

# Rydell

## National Wildlife Refuge Hunting and Fishing Regulations



### Welcome

Rydell National Wildlife Refuge was established in January 1992. It is located in Polk County in northwestern Minnesota and is 2,039 acres in size. The Refuge was established to protect wildlife habitat and diversity, to encourage waterfowl and other migratory bird production, and to promote environmental education and recreation. This northwestern Minnesota refuge lies on the eastern edge of the prairie pothole region, directly between the tallgrass prairie, to the west, and the broadleaf forest, to the east. It is comprised of a mosaic of habitats that include grassland, wetland, forest, and oak savanna.

### Firearms

Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on National Wildlife Refuge System lands must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (50 CFR 27.42 and specific refuge regulations in 50 CFR Part 32.).

### Vehicles

No vehicles are allowed on hiking trails and aside from the entrance area, no vehicles are allowed on Refuge service roads.

### Accessibility Information

Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs and activities of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is available to all individuals regardless of physical or mental ability. For more information please contact the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Equal Opportunity, <https://www.doi.gov/pmb/eo/public-civil-rights>.

### Hunting and Fishing Regulations

Hunting and fishing regulations are designed to provide safe recreational opportunities through wise use of renewable wildlife resources. Hunting and fishing are permitted in accordance with Federal regulations governing public use on National Wildlife Refuges as set forth in Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

All of the listed hunting activities, with the exception of the Mentored Deer and Accessible Deer hunts are ONLY open in Hunt Unit A. The mentored and accessible deer hunts are open in BOTH Hunt Unit A and B.

### Access

Hunters may only access the Refuge from 2 hours before sunrise to 2 hours after sunset.

Hunters may park in designated refuge parking areas along public roadways that border the refuge. Hunters may also park along these roadways, so long as no part of the vehicle is in the road. Blocking gates or trails is prohibited. All ATV, UTV, and snowmobile use is prohibited.

Hunters may use bicycles on gravel roads or two-track trails in Hunt Unit A.

The use of wheeled, non-motorized conveyance devices (e.g. game carts) is allowed.

### Stands and Blinds

Treestands and ground blinds must be removed daily. Use of nails, spikes, and screw-in steps is prohibited. Hunters must also dismantle hunting blinds made from natural vegetation at the end of each day.

### Big Game Regulations

- Lotteries/Permits: State-issued permits for the mentored youth deer hunt and accessible deer hunt need to be obtained by special application/lottery. Contact the Refuge Manager (218-687-2229) for details.
- Weapons/Ammo: Deer can only be hunted with archery equipment, aside from during the special mentored youth and accessible deer seasons.
- Shooting on, from, over, across or within 30 feet of a roadway open to public vehicle transportation is prohibited.

## Migratory Bird and Upland Game Regulations

- Ducks, geese, and coots can only be hunted by youth during the special State-administered youth season.
- Non-motorized boats can be used in areas open to migratory bird hunting during the special State-administered youth season.
- Dogs may be used, but must be under control of the hunter at all times.
- Weapons/Ammo: Shotguns and archery equipment are the only legal weapons. You may use or possess only approved non-toxic shot shells while hunting migratory birds and upland game, including turkey.

## Prohibited Activities

- Trail/game cameras are prohibited.
- Use or plastic flagging or reflective tacks or markers is prohibited.
- Cutting trails or trimming trees is prohibited.
- Commercial guiding or participating in a paid commercial hunt is prohibited.
- Taking or harassing any animal other than those authorized to hunt is prohibited.
- Baiting of any kind, including use of salt or mineral blocks is prohibited.
- Use or possession of alcohol is prohibited.
- Overnight camping is prohibited.

