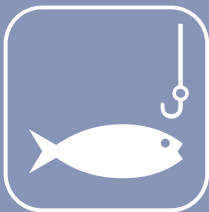


# National Elk Refuge

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## *Fishing Regulations*



## **Welcome to National Elk Refuge**

The National Elk Refuge is one of over 560 refuges in the National Wildlife Refuge System – a network of lands set aside specifically for wildlife. Managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Refuge System is a living heritage, preserving wildlife and habitat for people today and for generations to come.

## **Required Licenses**

Fishing is allowed on the National Elk Refuge in accordance with State law, with some Refuge-specific regulations, as described below. A State of Wyoming fishing license is required when fishing Refuge waters. A conservation stamp is also required for resident and non-resident annual license holders; holders of daily fishing licenses do not need a conservation stamp.

## **Refuge Regulations**

Fishing licenses can be purchased at the Jackson Hole & Greater Yellowstone Visitor Center located at 532 North Cache Street in Jackson or at local sport shops.

- Refer to Wyoming Fishing Regulations for size and limit restrictions.
- Refuge access is limited to daylight hours only.
- Access to Refuge waters is only permitted for the purpose of fishing. Access to Refuge waters for any other public use, such as photography, picnicking, and hiking, is not allowed.
- Vehicles must be parked in established lots or turnouts.
- Off-road vehicle use is prohibited.
- The use or possession of fish, fish eggs (real or artificial), or fish parts for bait is prohibited.
- Worms and bait other than bait fish are permitted on the Gros Ventre River, Upper Flat Creek and Sleeping Indian Pond.
- Pets, boats, or other floating devices, overnight camping, and fires are prohibited.
- Refuge special use permits are required for all commercial activities, included commercially guided fishing.

## **Open Waters**

*Gros Ventre River* is open April 1 - November 30. The Gros Ventre River from the east Refuge boundary downstream to the U.S. Highway 89 bridge is closed to fishing from December 1 through March 31 to protect wintering wildlife. Access is through Grand Teton National Park along the Gros Ventre Road.

*Upper Flat Creek* is open upstream from the McBride Bridge to the Bridger-Teton National Forest boundary from May 1 through November 30.

*Lower Flat Creek and Nowlin Creek* are open to fishing from August 1 through October 31 between posted boundaries. These boundaries are from the posted southern boundary upstream to the McBride Bridge on the Flat Creek Road and up Nowlin Creek from its confluence with Flat Creek to the Closed Area boundary sign. Area restricted to artificial flies only.

*Sleeping Indian Pond* is located at the Jackson National Fish Hatchery. Fishing hours at the pond are from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. The creel limit is restricted to one fish per day per licensed angler. This location is also designated as an area for anglers with disabilities.

All other Refuge waters are closed to fishing.

### **Snake River Cutthroat Trout**

Refuge waters provide critical habitat for the only native fish to the region, the Snake River cutthroat trout.

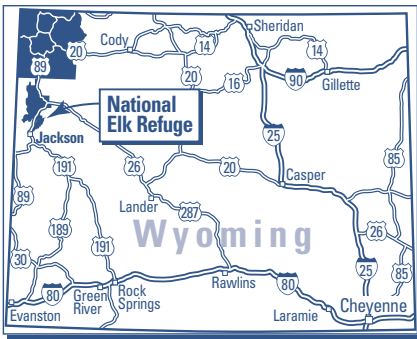
### **Invasive Species**

Waters on the National Elk Refuge can also hold brook, brown, and rainbow trout. The Wyoming Game and Fish Department strongly encourages harvesting these non-native species in order to reduce their impact on the native cutthroat trout population.

The Wyoming Game & Fish Department and the National Elk Refuge promote best practices to prevent the spread of unwanted Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS). Anglers are asked to DRAIN, CLEAN, and DRY all fishing gear before re-use in a new body of water.

### **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 relay service for TTY and voice calls to and from people with hearing and speech disabilities. For more information or to address accessibility needs, please contact the Refuge staff at 307 / 733 9212, or the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Equal Opportunity, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20240.



Grand Teton National Park

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Gros Ventre Road  
Gros Ventre River

# National Elk Refuge

Bridger-Teton National Forest

McBride Bridge

Upper Flat Creek

Flat Creek Road

Hatchery Access  
Highway Fishing Access

Lower Flat Creek  
Nowlin Creek Boundary  
Lower Flat Creek South Boundary  
Nowlin Creek

Curtis Canyon Road

To Jackson

Miller Butte  
Refuge Road

## National Elk Refuge

### Fishing Regulations

- Refuge Boundary
- Federal Highway
- Public Road
- Visitor Center
- Administrative Office
- Accessible Fishing Site
- Parking Area
- Jackson National Fish Hatchery



East Broadway Avenue  
Jackson

# National Elk Refuge Fishing Regulations

Fishing is permitted on the National Elk Refuge in compliance with laws and regulations of the State of Wyoming and is subject to the regulations of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.



*This blue goose, designed by J.N. "Ding" Darling, is the symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System."*

## Contact Information

### National Elk Refuge Administrative Office

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Jackson, WY 83001  
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307 / 733 9729 fax  
[http://www.fws.gov/refuge/national\\_elk\\_refuge/](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/national_elk_refuge/)

### Wyoming Game & Fish Department

PO Box 67  
420 North Cache Street  
Jackson, WY 83001  
307 / 733 2321

**In an emergency, dial 911.**

**For State relay service**

**TTY / Voice: 711**

**U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service**

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**For Refuge Information**

**1 800 / 344 WILD**

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