Welcome, enjoy your visit!

Malheur National Wildlife Refuge is located in the high desert country of southeastern Oregon. The 187,000 acre refuge is a remote, arid land of shallow marshes, lakes, small ponds, flood irrigated meadows, alkali flats, rimrock and grass and sagebrush covered hills. The Refuge is situated at 4,100 feet in elevation. Radical weather changes, including lightening storms and intense heat and cold can occur. Be prepared for weather extremes and traveling long distances over gravel roads. Make sure your vehicle is in good condition and the gas tank is full.

The Refuge is open daily from sunrise to sunset. Information about hunting, road conditions and nearby services can be obtained at Refuge Headquarters. Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 7:00 am to 4:30 pm and Friday, 7:00 am to 3:30 pm. The Visitor Center is open Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, and staffed with volunteers most weekends.

Hunting Regulations

Hunt Safely and Ethically – Limited sport hunting is authorized in accordance with all applicable Federal and Oregon State laws.

Accidents – Injuries or accidents occurring on the Refuge must be reported immediately.

Blinds – Temporary blinds may be erected on Malheur Lake hunt areas during the hunt season. Blinds and all private property must be removed daily.

Boats – Nonmotorized or boats with electric motors are authorized on Malheur Lake hunt areas during the hunt season.

Dogs – The use of trained dogs is strongly encouraged. Dogs must be kept under close control.

Gates, Dikes and Road Accesses – Gates, dikes and road accesses may not be blocked by vehicles. Leave all gates as you find them.

Roads and Parking – Shooting from or across public roads or road right-of-ways is prohibited. Off road parking must be within one vehicle length from roadways.

Vehicle Travel – Motorized vehicles are authorized only on roads shown on this map. All vehicles must have current state registration and be operated by licensed drivers. Accessing roads and areas not shown as permitted on this map is prohibited.

Weapons and Ammunition – Possession of weapons follows all State regulations on the Refuge. Discharge of weapons is allowed only on hunt areas shown on this map during the hunt seasons. Only nontoxic shot may be possessed or used.

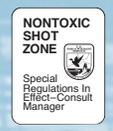
Prohibited Activities/Areas – All-terrain vehicles (ATVs), camping, fires, swimming and collecting natural objects such as plants, animals, minerals, antlers, and objects of antiquity (including Indian artifacts) are prohibited.

Signs to Follow

This sign delineates the Refuge boundary. You may enter areas only on roads and designated hunt areas shown on this map.

Hunters may enter areas delineated by this sign only in designated hunt areas shown on this map.

Used alone or under a Refuge boundary sign. The area behind this sign may be hunted as permitted by Refuge regulations.



Hunters may possess or use only nontoxic shot when hunting on the Refuge. The possession or use of lead shot is prohibited.

Hunting is not permitted in the areas delineated by this sign, as well as designated no hunting zones indicated on the enclosed map.

