

Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge

Deer Hunting

Welcome to Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service established the refuge in 1958 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 deer in accordance with State laws and the following refuge specific regulations.

Deer hunting is permitted during the state of New York archery, shotgun and muzzleloader seasons between October 1 and the last day of February.

We Require Permits

Obtain a copy of the refuge **Deer Hunting Regulations and Permit** before hunting on the refuge at the refuge office or from one of the hunter kiosks. Kiosks are located at Kanyoo Nature Trail; the north end of Feeder Road at Dunlop Road; Route 63, 0.25 mile north of Oak Orchard Ridge Road; Onondaga Nature Trail; and on Knowlesville Road, 0.5 mile northeast of Roberts Road.

The permit must be signed and dated on the front indicating that you have read and understand all hunt regulations and **will be valid for the duration of the refuge hunt season.**

Harvest reports are optional: yet the information is valuable and we would appreciate receiving the report. Obtain harvest reports from the refuge office in person or by mail, at the hunter kiosks, or from our website at <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/iroquois/hunting>.

Hunters with Disabilities

Hunters with disabilities possessing, or who qualify for, a state disabled hunting license, Golden Access or America the Beautiful Access Pass may qualify for special accommodations. We issue a non-ambulatory hunt permit which allows the use of two off-road parking sites. Contact the refuge office for locations. You must apply in person and

show proof of permanent disability.

No Hunting Zones/Closed Area

No Hunting Zones include but are not limited to: the immediate area around the refuge office; around refuge residences; the vicinity of the Iroquois Job Corps Center; Swallow Hollow, Kanyoo and Onondaga Nature Trails (*except that during the regular deer season, access on Onondaga Nature Trail is limited to hunters only*); and safety zones around private residences adjacent to the refuge. Permission must be obtained from refuge personnel to enter a "No Hunting Zone" or "Closed Area" for the purpose of tracking and/or retrieving legally taken game animals.

Scouting

Scouting is allowed during periods when the refuge is open to general public access after July 15 and before March 1. Dogs are prohibited during scouting.

Tree Stands

We allow portable tree stands only. All equipment must be removed from the refuge at the end of the day. Hunters cannot use screw-in steps or the use of nails, spikes, wire, or bolts to attach a stand to a tree.

Blaze Orange

All hunters must wear at least 400 square inches (2,600 cm²) of solid-colored, hunter-orange clothing or material on head, chest and back visible from 360 degrees during any firearms deer season.



Vehicles

Vehicles are only allowed on established roads marked open for vehicular travel. Vehicles must be parked off the lane of travel and clear of gate. ATV's and snowmobiles are not allowed.



Boats

Canoes and other boats without motors may only be used on Oak Orchard Creek, from Knowlesville

Road to Route 63. You may launch boats from Route 63, Sour Springs Road and Knowlesville Road. As you pass through wooded swamp expect obstructions and variable water levels.

Prohibited Activities

The distribution of bait, or hunting over a baited area.

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.

Weapons may not be discharged within, into or across a "No Hunting Zone" or "Closed Area"; or from, on or across any refuge road or designated foot trail. Hunting from within 500 feet of any residence or refuge building is prohibited.

Hunters may not possess axes, hatchets, saws, nails, tacks, paint or flagging for the marking of trees and shrubs.