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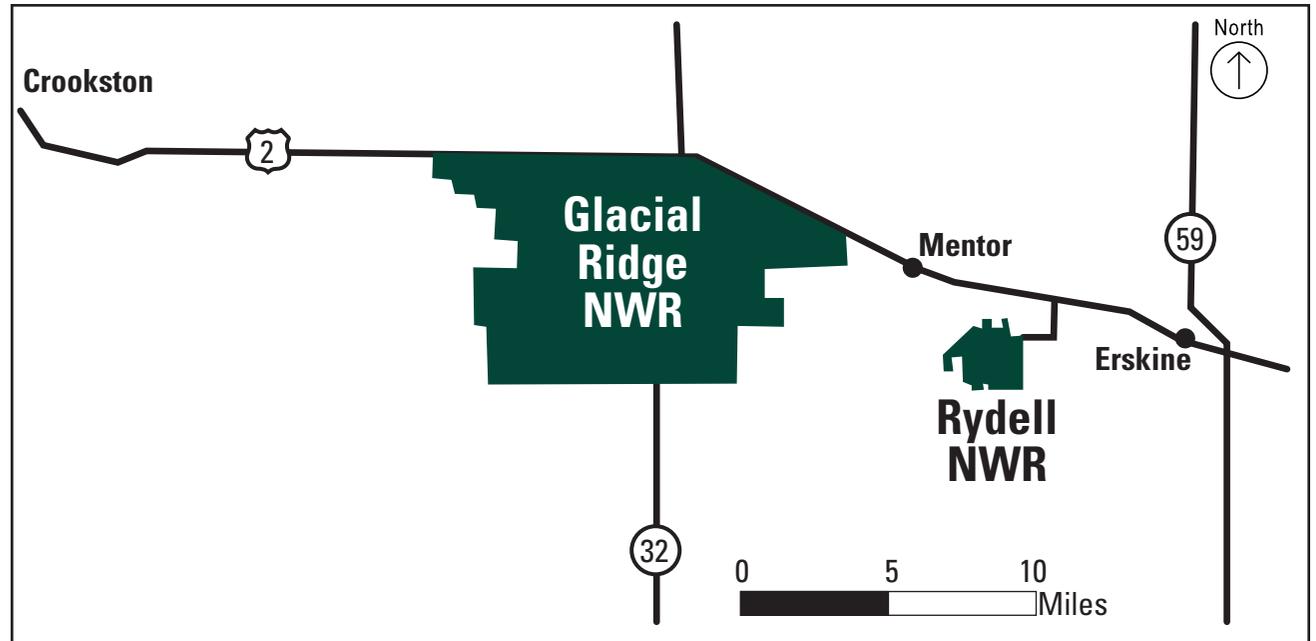


Activity	Bag Limit	Unit	Seasons	Special Regulations
<b>Archery Deer</b>	See State hunting regulations for bag limits	Unit A	Concurrent with State season	Closed during special mentored youth and accessible deer hunts
<b>Deer Mentored Youth</b>	See State hunting regulations for bag limits	Unit A and B	2-day October season, Specific dates vary annually	Special state-issued permit required. Limited draw
<b>Deer Accessible (Disabled)</b>	One deer of either sex	Unit A and B	3-day October season. Specific dates vary annually	Special state-issued permit required. Limited draw
<b>Cottontail Rabbit, Snowshoe Hare and Jack Rabbit, Gray and Fox Squirrel, Ruffed Grouse, Ring-necked Pheasant, Hungarian Partridge, Turkey (Spring and Fall)</b>	See State hunting regulations for bag limits	Unit A	Concurrent with State seasons	Shotgun and archery equipment are only legal weapons. Non-toxic shot only in shotguns. Closed during special mentored youth and accessible deer hunts
<b>Prairie Chicken and Sharp-tailed Grouse</b>	See State hunting regulations for bag limits	Unit A	Concurrent with State season (hunting by special State-issued permit only)	Shotgun and archery equipment are only legal weapons. Non-toxic shot only in shotguns.
<b>Mourning Dove and Woodcock</b>	See State hunting regulations for bag limits	Unit A	Concurrent with State seasons	Closed during special mentored youth and accessible deer hunts
<b>Ducks, Coots, and Geese</b>	See State hunting regulations for bag limits	Unit A	State administered Youth Waterfowl Season only	Non-motorized boat use only
<b>Fishing</b>	All other fishing rules are in accordance with State regulations	Tamarac Lake	May 1 – Nov. 1	Fishing is allowed only on Tamarac Lake from 3 accessible piers/docks by hike-in or bike-in only.  Closed during special mentored youth and accessible deer hunts

