

Turnbull

National Wildlife Refuge

Hunting Regulations 2020–2021



Hunt Type	Season Dates	Harvest	Hunt Areas	Other Regulations
Elk Hunt	Special permit seasons in accordance with State regulations.	1 elk	Helms – muzzleloader and archery only Northeast – muzzleloader and archery only Southwest – any weapon See map below	Refuge authorization letter and parking permits are required. Hunters using lead ammunition are required to remove gut pile from Refuge.
Ducks, Coots and Geese	State youth waterfowl hunt in September. Youths, under 16 years of age, and up to two accompanying adults on Saturday and Sunday starting with the regular duck, goose, and coot hunting seasons in October, as set by the State, until November 30.	State regulations apply.	Waterfowl hunting is allowed in Upper Turnbull Slough within 50 yards of designated hunting sites.	Youths under 16 need a State hunting license and migratory bird validation, but not a federal migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp (Duck Stamp). Hunting party must consist of at least one youth, under 16 years of age and one adult, 18 years or older.

State hunting and fishing regulations, seasons, methods of take, bag limits, and license requirements apply to all hunting on the Refuge with the following exceptions.

Welcome

Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge established in 1937 as a “breeding ground for migratory birds and other wildlife” is in eastern Washington on the edge of the Columbia River Basin in a region known as the Channeled Scablands. Refuge ecosystems of almost 19,000 acres represent an ecological transition between the dry, sagebrush dotted grasslands of the Columbia Basin and the timbered Selkirk and Bitterroot Mountain Ranges that rise to the east. Over 3,000 acres of wetlands on Turnbull NWR represent some of the last quality breeding habitat available in eastern Washington for waterfowl and other wetland dependent species.

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/eo/public-civil-rights>.

Safety

Hunter orange is required during the modern firearm elk season.

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 and trails as shown on the map, unless otherwise authorized. ATVs, UTVs, ORVs are prohibited.

Boats

Only portable non-motorized boats are allowed for waterfowl hunting.

Hunting Regulations

Waterfowl hunting 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.”

Hunting will be in accordance with applicable State of Washington regulations subject to the conditions stated below. Brochures may be obtained by mail, at the refuge headquarters, or from the refuge website.

Big Game Hunting

Permit Procedures Refuge elk hunting is managed through the State managed Special Permit Application process. Annual seasons include Modern Firearm, Muzzleloader, Archery, Youth, Hunter with Disability, Master Hunter, and Quality Elk. Successful applicants are randomly selected for the 3 refuge elk hunt units by the Refuge Manager. Hunters are required to hunt in their assigned unit only.

Hours Scouting will be allowed one day prior to each season opener. Elk hunters may enter the Refuge no earlier than two hours before shooting time to 5 hours after sunset to retrieve their elk. Refer to State big game hunting pamphlet for specific hunting times.

Parking

Vehicles are limited to parking areas designated for the assigned unit. A parking permit must be displayed on the dash of the elk hunter’s vehicle while hunting. Motorized vehicles are permitted for the disabled hunt only. Hunters may use non-motorized carts only to help with retrieval of their elk.

Hunting Parties

Hunting will be conducted in accordance with all federal, state, and refuge-specific regulations.

Each hunter is allowed one non-hunting companion to accompany them on their hunt, and up to three non-hunting companions for retrieval of elk. Companions must be with the permitted hunter at all times.

Weapons

Modern firearms are restricted to the SW unit. Archery and muzzleloader are allowed in the SW, Helms, and the NE unit. Hunters participating in the Master or Disabled Hunts have their choice of weapon in accordance with Refuge regulations. Method of take is in accordance to the State seasons.

Youth Waterfowl Hunting

Hours Access to the youth waterfowl hunting area is allowed two hours prior to legal shooting hours to one hour after legal shooting hours. Refer to State migratory waterfowl hunting pamphlet for specific hunting times.

Parking

Waterfowl hunters must park in spaces numbered 1 through 5 in the waterfowl hunter parking lot, corresponding with the hunting site they wish to hunt. Access to hunting sites 1 through 5 from designated parking is by foot only. Hunters

using the accessible site may drive in and park at designated parking nearby.

Dog Use

The use of dogs is allowed when hunting waterfowl. Hunting dogs must always be under the control of the hunter or accompanying adult.

Blinds & Hunting Sites

Hunters are limited to six fixed hunting sites. Hunting will only be allowed within 50 yards of posted hunting sites. Sites 1 through 5 are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The accessible site may be reserved by calling the refuge office (509-235-4723) between 8 am and 4 pm beginning each Monday for the following weekend.