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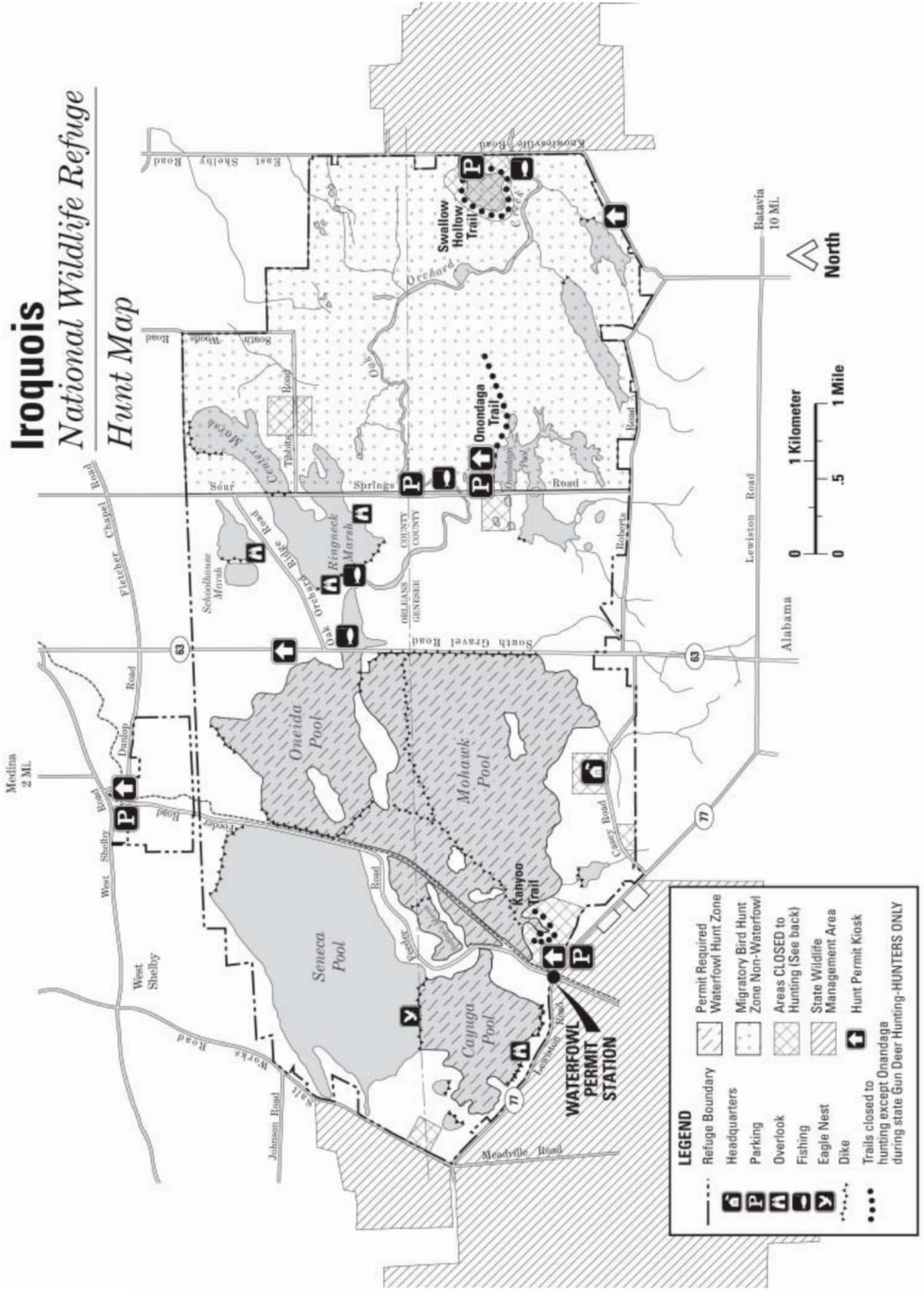
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Hunt Map



LEGEND

- Refuge Boundary
- ▣ Permit Required Waterfowl Hunt Zone
- ▣ Migratory Bird Hunt Zone Non-Waterfowl
- ▣ Areas CLOSED to Hunting (See back)
- ▣ State Wildlife Management Area
- ▣ Hunt Permit Kiosk
- ▣ Trails closed to hunting except Onondaga during state gun deer hunting-HUNTERS ONLY
- ▣ Headquarters
- ▣ Parking
- ▣ Overlook
- ▣ Fishing
- ▣ Eagle Nest
- ▣ Dike