

Necedah

National Wildlife Refuge Hunting and Fishing Regulations



Necedah National Wildlife

Refuge is open to hunting in accordance with applicable state regulations. Signs are posted throughout the refuge identifying hunting areas. No special federal hunting permit is required.

HUNTING REGULATIONS

Permitted

- Entering the refuge hunt zones one hour before legal shooting hours and departing one hour after, during the hunting season.
- Non-motorized boats are allowed in Sprague and Goose Pools from June 1 to September 15, December 15 to March 15, and beginning the Saturday prior to the opening of the State regular gun deer season until frozen.
- Unarmed deer hunters may enter Area 3 for scouting beginning the Saturday prior to the gun deer season.
- Portable elevated devices may be used, but may not be erected prior to the opening day of deer hunting season and must be lowered to ground level at the close of shooting hours each day.
- Ground blinds, elevated devices, platforms, and ladders may be used only if the owner's name and address is clearly legible on a tag or in 1-inch lettering if marked directly on the item. If natural dead vegetation is used as a ground blind, it must be disassembled at the close of the season.
- Clothespins marked with flagging or reflective material may be used with the owner's name and address clearly identified on the pin or flag. All clothespins must be removed by the close of the late archery deer season.
- During the spring turkey season, unarmed hunters with an unexpired spring turkey permit in possession, may scout beginning the Saturday immediately prior to the opening date listed on their state turkey hunting permit.

- Portable blinds may be used during waterfowl season, but must be removed within one hour after the close of legal shooting hours each day.
- Dogs may be used only when hunting migratory game birds and upland game (except raccoons)

Prohibited Activities

- Shining/Spotlighting
- Baiting
- Open fires
- Littering
- Wolf, coyote and bear hunting
- Hunting at night
- Target and practice shooting
- Overnight parking and camping
- Permanent blinds, stands, and ladders
- Damaging, cutting, removing vegetation
- Possession or use of alcoholic beverages
- Tacks, paint, and reflective tape
- Lead and non-federally approved toxic shot
- Loaded firearms (with the exception of muzzleloaders), or nocked arrows on a bow, within 50 feet of the centerline of all public roads (shown on the map as a solid line). During gun deer season firearms must be unloaded within 50 feet of the center line of service roads (shown as dotted lines on the map).
- Discharging from, across, down, or along service roads is prohibited.
- Motorized vehicles are restricted to public roads. Vehicles parked in front of gates or blocking roads are subject to being fined and/or towed (at the owner's expense).
- The use of nails, wire, screws, or bolts to attach any hunting equipment is prohibited.
- Any ground blind used during the gun deer season must display at least 144 square inches of solid blaze orange material visible from all directions.

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www.fws.gov/refuge/necedah/

Hearing impaired persons may contact Necedah
 through the Federal Relay Number at 1-800-877-8339.

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
 1-800-344-WILD

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Activity	Season	Hunting Hours	Special Regulations
Archery, Crossbow Deer	Area 2 prior to regular gun season Area 2 and 3 during and after regular gun season	State Shooting Hours	State regulations apply. All State approved archery equipment is allowed.
Youth Gun Deer	Area 2 prior to regular gun season Area 2 and 3 during and after regular gun season	State Shooting Hours	State regulations apply.
Regular Gun, Muzzleloader Deer	Area 2 and 3	State Shooting Hours	State regulations apply.
Anterless Only Seasons <i>(if available licenses)</i>	Area 2 and 3 No refuge land is open for early anterless seasons. Bonus Anterless only open after gun deer seasons.	State Shooting Hours	State regulations apply.
Migratory Birds	Area 2	State Shooting Hours	Lead free shot is required
Wild Turkey	Spring Season; Areas 2 and 3 Fall Season; Area 2 prior to gun deer season Area 2 and 3 after end of gun deer season through February 28 or the end of the state season, whichever comes first	State Shooting Hours	Lead free shot is required
*Small Game	Area 2; Prior to gun deer season Delayed Opening; Open in Area 3 after deer gun season through February 28 or the end of the state season, whichever comes first.	State Shooting Hours	Gray and fox squirrel, cottontail rabbit, snowshoe hare, ruffed grouse, and raccoon.
<p>*Small game includes ONLY: Gray and fox squirrel, cottontail rabbit, snowshoe hare (only during cottontail rabbit season), ruffed grouse, and raccoon.</p> <p>All other wildlife species are protected.</p>			

FISHING REGULATIONS

No special permit is required

Permitted

Hook-and-line fishing in the following areas

- 30 minutes prior to sunrise and 30 minutes after sunset.
- Sprague and Goose Pools, June 1 to September 15 and December 15 to March 15. Non-motorized boats are allowed.
- Suk-Cerney Flowage, except during waterfowl season. Motorized boats are allowed.
- Harvey's Pond and ditches within 100 feet of culverts and bridges on public roads, are open to fishing all year.
- Lead free fishing gear is encouraged

Prohibited

- Fishing after dark or before daylight.
- Leaving boats on the refuge overnight.
- Unless specifically listed, boats are not allowed on refuge waters.
- Anything not listed is not allowed.