No permanent blinds are provided for the waterfowl hunt. The construction of permanent blinds, pit blinds and tree stands, and the cutting/removal of vegetation is not allowed. All blind materials, decoys, and other equipment, including spent casings, must be removed following each day’s hunt.

Hunting Parties

Each hunting party must consist of at least one youth hunter under 16 years of age and one adult hunter, at least 18 years old, to accompany and supervise the youth hunter. Hunting parties are limited to four hunters, with no more than two adult hunters.

Weapons

Shotgun only.

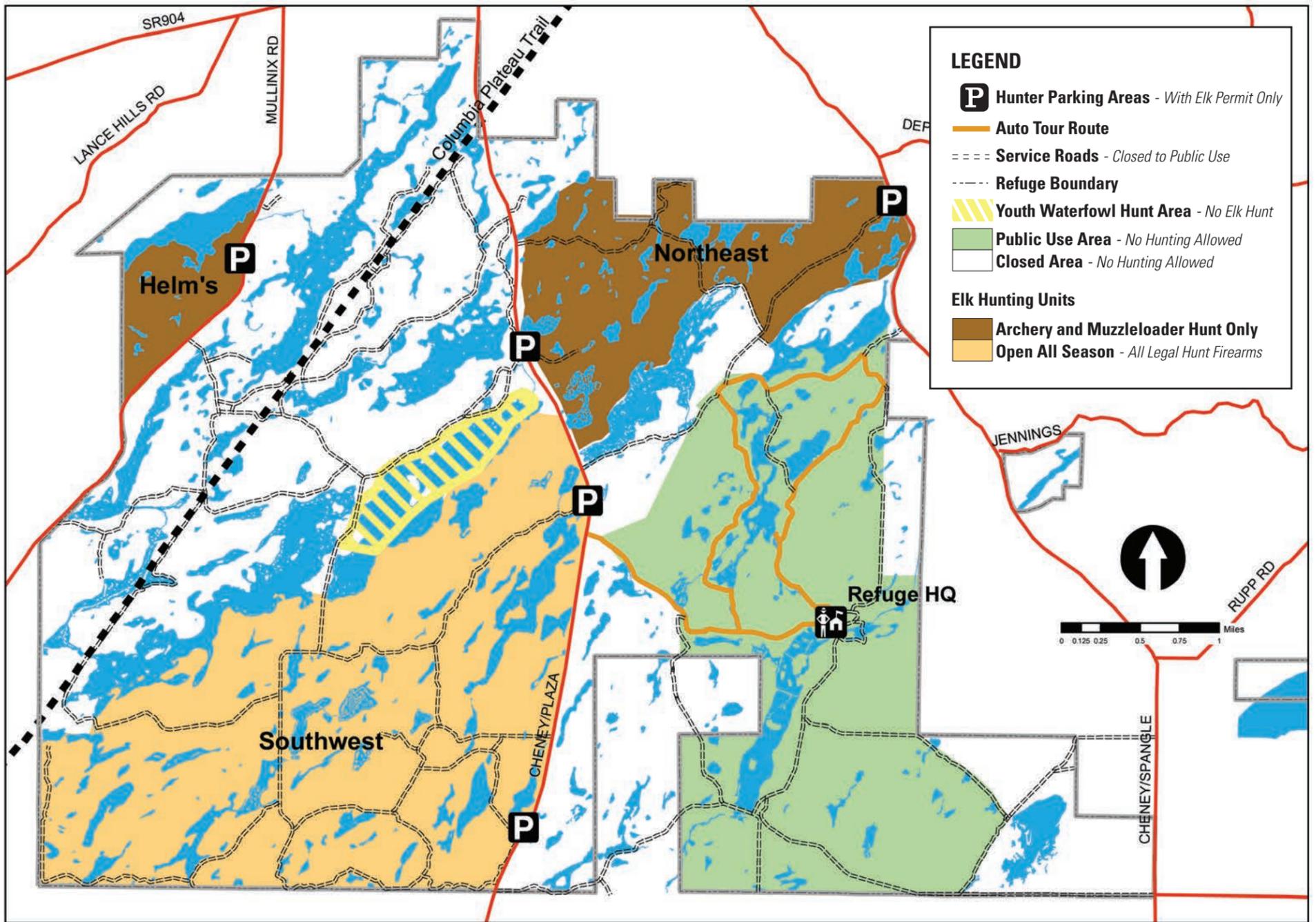
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For State relay service TTY/ Voice: 711

The refuge is part of the National Wildlife Refuge System, a national network of lands and waters managed for the benefit of wildlife and people. <http://www.fws.gov/>
1-800-344-WILD

