the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Equal Opportunity, <https://www.doi.gov/pmb/eeo/public-civil-rights>.

### Hunting and Fishing Regulations

Hunting and fishing regulations are designed to provide safe recreational opportunities through wise use of renewable wildlife resources. Hunting and fishing are permitted in accordance with Federal regulations governing public use on National Wildlife Refuges as set forth in Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations.



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<b>Snipe</b>	8	Sep. 1 2021 – Dec. 16 2022	Unit B Only State Regulations apply
<b>Woodcock</b>	3	Oct. 15, 2021 – Nov. 28, 2022	Unit B Only State Regulations apply
<b>Ducks, Coots, Mergansers</b>	See state hunting regulations for bag limits	Nov. 6-7, 2021 Nov. 27, 2021 – Jan 23, 2022	Unit B Only State Regulations apply
<b>Geese</b>	See state hunting regulations for bag limits	Sept. 11 – 19, 2021 Nov. 6 – 21, 2021 Nov. 27, 2021 – Feb. 13, 2022	Unit B Only State Regulations apply
<b>Mourning Dove</b>	15	Sept. 1 – 19, 2021 – Oct. 17, 2021 Nov 1-21, 2021 Dec. 11, 2021 – Jan. 1, 2022	Unit B Only State Regulations apply
<b>Youth and Veterans Hunt</b>	See state hunting regulations for bag limits	Oct. 30-31, 2021	Unit B Only State Regulations apply