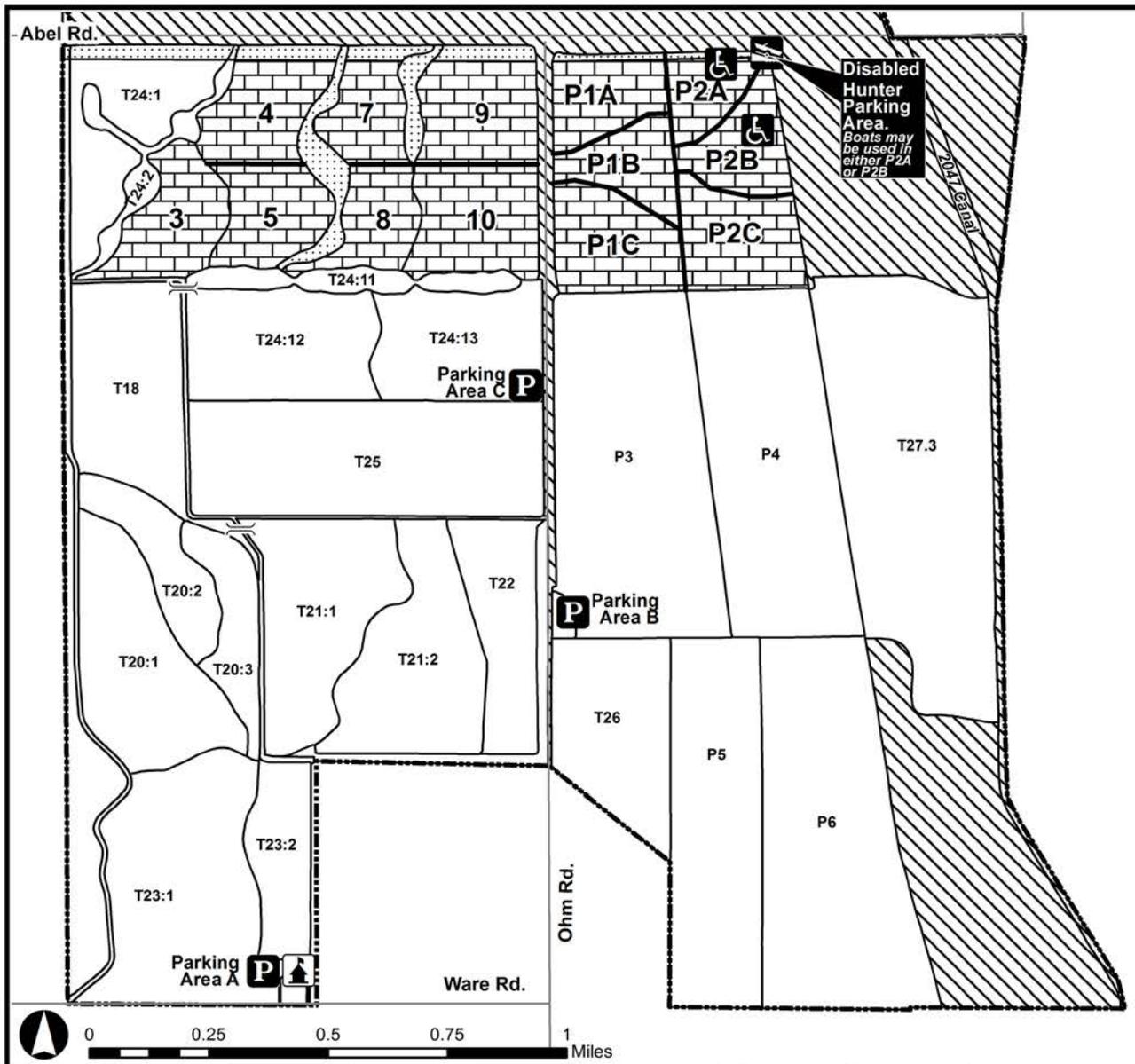


Colusa National Wildlife Refuge

Hunt Area 2016-17



Refuge Boundary

Parking Area
 Parking Area A = west-side free roam
 Parking Area B = east-side free roam; AP P1-P2
 Parking Area C = west-side free roam; AP 3-10
 Disabled Hunter Parking Area = P2A & P2B only

Assigned Pond Area
 Assigned Ponds: one hunting party** per pond
 Assigned Pond 10: one junior hunting party**
 Assigned Ponds P2A, P2B: one disabled hunting party** per pond
 **PARTY SIZE = no more than 4 people; no more than 2 juniors or non-hunters per adult.

