

Erie National Wildlife Refuge

Upland Small Game/Migratory Bird Hunting



Welcome to Erie National Wildlife Refuge. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service established the refuge in 1959 primarily for migratory birds. Public hunting is a priority public use and can provide a quality recreational experience when pursued responsibly. We allow hunting of upland small game and migratory birds in accordance with Pennsylvania State laws and the following refuge specific regulations.

Upland small game and migratory bird hunting is permitted between September 1 through the end of February.

Species not listed on this and the Big Game Hunting Fact Sheet may not be hunted.

Permits

Hunting permits are no longer required. However, hunters are still required to know and follow all refuge specific regulations.

Dog Use

Dogs may be used for hunting, but must be under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

Small Game and Furbearers

We allow hunting of ringneck pheasant, ruffed grouse, cottontail rabbit, and squirrels in the following areas: A, B, C, D, E, F and G.

We allow hunting of woodchuck, quail, coyote, skunk, and opossum in the following areas: A, B, C, D, E, F, and G.

Migratory Birds

We allow hunting of mourning dove, rails, common snipe, American

woodcock, Canada goose, ducks, coot and crow in Areas A and E. Area B, C, D, F, and G are closed to migratory bird hunting.

Scouting

Scouting is allowed from August 25 through the end of February.

Hunting Hours

Hunting Hours for each week are defined in the *Pennsylvania State Hunting and Trapping Digest*.

Personal Property

Hunters must remove all personal property including, but not limited to: blinds, platforms, scaffolds, tree stands, decoys and **cameras** from the refuge within one hour after hunting hours.

Vehicles

Vehicle travel is allowed on designated roads and parking areas only. Vehicles must not block access to gates. ATVs and snowmobiles are not allowed.

Boats

We allow non-motorized watercraft use for waterfowl hunting. All other watercraft use is prohibited. Watercraft must be removed from the refuge within one hour after hunting hours.

To prevent the spread of invasive species such as zebra mussels, it is encouraged that all watercraft be washed thoroughly prior to use on the refuge.

Injuries & Accidents

Report all injuries and accidents to Refuge Headquarters at the address

listed below.

Prohibited Activities

- Using illuminating devices, including automobile headlights, for the purpose of **spotlighting** game species.
- Camping, overnight parking, open fires and littering.
- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting.
- **The use and possession of toxic shot is prohibited for shotgun hunting for all species except deer and turkey.**
- Field possession of migratory game birds is prohibited in areas of the refuge closed to migratory game bird hunting.

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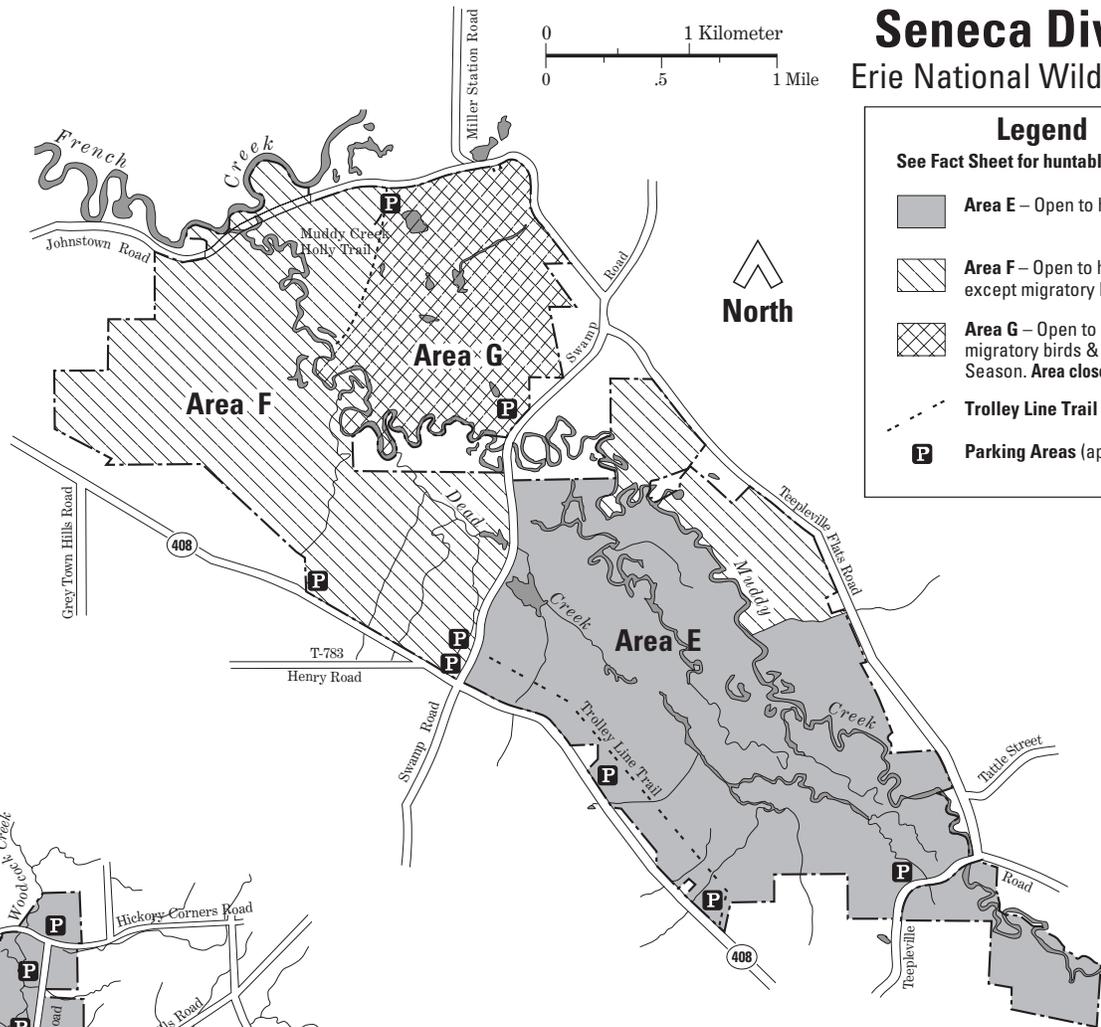
August 2020



