



## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# Hunting at Pintail Slough

## *Havasu National Wildlife Refuge*

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Pintail Slough, located in Arizona, is comprised of all refuge lands north of the North Dike and west of Mohave County 1.

This leaflet contains hunting regulations for the Pintail Slough only. Consult the general hunting leaflets for regulations governing public use and hunting on other areas of the refuge.

### General Regulations

1. We only allow take of those species specifically listed. We allow hunting of mourning and white-winged dove, duck, coot, moorhen, goose, common snipe, quail, cottontail rabbit, and desert bighorn sheep on designated areas of the refuge. All other species are prohibited.
2. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of federal, state and local law.
3. Havasu NWR is a non-toxic shot zone, use or possession of toxic shot, in the field, is prohibited with the exception of the Desert Bighorn Sheep hunt.
4. Use of rifles is prohibited (with the exception of Desert Bighorn Sheep hunts).
5. Target shooting or the discharge of a weapon except to hunt is not permitted.
6. Motorized vehicles may operate on designated public roadways only and must be "street legal" i.e. licensed, insured and equipped to operate on highways according to Arizona state laws.
7. Pits, permanent blinds and stands, trail or scouting cameras, and baiting are prohibited.
8. The use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.
9. Temporary blinds, boats, hunting equipment, and decoys must be removed following each day's hunt.
10. Guide service providers must obtain a Special Use Permit from the refuge on which they provide services.
11. No fires.
12. No camping.
13. No falconry.

### Species, Dates and Hours

#### *Species*

Dove, cottontail, and Gambel's quail may be taken during the state specified seasons, except during the designated waterfowl season. During waterfowl season, only ducks, geese, coots, and moorhens may be taken at Pintail Slough duck blinds and goose fields.

#### *Daily bag and possession limits*

In accordance with Arizona State regulations: information available at: [azgfd.gov](http://azgfd.gov).

#### *Hunting Days and Hours*

##### *(In state season)*

*Dove:* Is permitted during the September hunt only, in accordance with state regulations.

*Cottontail and Gambel's Quail:* Daily except during waterfowl season, including the Junior's-only waterfowl hunt, sunrise to sunset MST.

### Waterfowl Hunt Blind Regulations

1. Hunters must carry their receipt and hunt licenses while hunting.
2. Hunters are required to hunt within 25 feet of the numbered post of their assigned blind.
3. We limit the number of persons at each blind to three, including observers. Observers cannot hold shells or guns.
4. The number of shells a hunter may possess is limited to 25 at any given time while in the field hunting.
5. All hunters must possess at least 12 decoys per blind (We recommend the outer decoy be placed no more than 75 feet from the blind to reduce cripples).
6. Use of retrieving dogs is encouraged. Dogs must be kept under control at all times.
7. All personal items must be removed at the end of each day's hunt, including empty shell casings.
8. Hunting weapons must be unloaded except at blinds or when retrieving birds.

### Reservations

Hunters will have an opportunity to make a hunting blind reservation good for one three day period (Saturday, Sunday and following Wednesday) during the 2016-17 season. Reservations for the season will only be accepted on Tuesday, September 13, 2016, between the hours of 7:30 am and 2:00 pm PDT.

To make a reservation you will need to call and personally speak to the Hunt Coordinator at 760/326-3853 on the afore listed date and time.

In the interest of fairness to all parties, walk-in contact, voice mail, e-mail or any other electronic media contacts to other refuge office extensions will not secure a reservation. Once you have made a reservation, there will not be an opportunity to change it. If you are unable to use the blind on the date you reserved, or are not present one hour and thirty minutes prior to legal hunting, the blind will be offered to hunters present that day for the daily lottery.

### Waterfowl Lottery Drawing

Access for those who wish to hunt at Pintail Slough can also be obtained by participation in the daily lottery. All hunters who wish to participate in the daily lottery drawing for an available blind or an available goose field on Saturdays and Sundays, must be present one hour and thirty minutes prior to legal shooting. All hunters present, at the time of the drawing, will be issued a numbered ticket. Tickets with corresponding numbers will be drawn randomly until all blinds are assigned for that day.

### Waterfowl Blinds

Available during waterfowl season on Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays only, before sunrise to noon MST.

### Goose Fields

The goose fields will not be planted or irrigated, but remain fallow. The opportunity to hunt the goose fields will still be available. On Saturday and Sunday, hunters can draw for the opportunity to hunt one of three available goose fields. Weekly field availability will be determined by refuge management. Groups of up to four hunters can hunt each field.

## Youth Hunters

Havasu NWR in partnership with Arizona Game & Fish Dept. will be conducting a youth hunter education hunt/camp January 6–8, 2017. Blind reservations will not be available for those dates. For further information about youth participation or opportunities to volunteer as a mentor, contact the Arizona Game and Fish Department Kingman office at 928/692-7700.

## User Fee

A \$15.00 per person (hunter or non-hunter) per day use fee will be collected daily at check-in EXACT CASH ONLY. Entry fee passes (e.g., America the Beautiful Passes) do not exempt hunters from this user fee.

Youth ages 13 and under are not required to pay a fee when accompanied by an adult; however they are ineligible to participate in the daily blind lottery or reservations.

## Check-In

All hunters must report to the Pintail Slough for the blind drawing held promptly at one hour and thirty minutes before legal shooting time.

Hunting blinds are designated by a numbered post. Hunters are required to be at their blind site forty-five minutes before shooting time.

