



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Sherburne

National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Regulations & Map



The "Blue Goose" Symbolizes the National Wildlife Refuge System, a Network of 560 refuges protected and managed for wildlife, habitat, and people.

Welcome to Sherburne

Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1965 to help protect and restore the habitats associated with the St. Francis River Valley for migratory birds and other wildlife. Today the refuge encompasses over 30,700 acres of land. Recreation is encouraged where it is compatible with the needs of wildlife and the land. Limited sport hunting is permitted on the refuge in accordance with all applicable Federal and Minnesota State laws subject to the following special refuge regulations:



Public Access

Vehicles are permitted only on roads designated on the map. Foot travel is permitted throughout the refuge September 1 – February 28 except in Closed Areas. The refuge is closed during the sanctuary period March 1 – August 31, except areas designated in the Public Use Regulations & Map.



Parking

Vehicles may be parked in parking areas shown on the map or on the shoulder of the road in accordance with County and State regulations. Overnight parking is not permitted.



Hunting

Hunting is permitted as set by Federal and State laws. The refuge is NOT OPEN for deer muzzleloader, mourning dove, predator, bear, crow, raccoon or general turkey hunting.

A spring turkey hunt may be available for disabled and youth hunters by special use permit. Contact the Refuge Headquarters for details.



Hunters with Disabilities

Blinds for hunters with disabilities may be available by reservation during waterfowl, spring turkey and firearms-deer seasons. For more information, contact the Refuge Headquarters.



Firearms and Ammunition

Hunting weapons are prohibited in areas closed to hunting. Shotgun hunters must possess and use only non-toxic shot while hunting small game and migratory birds on the refuge. NO target or indiscriminate shooting is permitted.



Accidents

Serious injuries or accidents occurring on the refuge should be reported to the Refuge Headquarters.



Protected Species

Species not listed in this brochure are protected and may NOT be killed. It is YOUR responsibility to be able to identify your game and protected species. Bald eagles, swans and other protected birds are common in hunting areas.



Camping

Camping is not permitted on the refuge. Camping is available at the Sand Dunes State Forest and private campgrounds.



Fire

Fire danger can be extremely high during spring and fall. Please take special precautions with all flammable materials. Campfires are not permitted.



Boats

Motorized watercrafts are prohibited, including electric motors. Watercrafts can be launched at designated access sites only.

Refuge Open for Hunting Only These Species

<u>Small Game</u>	<u>Area A</u>	<u>Area B</u>	<u>Area C</u>
Ruffed Grouse	State Season	State Season	Closed
Gray & Fox Squirrel	State Season	State Season	Closed
Rabbit & Hare	State Season	State Season	Closed
Pheasant	State Season	State Season	Closed
 <u>Migratory Birds</u>			
Ducks, Coots & Geese	Closed	State Season	Closed
Rails, Woodcock, & Snipe	Closed	State Season	Closed
 <u>Big Game</u>			
Deer - Archery	State Season	State Season	*Closed
Deer - Firearms MN-DNR Zone 200 Permit Area 224	State Season	State Season	State Season

Spring Turkey Spring turkey hunt for youth and disabled hunters may be available by special use permit. Contact Refuge Headquarters for details.

