

2018 WATERFOWL HUNT REGULATIONS

MONTEZUMA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

**October 27 – December 8, 2018; Youth Hunt Saturday, October 13
At Tschache Pool, Sandhill Crane Unit, and Kipp Island**

REGULATIONS

We allow waterfowl hunting during the regular waterfowl season on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with New York State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We require daily refuge permits (Migratory Bird Hunt Report, FWS Form 3–2361) and reservations; we issue permits to hunters with a reservation for that hunt day. We require you to complete and return your permit in the slot provided at the Route 89 Hunter Check Station by the end of the hunt day.
2. **We allow hunting only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays (hunting ends at 12:00 noon and you must be out of the hunting area by 1:00 PM each hunt day)** during the established refuge season set within the New York State western zone season. We allow a youth waterfowl hunt on the Saturday during New York State's established youth waterfowl hunt each year.
3. All hunters with reservations and their hunting companions (reservations are first-come, first-served with a maximum of 2 people/reservation) must check in at the Route 89 Hunter Check Station area at least 1 hour before legal shooting time or forfeit their reservation. Forfeited reservations become available on a first-come, first-served basis to standby hunters at the Route 89 Hunter Check Station. **CHECK-IN OPENS 1 ½ HOURS BEFORE SUNRISE; you are permitted on the refuge for check-in no earlier than 2 hours before sunrise.**
4. We allow and encourage the use of motorless boats to hunt waterfowl; it is required for Tschache Pool. We limit hunters to one boat per reservation and one motor vehicle in the hunt area per reservation. You must launch your boat from your reserved parking area; once on the water, you have free-roam. For your safety and a quality experience, maintain a safe distance from other hunting parties. You must be set up before legal shooting time (1/2 hour before sunrise).
5. We prohibit shooting from any dike or within 50 feet (15.2 meters) of any dike or road, or from within 500 feet (152.4 meters) of the Tschache Pool observation tower.
6. We require proof of successful completion of the New York State Waterfowl Identification Course, the Montezuma Nonresident Waterfowl Identification Course, or a suitable nonresident State Waterfowl Identification Course to hunt in the refuge; all hunters must show proof each time they hunt, in addition to showing their valid hunting license and signed Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp).

RESERVATIONS (maximum of 2 people/reservation): Up to 20 reservations per day for Tschache Pool; up to 6 reservations per day for Sandhill Crane Unit; up to 6 reservations per day for Kipp Island.

TELEPHONE RESERVATIONS ARE TAKEN FROM 8:30 AM TO 9:00 AM ON TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS AND SATURDAYS FOR THE NEXT HUNT DAY (call Tuesday to make a reservation for Thursday; call Thursday to make a reservation for Saturday; call Saturday to make a reservation for Tuesday).

**RESERVATIONS FOR OPENING DAY will be taken Thursday, October 18, 8:30 – 9:00 am.
Reservations for the Saturday October 13 YOUTH HUNT will be taken
Thursday, October 4, 8:30 -9:00 am**

