Hunting

SEASON
Hunting is permitted on designated days in designated areas of the refuge, subject to all applicable state and federal regulations.

SPECIES
Hunting of geese, ducks, coots, moorhens and snipe is permitted on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays during the regular state season (with the exception of opening weekend, when hunting is allowed on Sunday). Hunting of swans is prohibited. Use caution when hunting white geese.

Dove hunting is permitted daily during the month of September. Starting October 1st, dove hunting is allowed on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

Quail and rabbit hunting is permitted on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays during the regular state season (with the exception of opening weekend, when hunting is allowed on Sunday). Hunting of jackrabbits is permitted only during the state cottontail season. Big game hunting is not allowed. All other wildlife, including coyotes and crows, are protected.

FIREARMS
When participating in a legal hunting activity, firearms are permitted but must be unloaded and encased or dismantled while being transported by a vehicle or boat. Loaded is defined as having rounds in the chamber or magazine. Spent shotgun shells are litter: please pick them up.

NON-TOXIC SHOT
You may only possess approved non-toxic shot while in the field. Lead shot is not allowed.

BLINDS & PERSONAL PROPERTY
Temporary blinds are permitted. All decoys, portable blinds, and other personal property must be removed from the refuge daily, and temporary blinds must be dismantled at the close of each day.

PETS
Pets must be leashed at all times except when used in association with a legal hunt in designated areas. Use of dogs is encouraged to reduce crippling losses. However, dogs must be supervised and controlled by their owners at all times.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
Possession or use of alcohol while hunting is prohibited.

HELPFUL HUNTING TIPS
The refuge covers a variety of habitats including rough uneven terrain, deep waters, marshes, and dense stands of vegetation. Hunting difficulty varies by area, and hunters should consider their own abilities and limitations before using the refuge. Hunters should hunt with a partner and consult the refuge manager for suggestions to hunt the area safely.

Respect the rights of others and the resources of the refuge. Hikers or bird watchers may also be in the field during hunting seasons; be aware of who is in the area before shooting. Please report acts of vandalism, poaching, littering or other violations to the Refuge Manager.

Know your target. Study bird identification guides before the hunting season. Learn field marks of male and females during breeding and eclipse plumage, as well as when sitting or flying. Be certain of the species before you shoot.

SEASON
Non-motorized boats or boats with electric motors are permitted on Middle Marsh Unit and Lower Lake throughout the year, and on Upper Lake from February 1 through September 30. The use of boats, rubber rafts, or other flotation devices is not permitted on the North Marsh at any time. Watercraft must be in compliance with all applicable state and federal rules.

LAUNCHING
Trailer launching is not permitted. To prevent the spread of invasive species, only car-top watercraft are permitted.

LIFE JACKETS
State law requires a wearable Personal Flotation Device on board for each person. All boat passengers under twelve years old must wear a life jacket while in a boat that is underway.

To report poaching, littering or other violations to the Refuge Manager, please call the Refuge Manager for suggestions to hunt the area safely.

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General Regulations

SEASON
Fishing is permitted year-round in designated areas of the refuge, subject to all applicable State, Federal, and Refuge regulations. North Marsh is closed to fishing from October 1 to February 1.

SPECIES
The most common fishes found in refuge waters are carp, largemouth bass, green sunfish, and catfish. The Upper Lake and North Marsh offer the best fishing opportunities. Refuge visitors are responsible for knowing State and Federal regulations. Laws are reviewed and changed each year. State laws can be obtained from the Nevada Division of Wildlife or from stores which sell hunting & fishing licenses.

VEHICLES
All motorized vehicles are restricted to designated roads only (see map) and must be properly licensed and street legal as required by state law. Operation of ATV’s (4-wheelers, dirt bikes, etc.) is prohibited on the refuge. Shooting from or across any refuge road is prohibited. Visitors are required to use existing parking lots.

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