

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, and other off-road vehicles are not permitted on the refuge.

Camping

Overnight camping and open fires are prohibited.

Littering

Littering is prohibited. Pack your trash (including shotgun shell casings) out with you 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 CLOSED to duck, goose and other migratory bird hunting. The refuge is OPEN to woodcock and snipe only.

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) 927-6915

(See other side for more information)



Small Game
Ruffed/ Spruce/ Sharp-tailed Grouse

	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

American Woodcock	Open	Reserved
Common Snipe	Open	Reserved

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

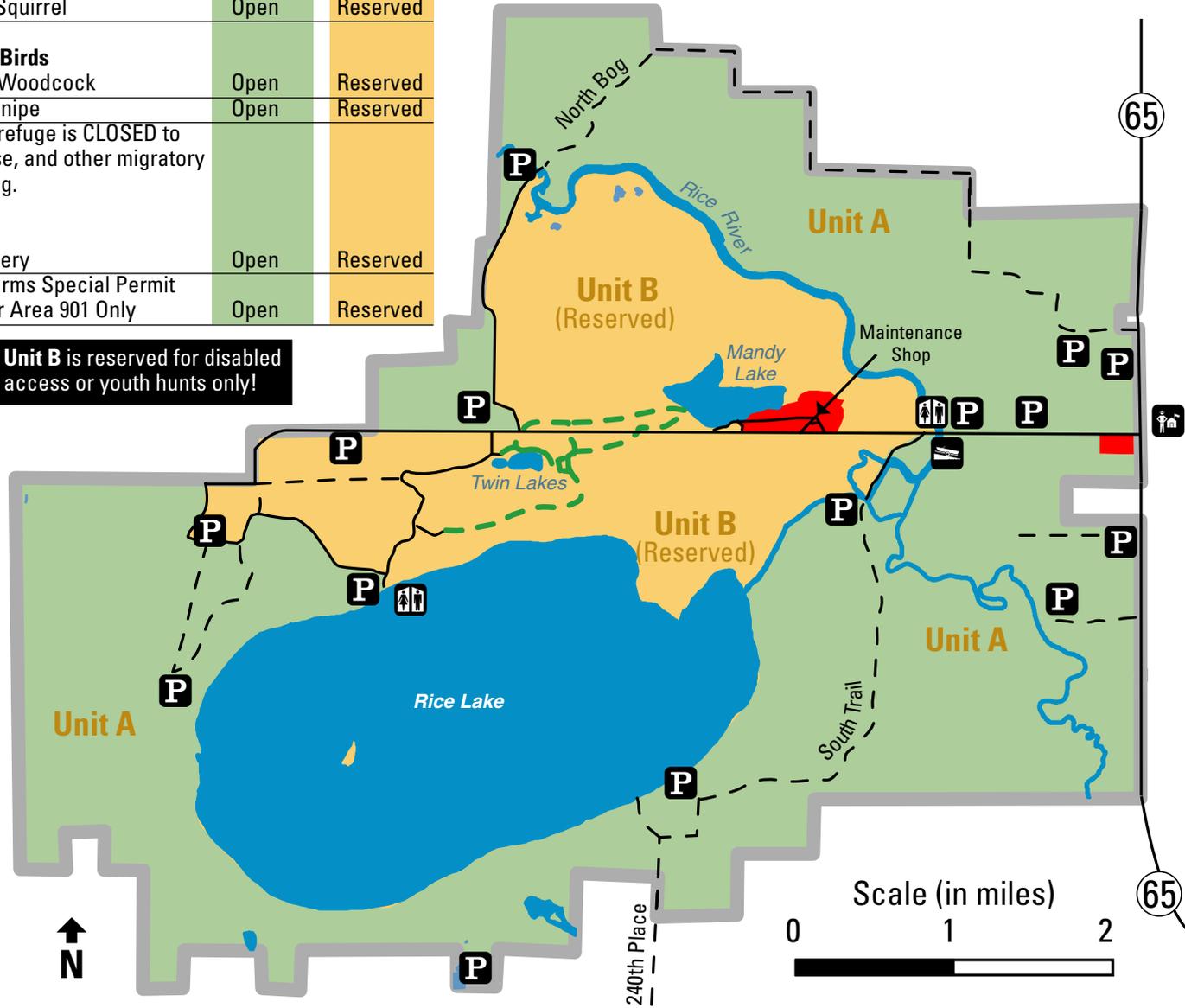
Big Game

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

*** Unit B is reserved for disabled access or youth hunts only!**

Rice Lake

National Wildlife Refuge



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 for the "either sex" permit. Contact the refuge office for application procedures for the disabled access deer hunt.

*Deer
Registration*

Deer taken by archery may be registered at any authorized Registration Station. Also, please notify the refuge office of any deer taken to aid in our management program.

*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.

Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge
36289 State Highway 65
218/768-2402
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
<http://www.fws.gov>



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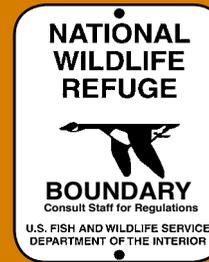
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National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Map & Regulations



Refuge Signs - Know Their Meaning!

Refuge Boundary



*Area Open to
Hunting*



*Area Closed
to Hunting*



*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.*