

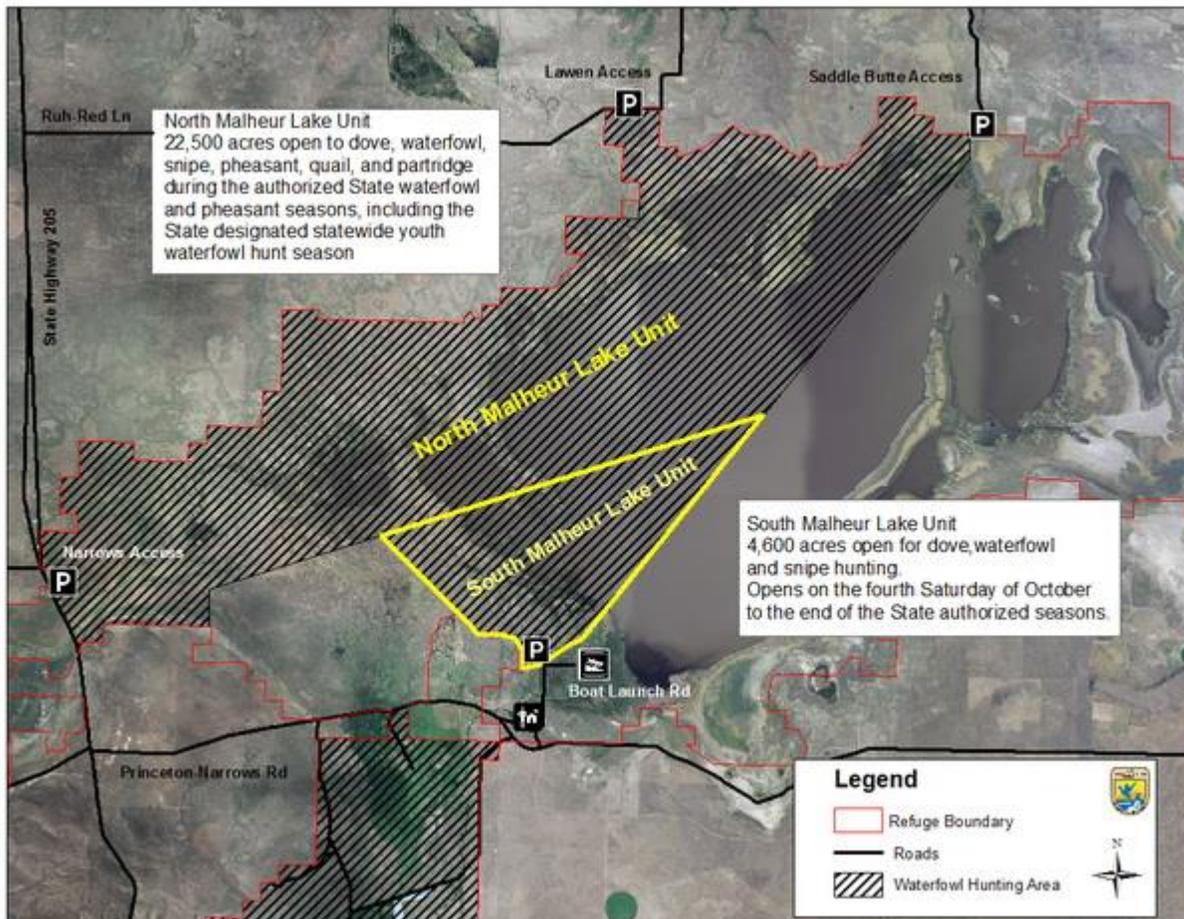
2014-2015 Hunting on Malheur Refuge

Waterfowl Hunting on Malheur Lake

There are two hunt units on Malheur Lake:

The North Malheur Lake Unit which opens on September 6th for the early goose hunt.

The South Malheur Lake Unit which opens on the 4th Saturday in October and is accessed from Refuge Headquarters.



There are numerous tracts of private property that surround the Hunt Area, please respect private property.

- Non toxic shot is required for hunting waterfowl on the refuge.
- Non-motorized boats or boats with electric motors only.

