

Seasons

Special Conditions

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.

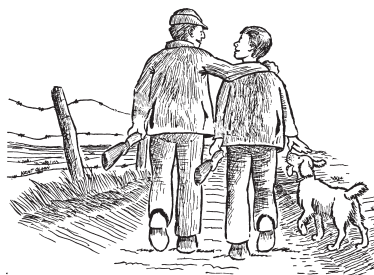
Other Regulations

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)



Small Game

| | Unit A | Unit B* |
|-----------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Ruffed/Spruce/Sharp-tailed Grouse | Open | Reserved |
| Snowshoe Hare | Open | Reserved |
| Cottontail Rabbit | Open | Reserved |
| Gray/Fox Squirrel | Open | Reserved |

Migratory Birds

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| American Woodcock | Open | Reserved |
| Common Snipe | Open | Reserved |

Note: The refuge is CLOSED to duck, goose, and other migratory bird hunting.

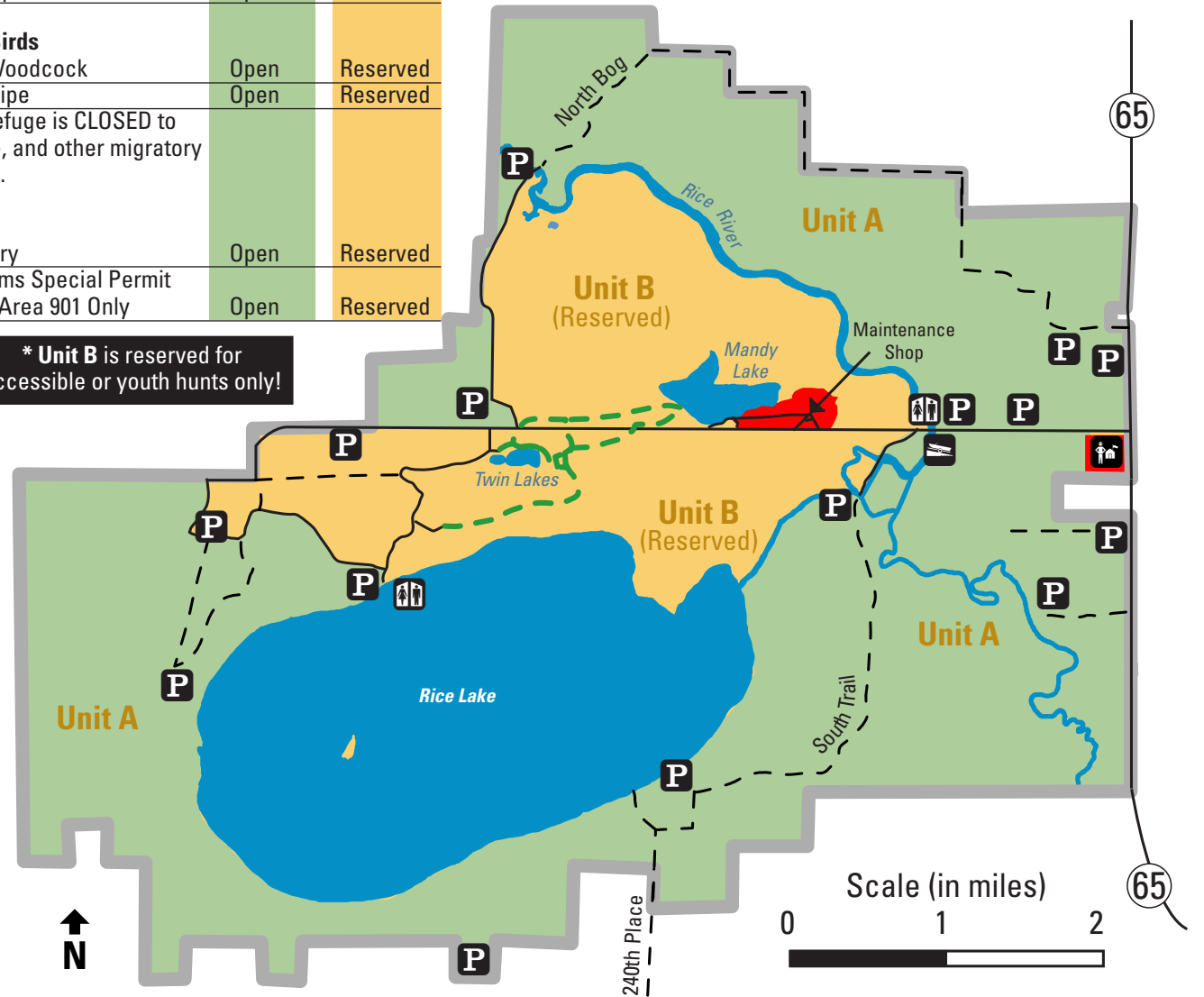
Big Game

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| Deer, Archery | Open | Reserved |
| Deer, Firearms Special Permit Holders for Area 901 Only | Open | Reserved |

*** Unit B is reserved for accessible or youth hunts only!**

Rice Lake

National Wildlife Refuge



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| Refuge Boundary | Boat Launch | Unit A-Public Hunting |
| Refuge Visitor Center | Maintained Roads | Unit B (Reserved) |
| Parking Area | Seasonal Roads | Closed to Hunting |
| Restrooms | Trails | |

*Deer-Firearms
Permits*

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.

*Deer
Registration*

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.

*Hunting
Stands*

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.

Alcohol

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

*Target
Shooting*

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.

Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge
36289 State Highway 65
McGregor, MN 55760
218/768 2402
RiceLakeRefuge@fws.gov
www.fws.gov/refuge/rice_lake

People with hearing impairments may reach Rice Lake NWR through the Federal Information Relay System at 1 800/877 8339
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
1 800/344 WILD
www.fws.gov



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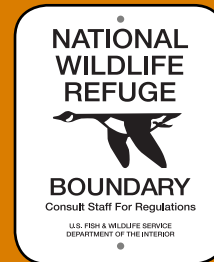
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National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Map & Regulations

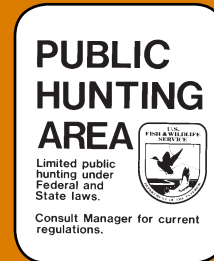


Refuge Signs—Know Their Meaning!

Refuge Boundary



*Area Open to
Hunting*



*Area Closed
to Hunting*