**HUNTING IS CLOSED TO ALL SPECIES NOT LISTED, INCLUDING UNPROTECTED ANIMALS.**

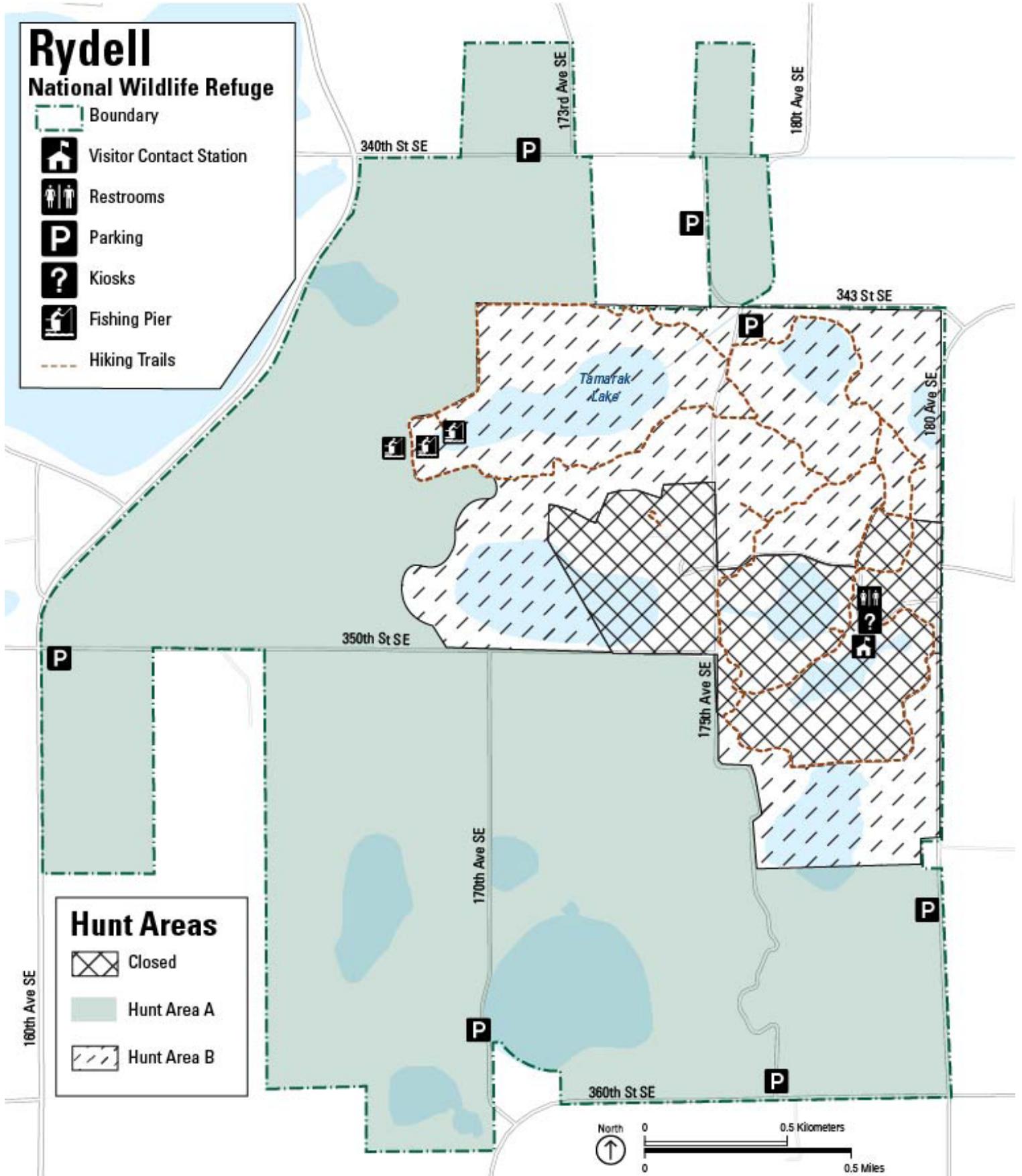
### Fishing Regulations

- Fishing is allowed only on Tamarac Lake. Season dates are May 1 – Nov. 1, annually.
- Fishing can only be done from one of three accessible piers/docks located on the west side of Tamarac Lake.
- Fishing access is hike-in or bike-in only.
- We prohibit the taking of any turtle, frog, leech, minnow, crayfish, and mussel (clam) species by any method on the Refuge.
- All other fishing rules are in accordance with State regulations.
- Closed during special mentored youth and accessible deer hunts.



# Rydell National Wildlife Refuge

-  Boundary
-  Visitor Contact Station
-  Restrooms
-  Parking
-  Kiosks
-  Fishing Pier
-  Hiking Trails



## Hunt Areas

-  Closed
-  Hunt Area A
-  Hunt Area B