Species available in the Malheur Lake Hunt Units:

Goose, Duck, Coot, Merganser, Common Snipe, California Quail, and Rooster Pheasant.

Check the Oregon Game Bird Regulations on the [ODFW Web Site](#) for game limits and

Special Youth Waterfowl Hunt for youth 15 years old and younger -September 27-28, 2014.

Youth hunters under 15 years must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult 21 years or older. Hunters 14 years or older must have a State waterfowl validations

- **Duck and Merganser** - October 11 – December 7, and December 10 – January 25, 2015
- **Scaup** - October 11 – December 7, and December 10 – January 6, 2015
 - *Bag Limit on Ducks, Scaup and Mergansers* - 7 daily, 21 possession
Daily limit - 2 Hen mallards, 2 Pintail, 2 Redheads, 1 Canvasback, 3 Scaup
- **Coot** - October 11 – December 7, December 10 - January 25, 2015
 - *Bag Limit on Coots* - 25 daily, 75 possession
- **Canada Goose** - Early season: September 6 – 14, 2014 - *Bag Limit* - 5 Canadas daily, 15 possession
The taking of white-fronted, Aleutian and Cackling geese is prohibited statewide during the early season.
 - General season: October 11 – December 7, and December 15, 2014 – January 25, 2015
 - *Bag Limit* - Canada Geese - 4 daily and 12 possession. White Front Geese - 10 daily and 30 possession. White Geese 20 daily and 60 possession.

The Refuge will be closed to migratory bird hunting after January 25, 2015 - the late State Goose Hunt does not apply to the Refuge.

Waterfowl Hunting in the Buena Vista Unit

- Waterfowl Hunting opens in the Buena Vista Unit on the 4th Saturday in October.
- Limits as listed above apply to waterfowl hunting in this unit.
- Waterfowl hunting ends in this unit on January 25, 2015.
- The late season goose hunt **does not** apply to the refuge.
- No boats are allowed.
- No hunting blinds allowed.

Upland Bird Hunting

Upland bird hunting in the North Malheur Lake Hunt Area and west of Highway 205 are open during the regular State of Oregon seasons.

Update on Upland Game Bird Numbers: Observations by refuge staff indicate that California quail numbers are down, pheasant and chukar numbers appear to be very low - below previous years. The general hypothesis is that three consecutive wet springs during the hatch followed by dry summers have been detrimental to upland game bird populations,

Non-toxic shot is required for upland bird hunting on the Refuge.

There is no waterfowl or predator hunting allowed in the Buena Vista Unit

Youth 17 and under must wear hunter orange

Upland game bird hunts are available in two areas on the refuge:

- **North Malheur Lake Hunt Area, West of Highway 205 and Krumbo Creek**
- **Rooster Pheasant** - October 11 - December 31, 2014 - 2 daily, 8 possession
- **California Quail** - October 11 - January 31, 2015 - 10 daily, 30 possession
- **Chukar** - October 11 – January 31, 2015 - 8 daily, 24 possession
- **Blue/Ruff Grouse** - September 1 – December 31, 2014 - 3 each species daily, 9 possession
- **Sage Grouse** - September 6 - 15, 2014 - 2 daily, 2 per season
- **Mourning Dove** - September 1 - October 30, 2014 - 15 daily, 45 possession
- **Band tailed Pigeon** - September 15 – 23, 2014 - 2 daily, 6 possession

Buena Vista Area Upland Game Hunt - October 25 - December 31, 2014

A late season rooster pheasant, California Quail, Chukar, Hungarian Partridge and rabbit hunt is held each year in the refuge's Buena Vista Area. **Waterfowl hunting is not permitted** within this unit. This 22,000 acre unit is located east of State Highway 205, north of Diamond Lane and south of Sodhouse Lane.

- **Rooster Pheasant** - October 25 - December 31, 2014 - 2 daily, 8 possession
- **Chukar** - October 25 – January 31, 2015 - 8 daily, 24 possession
- **California Quail** - October 25 - January 31, 2015 - 10 daily, 30 possession