## Check-Out

Hunters may not leave their assigned blind until 10:00 a.m. MST. All hunters and their equipment must be out of Pintail Slough by 1 p.m. MST each day. Each hunter must fill out and deposit daily a FWS form 3-2361 and OMB control number 1018-0140 (Migratory Bird Hunt Report) prior to leaving.

## Closed to Hunting

*(Noted on the Pintail Slough Management Map)*

Areas with one line crossed through them are closed to all hunting. Hunters may retrieve downed birds in this area as long as they leave their method of take (shotguns, bow and arrows) in the open area. Dogs may retrieve in these areas.

## Closed to All Entry

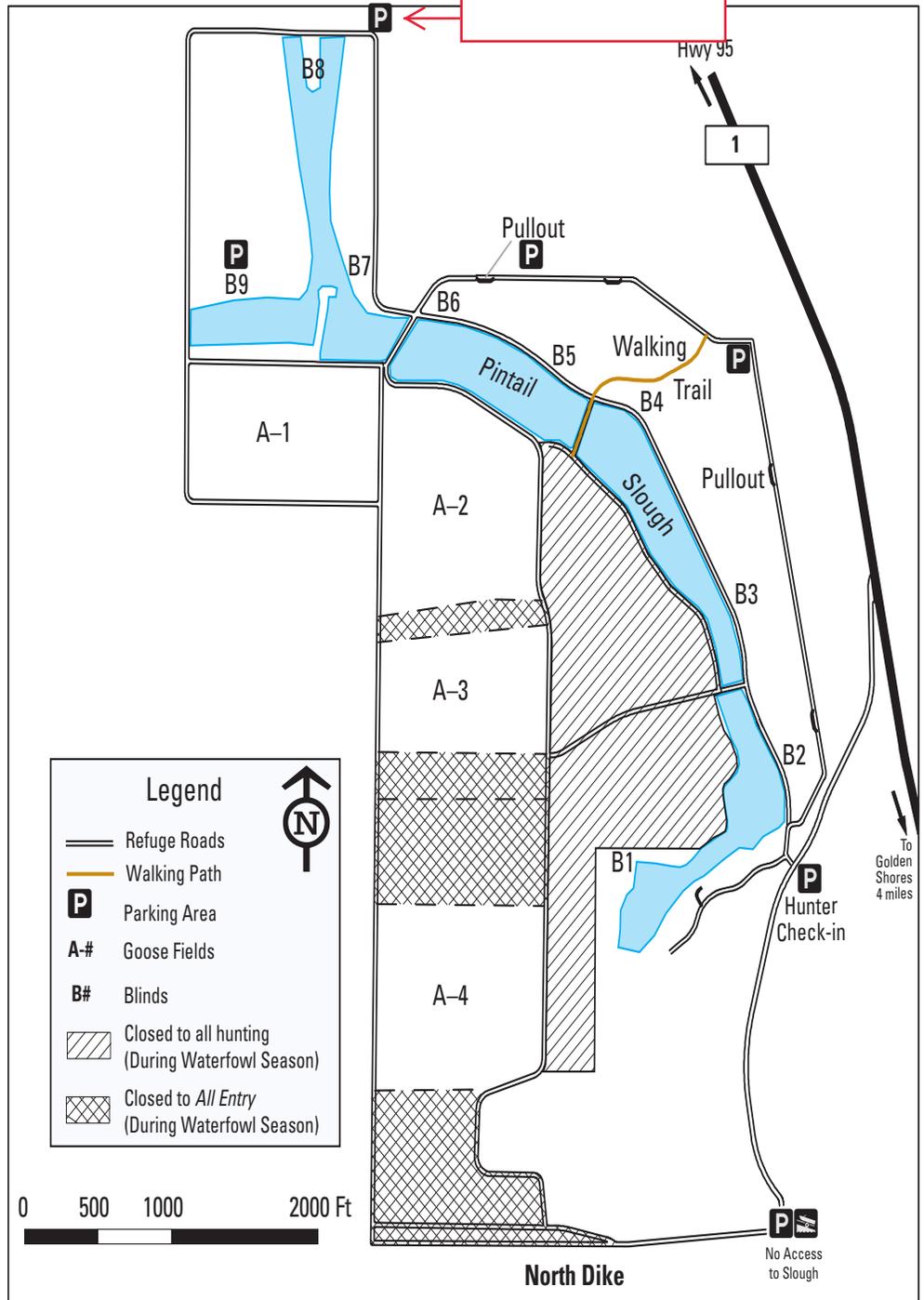
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Areas with cross hatches are closed to all entry, including hunting, from beginning of the state waterfowl season to the end of the Junior's only waterfowl hunt. Entry to retrieve downed birds in this area is prohibited.

## Conduct

Each hunter is expected to respect the rights of others. Interference with

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another's hunting, long range shooting or unsportsmanlike behavior may be cause for revocation of hunting privileges.

## Littering

Hunters are responsible for cleaning up after themselves. Shell casings and associated debris must be picked up and packed out. All blinds must be left clean.

## Hunters with Disabilities

Pintail Slough covers a variety of habitats, including uneven terrain, deep waters and dense stands of vegetation. Hunting difficulty varies by blind.

## Accidents or Injury

Accidents involving damage to property, injury to the public or injury to wildlife that occur within the boundaries of any national wildlife refuge are to be reported as soon as possible. To report incidents after hours and weekends call 1-800/637-9152.

Injuries or accidents occurring on the refuge during normal business hours, must be reported immediately to the Refuge Manager at 760/326-3853, ext 22.