

2015 FIREARMS HUNT REGULATIONS

MONTEZUMA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

November 21 – December 13

AREA REGULATIONS

- Permits & parking passes must be picked up **DAILY** at the Check Station. You must carry your permit on your person and parking passes must be displayed on vehicle dashboards when afield.
- Permits & parking passes will be available at the Route 89 Check Station from refuge personnel or on a self-service basis from the permit box. Permits will be a different color each day. **You must possess the day's permit color.**

TAKING MORE THAN ONE PERMIT PER HUNTER PER DAY IS PROHIBITED (do not “stockpile” different colored permits in your vehicle, hunting gear, home, etc.)

- 175 permits will be available each hunt day on a first-come, first-served basis. An ADA- compliant hunting platform is available to hunters with a disabled hunting license or Golden Access Passport (**prior notice needed; first come/first served**).
- Complete **PART A** of the permit card at check in and leave it with refuge personnel or in the Part A box at the Route 89 Check Station.
- Carry **Part B** of the permit card while hunting. Complete it at the end of the day and leave it in the PART B box at the Route 89 Check Station.

Successful hunters must bring their deer to the Route 89 Check Station or US Route 20 Headquarters Office when indicated at the Check Station. Call (315) 200-8489 to arrange location with refuge staff.

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

- Hunters must wear on **THE HEAD, CHEST AND BACK** at least **400 square inches (2,600square centimeters) of SOLID BLAZE ORANGE** (minimum of a hat and vest). **NO CAMO ORANGE or RED. 400 square inches of Solid Blaze Orange is also required on all sides of any ground blind.**
- Only shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows and bows are allowed for hunting purposes during firearms season. Successful harvest of a deer with an implement other than a shotgun during firearms season requires use of a firearms tag.
- Guns must be unloaded before legal sunrise and after legal sunset. New York State regulations apply to all weapons.
- The refuge will host an orientation meeting on October 17, 3:30 PM, at the Check Station for scouting purposes. Call (315) 568-5987 to sign up.
- No boats or canoes on refuge pools. No hunting open water portions of the refuge pools.
- The Wildlife Drive is a No Hunting Zone until December 1. **HUNTING FROM, WALKING ON, OR PARKING ON THE WILDLIFE DRIVE FOR HUNTING PURPOSES IS PROHIBITED UNTIL DECEMBER 1.**
- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
- Trees stands must be removed at the end of each hunt day. **Screw-in tree steps prohibited.**
- Hunters are permitted on the refuge **1 hour before legal sunrise (2 hours on opening day) and 1 hour after legal sunset.**
- Obey all signs. Blocking gates or roadways will result in a citation and a fine.

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Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge
3395 Route 5/20 East
Seneca Falls, New York 13148
(315) 568-5987

Additional DOE TAGS for the Refuge will be available at the Check Station or Refuge Office during the archery and firearms seasons.

2015 ARCHERY HUNT REGULATIONS

MONTEZUMA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

October 1 – November 20 and December 14 – 22

**ESKER BROOK & SOUTH SPRING POOL TRAIL AREAS
DO NOT OPEN UNTIL NOVEMBER 1**

AREA REGULATIONS

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•Permits & parking passes will be available at the Route 89 Check Station from refuge personnel or on a self-service basis from the permit box. Permits will be a different color each day. **You must possess the day's permit color.**

TAKING MORE THAN ONE PERMIT PER HUNTER PER DAY IS PROHIBITED (do not “stockpile” different colored permits in your vehicle, hunting gear, home, etc.)

•300 permits will be available each hunt day on a first-come, first-served basis. An ADA- compliant hunting platform is available to hunters with a disabled hunting license or Golden Access Passport (**prior notice needed; first come/first served**).

•Complete **PART A** of the permit card at check in and leave it with refuge personnel or in the Part A box at the Route 89 Check Station.

•Carry **Part B** of the permit card while hunting. Complete it at the end of the day and leave it in the PART B box at the Route 89 Check Station.

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ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

•Bows must be disassembled, locked or cased before legal sunrise and after legal sunset.

•Muzzleloaders are permitted during New York State's late archery season for white-tailed deer (December 14 – 22). Cross bows are permitted during the late archery season using Bow/Muzz tags, DMPs, DMAP tags, or an unfilled Regular Big Game tag (late season only). Crossbows are also permitted from November 7 – 20 .

•A hunter orientation meeting is set for Saturday, October 17, 2:00 – 4:00 PM.

•No boats or canoes on refuge pools. No hunting open water portions of the refuge pools.

•The Wildlife Drive is a No Hunting Zone until December 1. **HUNTING FROM OR PARKING ON THE WILDLIFE DRIVE FOR HUNTING PURPOSES IS PROHIBITED UNTIL DECEMBER 1.**

•Use or possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.