Fall Turkey Closed

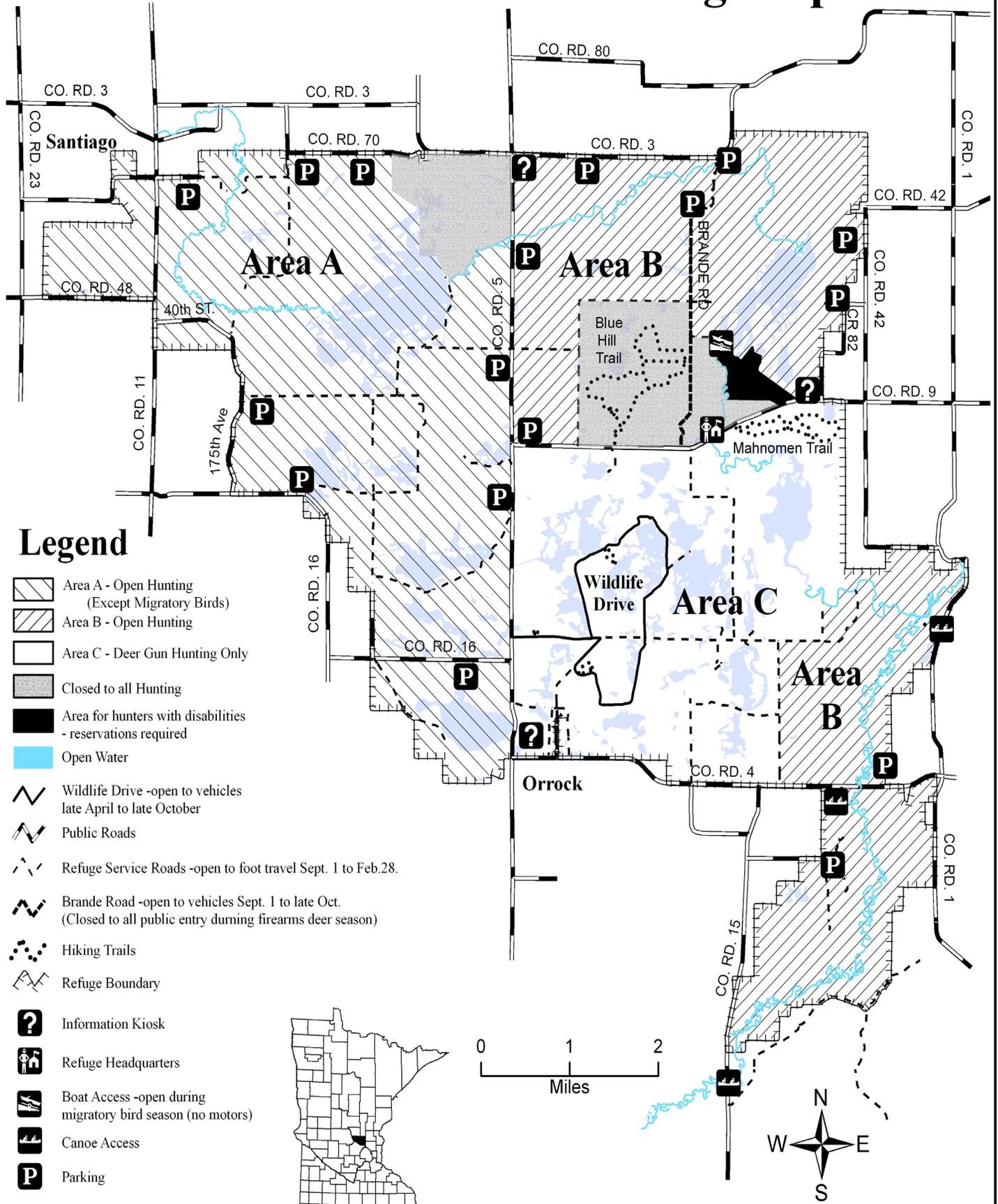
*Area C is closed to archery deer hunting, except during the State firearms-deer season.

*All hunting is prohibited March 1 to August 31, during the refuge sanctuary period.

Special Refuge Hunting Regulations

- All hunters must be licensed and abide by all applicable federal and state regulations.
- The use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.
- Field possession of migratory birds is prohibited in areas closed to migratory bird hunting.
- All property brought onto the refuge must be removed each day. This includes vehicles, boats, decoys, trash, trail cameras, and hunting equipment.
- Cutting, mowing, sawing, digging, collecting, injuring, or removing vegetation is prohibited.
- During firearms-deer season the Brande Road off Co. Rd. 9 is closed to all access including foot travel.
- Collecting or removal of antler sheds is prohibited.
- Hunting dogs are permitted, but must be under the immediate control of the hunter at all times, and used only during state hunting season, in areas open to hunting. Training and allowing pets off leash are prohibited at all other times.
- Entry into hunting areas earlier than 2 hours before legal shooting hours is prohibited.
- Deer pushes or deer drives on areas closed to white-tailed deer hunting are prohibited.
- Permanent stands are not permitted. Portable stands or temporary blinds are permitted, but must be removed at the end of each day. Nails, wire, bolts or screw-in steps may not be used to attach a stand or to support a hunter or equipment.

Sherburne NWR Hunting Map

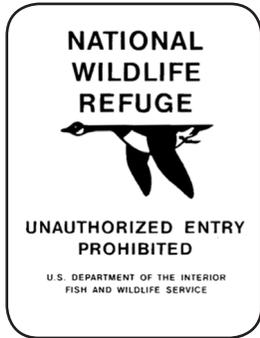


Legend

-  Area A - Open Hunting (Except Migratory Birds)
-  Area B - Open Hunting
-  Area C - Deer Gun Hunting Only
-  Closed to all Hunting
-  Area for hunters with disabilities - reservations required
-  Open Water
-  Wildlife Drive -open to vehicles late April to late October
-  Public Roads
-  Refuge Service Roads -open to foot travel Sept. 1 to Feb.28.
-  Brande Road -open to vehicles Sept. 1 to late Oct. (Closed to all public entry during firearms deer season)
-  Hiking Trails
-  Refuge Boundary
-  Information Kiosk
-  Refuge Headquarters
-  Boat Access -open during migratory bird season (no motors)
-  Canoe Access
-  Parking



Signs to Know



Refuge Boundary

This sign delineates the refuge boundary.



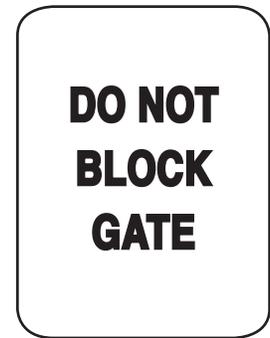
No Hunting Zone

This area is closed to ALL hunting.



Area Closed

This area is closed to ALL entry all year.



Gates

All refuge roads must remain accessible for fire and emergency situations.

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