Special Conditions

Seasons
Archery deer, small game and migratory bird (woodcock and snipe only) hunting is permitted in accordance with state seasons and dates in the units designated as open to public hunting. The Wildlife Drive and hiking trails are closed to hunting.

Access
Vehicle travel is limited to designated parking areas. Snowmobiles, ATVs, ORUVs (off-road vehicles) are not permitted on the refuge.

Camping
Overnight camping and camp fires are prohibited.

Littering
Littering is prohibited. Pack out your trash (including shotgun shell casings) so that the area will remain clean, natural, and enjoyable.

Non-toxic Shot
Shotgun hunters must use non-toxic shot. The possession of lead shot is prohibited while in the field.

Other Regulations
The refuge is OPEN to woodcock and snipe only. NO waterfowl hunting.

When in doubt as to any regulation, contact a refuge officer or the refuge headquarters at 218/768-2402.

Contact the local Area Wildlife Manager (Aitkin) for information on the nearby Kimberly Marsh Wildlife Management Area at 218/429-3051.

(See other side for more information)
Rice Lake NWR is state designated “Special Permit” Area 901 for either sex permits. Area 901 permit holders may hunt in Unit A only. See map for details. Hunters apply to the MN Department of Natural Resources for a Special Area Permit according to regulations and procedures. Details on the firearms hunt, dates and application procedures are outlined in the annual Minnesota Hunting and Trapping Regulations booklet. Contact the refuge office for application procedures for the accessible deer hunt.

All deer taken during the archery and firearm season are to be registered as taken in Permit Area 901. Deer may be registered at any authorized Registration Station.

Only portable stands not requiring the use of nails, screws, bolts or other metal objects to be driven into the tree to support a hunter may be used. Stands must not be left overnight.

The use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting on National Wildlife Refuges is prohibited. Have a safe hunt!

Prohibited.

Report violations by calling the Aitkin County Sheriff at 1-888/900 2138, or 911. You may also call the Turn in Poachers (TIP) line at 1-800/652 9093.