

Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge

Waterfowl 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 geese, ducks and coots in accordance with State laws and the following refuge specific regulations.

Waterfowl hunting on the refuge begins opening day and ends at the conclusion of the first split of the State's waterfowl season or when regular deer season begins, whichever comes first.

Tentative season dates are set by New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in July and waterfowl hunting regulations are generally finalized and in print by September or early October.

We require refuge waterfowl hunting permits. Permit fees are \$10 on Saturday and \$5 on Tuesday and Thursday. Up to three hunters can share each permit.

We conduct a pre-season lottery to select hunters for the first two Saturdays. If opening day is on Tuesday or Thursday we will draw for opening day and the first two Saturdays. To participate in the lottery you must complete a **Waterfowl Lottery Application** form which can be obtained in person or by mail from the refuge office or from our website at <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/iroquois/hunting>. On the form, complete items 1, 2, 3 and 4. At item 7, sign on the Hunter Signature line. Youth under 18 need their parent or guardian to sign on the Guardian Signature line. Please leave all other items on the form blank. The application must be received by the deadline which will be announced in a news release and on the refuge website.

We will not accept faxed or electronic application forms.

On all other hunt days we hold a daily drawing at the Waterfowl Permit Station on Route 77 at 5 am.

On each hunt day show your hunting license, valid duck stamp and Waterfowl Education Certificate of Qualification card to obtain a **Migratory Bird Hunt Application** form. Complete items 2, 3 and 8 on the form. At 5:00 am, all hunters will line up outside. As you re-enter you will be handed a numbered disc. When your number is called, come forward to choose a hunt stand. Pay the permit fee and hand in your number and the **Migratory Bird Hunt Application** form and those for all members of your party.

You will then receive a **Migratory Bird Hunt Report** form which will serve as your permit for the day.

We allow waterfowl hunting from designated stand markers in Cayuga, Mohawk and Oneida Pools and Sutton's Marsh. All other areas are closed.

We allow waterfowl hunting on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Hunt times are ½ hour before legal sunrise until noon. Check out by returning your **Migratory Bird Hunt Report** form to the Waterfowl Permit Station no later than 1:00 pm.

You may possess no more than 20 approved nontoxic shot shells in the field.

Each hunter must provide and use minimum of six decoys. This reduces the chance of crippled birds.

You must stay within 100 feet (30 m) of your designated stand marker unless you are dispatching a crippled bird.

Do not remove or alter vegetation around your hunt stand marker. No permanent structures are allowed.

Hunters with Disabilities

One hunt stand is available for hunters with permanent physical challenges who possess or can meet and document the qualifications for obtaining a Golden Access Passport or America the Beautiful Access Pass. We allocate the use of the hunt stand in a separate drawing for opening day and by first-come first served basis for other hunt days. The permit allows for one helper who may also hunt.



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.

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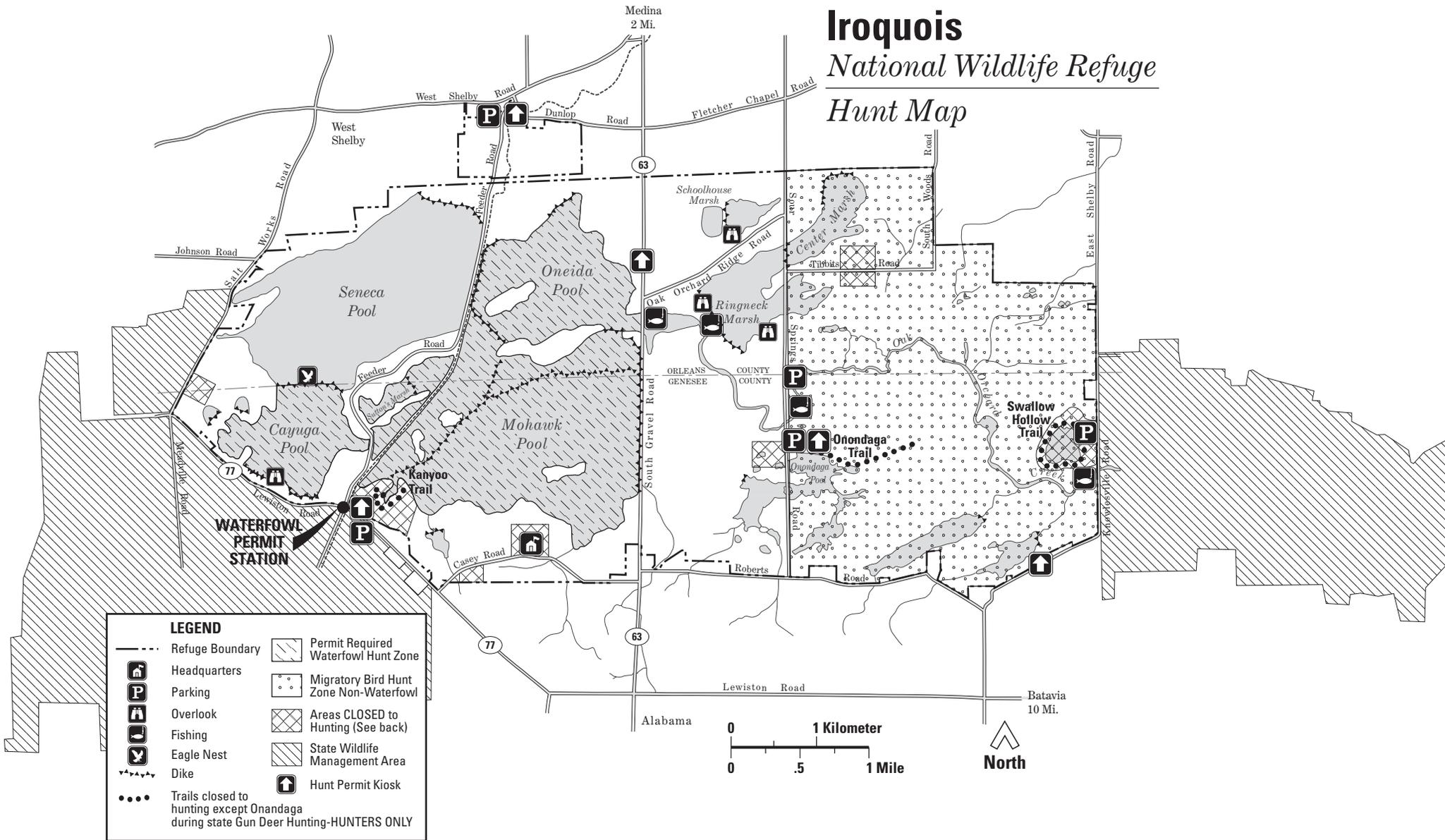
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Hunt Map



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