The reservation telephone number is (315) 568-4136

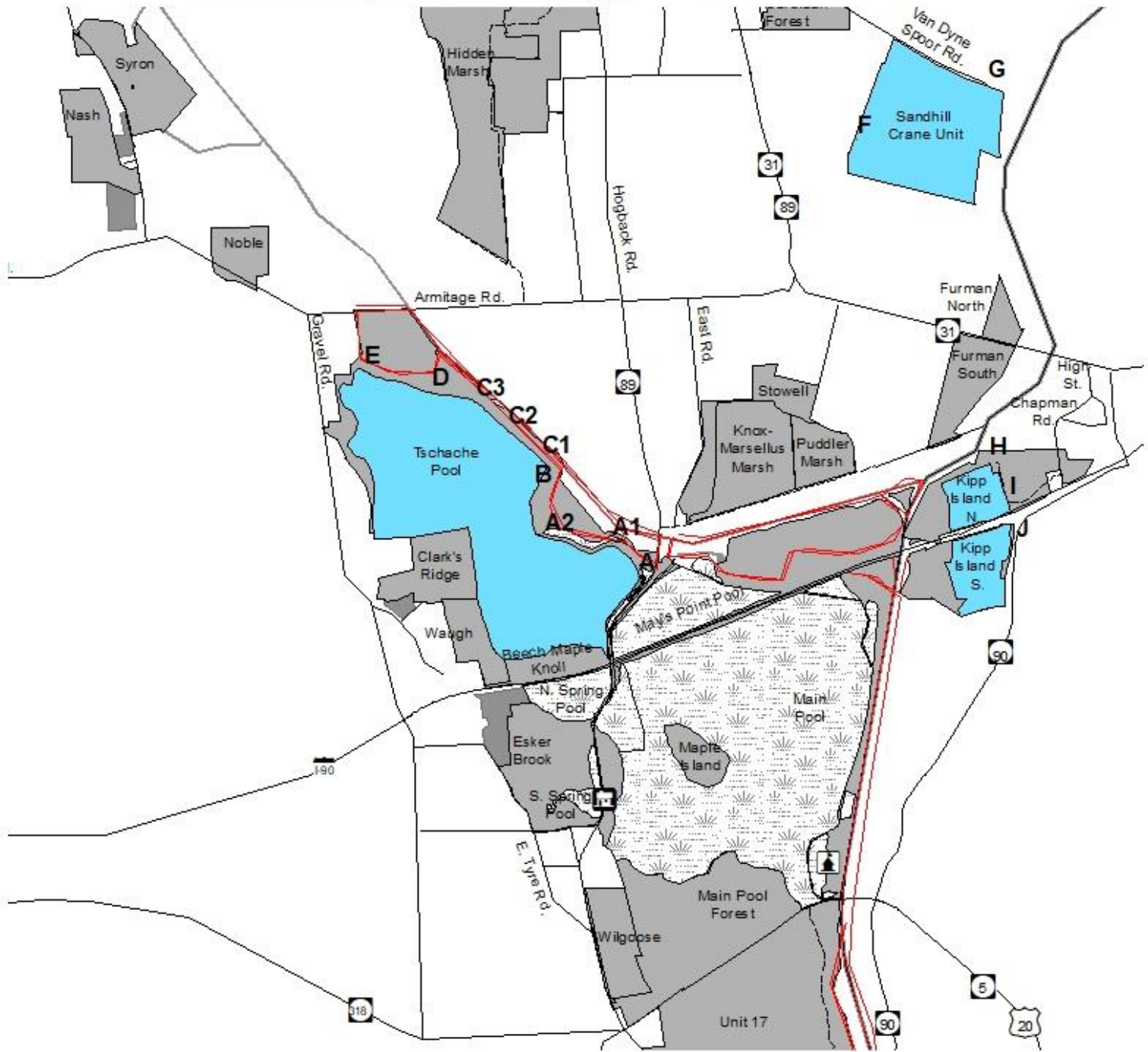
ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

- **Use or possession of alcoholic beverages & illegal substances while hunting is prohibited**
- **Vehicles blocking gates or roads will result in a citation and a fine and possible towing**
- **Respect adjacent landowners' property—please do not trespass**



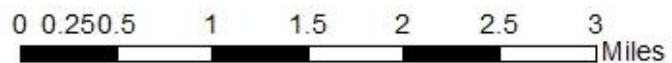
Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge

Waterfowl Hunting Map 2018 Regular Season



Legend

- Letters indicate designated parking areas.
- No Hunting/Trapping - River
- Refuge Headquarters Area
- Hunter Check Station
- Open Waterfowl Hunting Area
- No Waterfowl Hunting Area - Open Water/Emergent Marsh
- No Waterfowl Hunting Area



NO HUNTING ALONG THE NEW YORK STATE BARGE CANAL/CLYDE RIVER/CAYUGA SENECA BARGE CANAL FROM ARMITAGE ROAD TO U.S. ROUTE 20 TO STATE ROUTE 89.

White-tailed deer hunting will be permitted in these areas beginning October 1.