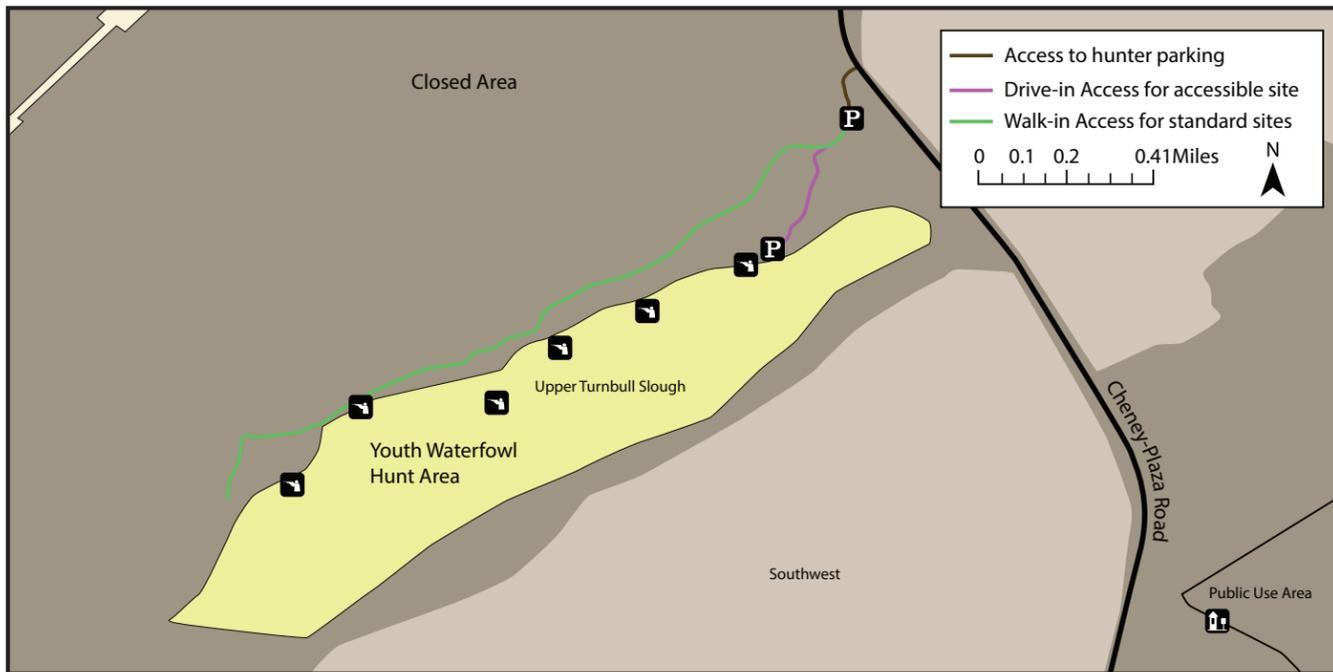
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Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge Hunt Map



Youth Waterfowl Hunt



Signs and Boundaries

- Please respect the following signs:
- REFUGE PERMIT Hunting Parking Only
- NO HUNTING ZONE Beyond this Sign
- AREA BEYOND THIS SIGN CLOSED All public entry prohibited
- PUBLIC HUNTING AREA Refuge Hunting Access Permit Required
- NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE Unauthorized Entry Prohibited (boundary sign)
- HUNTER PARKING ONLY

Applies to the area located behind the sign

- Refuge Boundary: The entire Refuge perimeter is posted with the Blue Goose National Wildlife Refuge Unauthorized Entry Prohibited and Area Beyond this Sign Closed. Entry permitted in accordance with refuge regulations.

- Public Hunt area: Access requires refuge permit. Consult manager for current regulations.
- Closed Area: All entry prohibited
- No Hunting Zone: Hunting, weapons, and game retrieval prohibited

Prohibited Activities

- Overnight parking
- Motorized vehicles
- Camping, fires, fishing, horseback riding, ATV, ORV, snowmobiles, bicycles
- The use of remotely piloted/controlled devices.
- Searching for or removal of any natural items including, but not limited to, antlers, skulls, plants, historic, and archaeological features protected by Federal law.
- Trapping and falconry
- Motorized boats

- Use of electronic or photographic trail monitoring devices
- Marking or flagging any tree or other Refuge feature with reflectors, paint, or other substance.
- Permanent tree stands, nails, wire, screw-in steps, metal objects or other items that penetrate the outer bark of a tree.
- Possession of loaded firearms or a bow with the arrow notched within any safety zone or Refuge Closed Area
- Possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting
- Access to the Refuge from private property
- Littering