More Information

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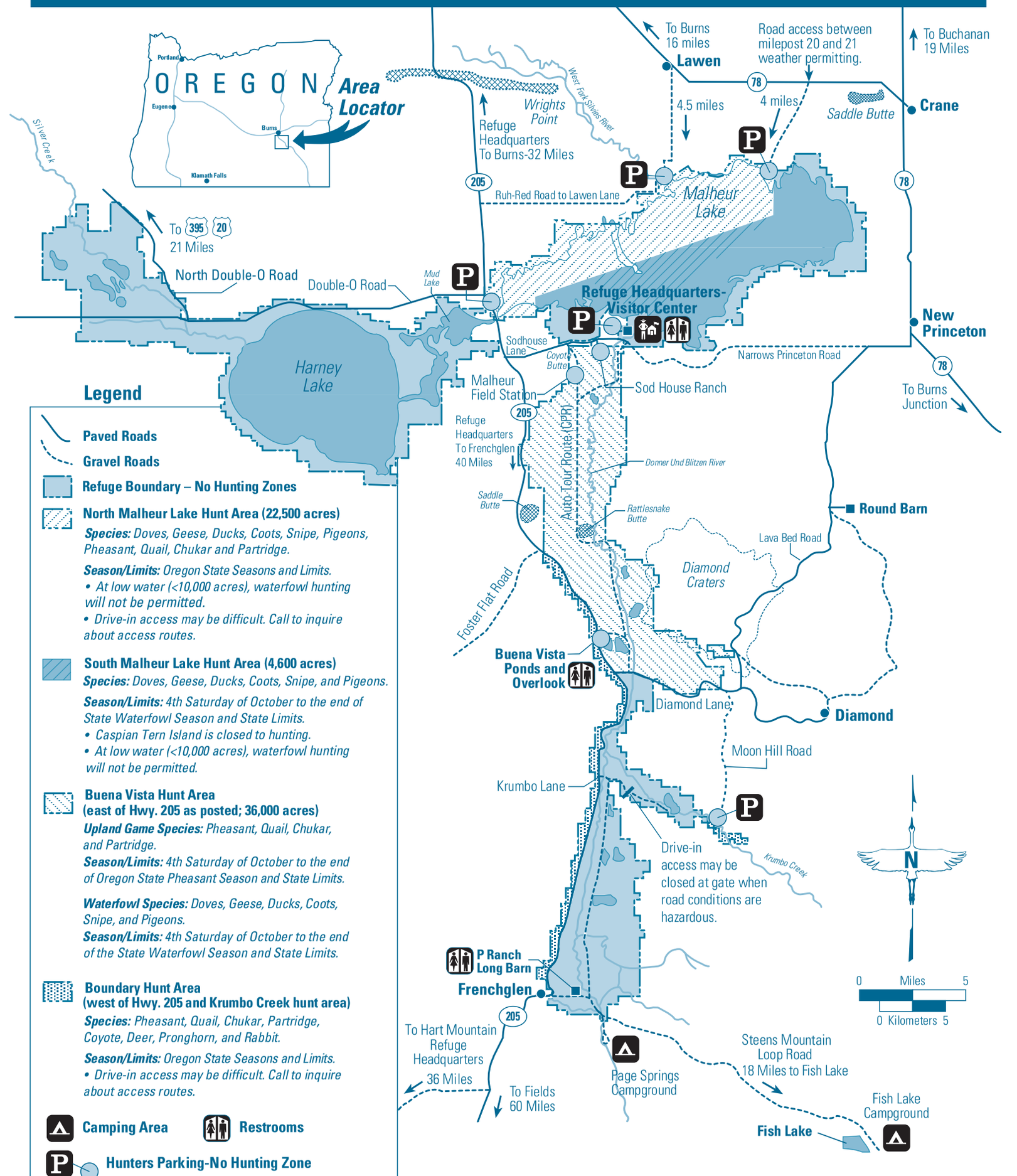

Legend

- Paved Roads
- Gravel Roads
- Refuge Boundary – No Hunting Zones
- **North Malheur Lake Hunt Area (22,500 acres)**
  - ***Species:*** *Doves, Geese, Ducks, Coots, Snipe, Pigeons, Pheasant, Quail, Chukar and Partridge.*
  - ***Season/Limits:*** *Oregon State Seasons and Limits.*
  - *At low water (<10,000 acres), waterfowl hunting will not be permitted.*
  - *Drive-in access may be difficult. Call to inquire about access routes.*
- **South Malheur Lake Hunt Area (4,600 acres)**
  - ***Species:*** *Doves, Geese, Ducks, Coots, Snipe, and Pigeons.*
  - ***Season/Limits:*** *4th Saturday of October to the end of State Waterfowl Season and State Limits.*
  - *Caspian Tern Island is closed to hunting.*
  - *At low water (<10,000 acres), waterfowl hunting will not be permitted.*
- **Buena Vista Hunt Area (east of Hwy. 205 as posted; 36,000 acres)**
  - ***Upland Game Species:*** *Pheasant, Quail, Chukar, and Partridge.*
  - ***Season/Limits:*** *4th Saturday of October to the end of Oregon State Pheasant Season and State Limits.*
  - ***Waterfowl Species:*** *Doves, Geese, Ducks, Coots, Snipe, and Pigeons.*
  - ***Season/Limits:*** *4th Saturday of October to the end of the State Waterfowl Season and State Limits.*
- **Boundary Hunt Area (west of Hwy. 205 and Krumbo Creek hunt area)**
  - ***Species:*** *Pheasant, Quail, Chukar, Partridge, Coyote, Deer, Pronghorn, and Rabbit.*
  - ***Season/Limits:*** *Oregon State Seasons and Limits.*
  - *Drive-in access may be difficult. Call to inquire about access routes.*
- Camping Area
- Restrooms
- Hunters Parking-No Hunting Zone

Invasive Species Hurt Wildlife – Learn More to Help

Common Carp *were introduced in the 1920s and their proliferation has reduced waterfowl production capability to about 2 - 7% of its former extent on Malheur Lake. This has impacted the experience of many hunters at Malheur and along the Pacific Flyway. To learn more and help, inquire at Refuge Headquarters.*

Noxious Weeds *are a growing concern on the Refuge. Weeds can quicky overtake native plants and create a non-native altered habitat that cannot support the wildlife. You can help stop the spread of weeds by:*

- *Driving and parking only on established roads and trails and parking in designated areas away from weed infestation.*
- *Remove plants and seeds from dogs, shoes, and clothing by brushing the dogs thoroughly and cleaning or bagging your shoes and clothing before transporting.*
- *Before traveling home, check your vehicle for plants and seeds in the vehicle bed, grill, undercarriage, and doors and dispose of them properly.*

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