Free Roam Area
 Maximum quota westside 14, eastside 34

Retrieval Only Zone

Closed Zone

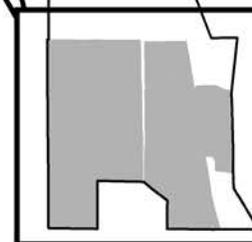
Boat Access for Mobility Impaired

Hunting Blind for Mobility Impaired
 P2B blind=wheelchair accessible
 P2A blind=NOT wheelchair accessible

Hunter Check Station

Canal Crossing

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Note : Pheasant hunting is not permitted in the assigned pond area except on the 1st Monday of pheasant season

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I. Hunting Program

The public hunting program on Colusa National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) is **administered by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in cooperation with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife**. Parts of the Refuge are closed to hunting for sanctuary and management purposes. This Refuge contains 5,074 acres of which 1,921 are open to controlled hunting for geese, ducks, coots, moorhens, snipe and pheasant concurrent with the seasons established by the State of California. Be sure to observe signs designating closed areas or restricted zones.

Hunting is by entry permit only. Permits, passes, stamps, or any license items WILL NOT BE SOLD at the check station. Visit www.wildlife.ca.gov for more information. The check station will open at 6:00pm on Fridays for the Saturday and Sunday shoot days and 6:00pm on Tuesdays for the Wednesday shoot days. Shoot time begins ½ hour before sunrise. **Please refer to the “California Regulations for Waterfowl and Upland Game Hunting on State and Federal Areas” (CDFW Booklet) for daily shoot times, permit fees and Refuge Specific Regulations.**

II. Obtaining and Returning an Entry Permit

- A. **Reservation** application forms are available at sporting good stores where hunting licenses are sold and on the website www.wildlife.ca.gov. Application deadline is 17 days in advance of the desired hunting date. Hunters with reservations will be issued entry permits in the numerical order stamped on their reservation starting 2 hours before shoot time. **Reservations are valid only when presented at the check station at least 1 hour before shoot time. There are no exceptions.**
- B. **Vacancies** which result from reservation “no shows” and hunters checking out of the area during the day are filled from a waiting list which is established by lottery drawing at the check station. The check station opens at 6:00pm on Tuesdays and Fridays to begin accepting lottery entries. The lottery is conducted at 8:00pm and results are posted soon afterwards. Hunters may leave the area once they have obtained their lottery number but must be present when their number is called.
- C. **Lottery procedures** are posted at the check station and online at www.fws.gov/refuge/Sacramento. A lottery purge will occur at 8:00am. Names of hunters that are not present will be removed from the list.
- D. **There will be no re-fills or entry permits issued after 3:00pm.** All hunters **must check out at the check station**, report hunting results, and return the entry permit before leaving the area by 1½ hours after shoot time ends. Hunters must vacate refuge no later than 1½ hours after legal sunset unless participating in overnight stay at hunter check station on Tuesday, Friday or Saturday night.

III. Refuge Specific Regulations Summary (See the CDFW Booklet for a complete list.)

- A. **Assigned Ponds** – Hunters are restricted to the area within the “signed” assigned pond boundary. **No hunting from levees.**
- B. **Hunters may only enter or exit the hunt area from designated parking lots (see map). Equipment may not be dropped-off or picked-up between parking areas.**
- C. No bikes allowed.
- D. **Federally approved non-toxic shot required for all hunting. Hunters are limited to a 25-shell limit, while in the field.**
- E. **No shot guns larger than 12 gauge and no shot size larger than BB, except steel “T” (.20” diameter) are permitted.** *The possession and/or use of shot sizes large than BB in non-toxic shot other than steel, in the field, is prohibited on State and Federal wildlife areas (under the authority of Section 550(b)(1) and in addition to the regulations on shot size found in Section 551(b)(3)).
- F. **The consumption or possession of an open container of alcohol, within public areas of the refuge, is prohibited.**
- G. Medical marijuana cards are not valid on National Wildlife Refuges.
- H. **White-fronted geese (speckle-bellies) may not be taken after December 21.**
- I. **Pheasant and snipe hunting are permitted during their appropriate season dates, on shoot days in the free roam area only.** Additionally, on the first Monday of pheasant season, all hunting areas are open to pheasant hunting. **Shooting hours are 8:00am to sunset.**
- J. No shooting from or across access roads, parking areas, or into or from safety zones. **Loaded firearms are prohibited in parking areas.**
- K. It is unlawful to use electronic or mechanically-operated spinning blade devices or spinning wing decoys when attempting to take waterfowl **from the start of waterfowl season through November 30.**
- L. Dogs are allowed on the hunting area, but must be kept under control. **Dogs must be kept in vehicles or on leash while in the check station parking area and on vehicle access roads.**
- M. **Hunters 15 years of age and under** must be accompanied by an adult hunter at all times.