Areas Open to Hunting

SMALL GAME	AREA A	AREA B	AREA C	AREA D	AREA E	AREA F	AREA G
Ruffed Grouse, Squirrels, Cottontail Rabbit & Ringneck Pheasant	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Woodchuck, Quail, Skunk, Opossum & Coyote	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Raccoon & Fox (Night Hunting)	Night hunting is under review and not permitted at this time.						
MIGRATORY BIRDS							
Mourning Dove, Rails, Common Snipe, American Woodcock, Canada Goose, Ducks, Coot & Crow	yes	no	no	no	yes	no	no

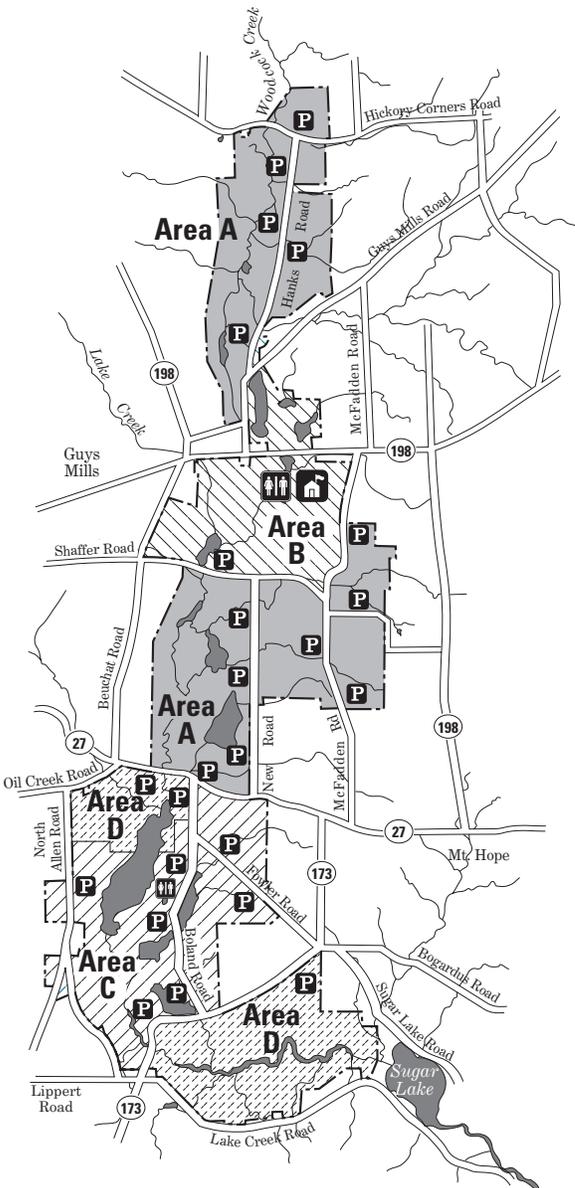
Seneca Division Erie National Wildlife Refuge



Legend
See Fact Sheet for huntable species

- Area E – Open to hunting
- Area F – Open to hunting except migratory birds
- Area G – Open to hunting except migratory birds & Spring Turkey Season. Area closed Jan 15 - Aug 15
- Trolley Line Trail
- Parking Areas (approximate)

Sugar Lake Division Erie National Wildlife Refuge



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- Area A – Open to hunting
- Area B – Open to hunting except migratory birds
- Area C – Open to hunting except migratory birds
- Area D – Open to hunting except migratory birds and Spring Turkey Season. Area closed Jan 15 - Aug 15
- Water Impoundments
- Refuge Headquarters
- Parking Areas (approximate)
- Rest Room