•Trees stands must be removed at the end of each hunt day. **Screw-in tree steps prohibited.**

•Hunters are permitted on the refuge **1 hour before legal sunrise (2 hours on opening day) and 1 hour after legal sunset.**

•Obey all signs. Blocking gates or roadways will result in a citation and a fine.

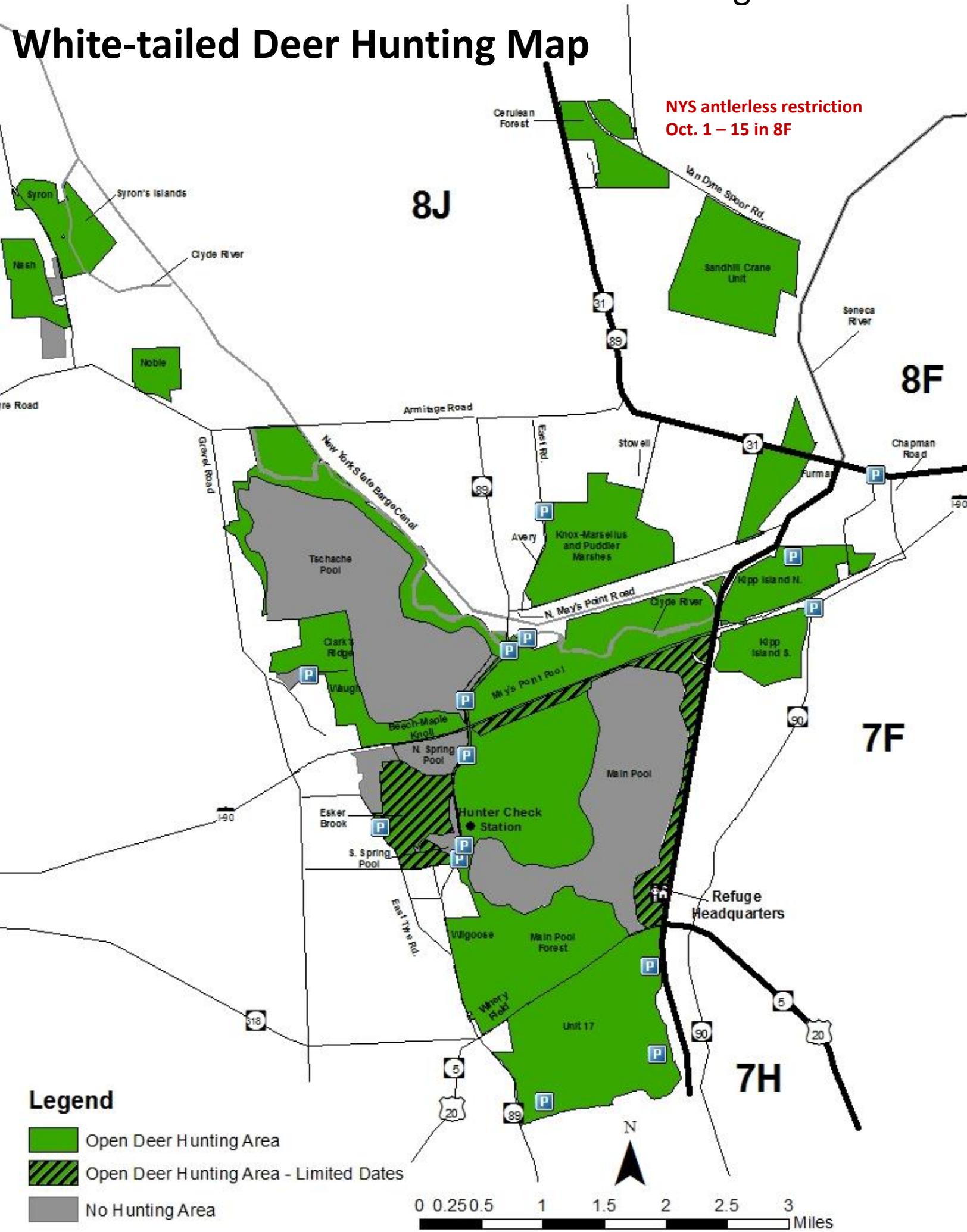
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White-tailed Deer Hunting Map



- Esker Brook & South Spring Pool Trail Areas are closed to hunting until November 1. The Wildlife Drive area is closed to hunting, including parking and walking for hunting purposes, until December 1.
- **Youth Hunt (firearms) for ages 14-15 with a qualified mentor, October 10-12, 2015! Follow regular hunt day procedures.**
- From December 1 through the rest of the season, the Wildlife Drive area will be open for parking and hunting. Caution: The road will not be plowed/maintained and may be closed to vehicles due to poor conditions; walking in will still be permitted.
- The Seneca Trail & Headquarters areas will be open at the Refuge Manager's discretion. A notice will be posted if they open.
- The Sandhill Crane Unit (in 8F) is open to waterfowl hunting on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays through December 5. Please respect other hunters and their safety.