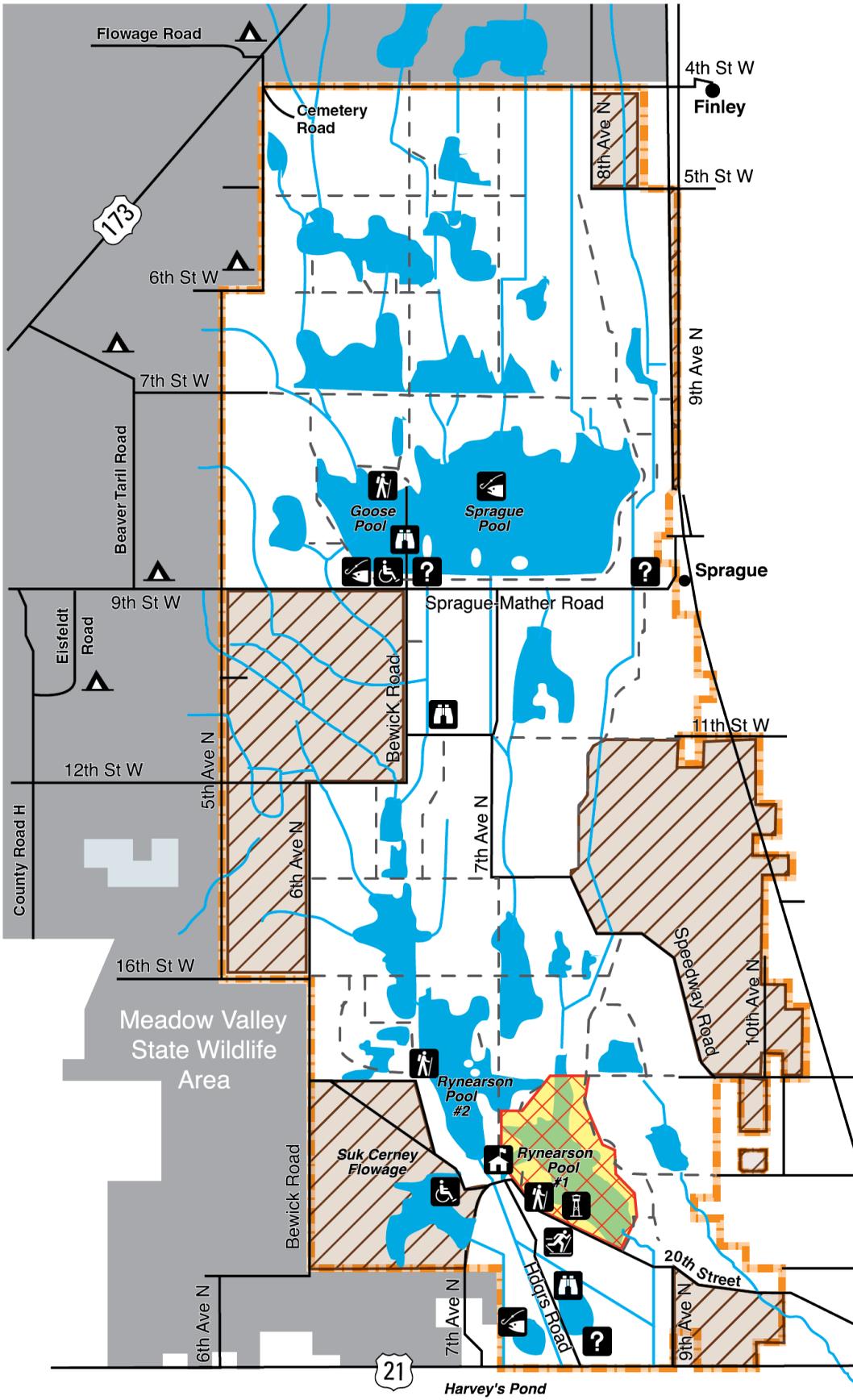
Trapping

Restricted species trapping allowed by special use permit ONLY.

Signs and Boundaries

- **Boundary Sign:** Where the refuge begins and ends. Please be polite to the neighbors!
- **No Vehicles Sign:** Public foot travel only when area is open for public use. Please do not block gates when parking
- **Authorized Entry Only:** Areas set aside for nesting birds and raising young wildlife. Open only to foot travel July 1 – August 15th for berry picking, birding, and hiking. Open to foot travel for hunting according to area 2 and 3 openings by season. Closed to the public the rest of the year for wildlife needs.
- **No Hunting Zone:** Safety Zone that includes refuge infrastructure and open hiking trails.



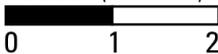


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-  **Refuge Boundary**
-  **State Managed Lands**
-  **Township Roads (Open to Public)**
-  **Refuge Roads (Closed to Vehicles)**
(Open to only foot travel at designated times)
-  **Refuge Visitor Center**
-  **Trail Access**
-  **Visitor Information**
-  **Observation Area**
-  **Observation Tower**
-  **Fishing**
-  **Cross-Country Ski**
-  **Accessible Area**
-  **State Public Campgrounds**

Hunting Areas

-  **1 Safety Zone**
-  **2**
-  **3**

Scale (in miles)

 0 1 2

