

Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge

Turkey Hunting

Welcome to Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service established the refuge in 1958 primarily for nesting, resting, staging and feeding waterfowl. Public hunting is a priority public use and can provide a quality recreational experience when pursued responsibly. We allow hunting of turkey in accordance with State laws and the following refuge specific regulations.

We allow turkey hunting during the spring season only.

Permits

We require a refuge **Big Game Hunting Permit** in addition to a state license and permit.

We issue 75 permits through a random drawing held prior to the season. Hunters may obtain a permit for one of two season sessions. Session 1 runs from May 1 - May 15 and we issue 50 permits for this session. Session 2 runs from May 16 - May 31 and we issue 25 permits for this session. To participate in the drawing you must complete a **Big Game Hunt Application** which can be obtained in person or by mail from the refuge office or from our website at <http://www.fws.gov/refuge/iroquois/hunting>. On the form, complete items 1, 2, and 3. In item 5 select or write in "Turkey (Spring)". In item 6 list Session 1 and Session 2 in order of preference. At item 9 sign on the Hunter Signature line. Youth under 18 need their parent/guardian to sign on the Guardian Signature line. A \$5 non-refundable processing fee must accompany the application form to be entered into the drawing. The application must be received by the deadline which will be announced in a news release and on the refuge website: <http://www.fws.gov/refuge/iroquois>. Those selected will be notified by mail.

Harvest Reports

You must turn in a **Big Game Harvest**

Report no later than June 7 whether you hunted or not. Failure to do so will result in being denied a permit the following year. The report form has items that do not pertain to turkey hunting on Iroquois. On the report, complete the upper portion except leave "Time" and "Number in Party" blank. Write the number of birds harvested, sex, and size information in the spaces provided.

No Hunting Zones/Closed Area

No Hunting Zones include but are not limited to: the immediate area around the refuge office; around refuge residences; the vicinity of the Iroquois Job Corps Center; Swallow Hollow, Kanyoo and Onondaga Nature Trails; and safety zones around private residences adjacent to the refuge. Weapons may not be discharged within, into or across a "No Hunting Zone" or "Closed Area"; or from, on or across any refuge road or designated foot trail. Hunting from within 500 feet of any roadway or trail, whether open or closed to vehicular or foot traffic, or from within 500 feet of any residence or refuge building is prohibited.

In addition the main dike in Mohawk Pool and County Line Dike are closed to all entry to protect nesting bald eagles.

Scouting

Hunters who have received permits may scout from April 22 - April 30, excluding the New York State Youth Hunt Weekend. You may not call or possess a call of any kind while scouting. You must have your permit with you.

Blinds

We allow portable blinds and decoys, which must be removed at the conclusion of the hunt day.



Vehicles

Stay on public roads. Off road travel, ATV's and snowmobiles are not

allowed. Please, do not block gates or roads.



Boats

Canoes, kayaks or other boats without motors are permitted on Oak Orchard Creek only, from Knowlesville Road to Route 63. You may launch boats from Route 63, Sour Springs Road and Knowlesville Road. Expect obstructions and variable water levels.

Prohibited Activities

The distribution of bait, or hunting over a baited area.

Using illuminating devices, including automobile headlights, for the purpose of spotlighting game species.

Camping, overnight parking, open fires and littering.

Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting.

Hunters may not possess axes, hatchets, saws, nails, tacks, paint or flagging for the marking of trees and shrubs.

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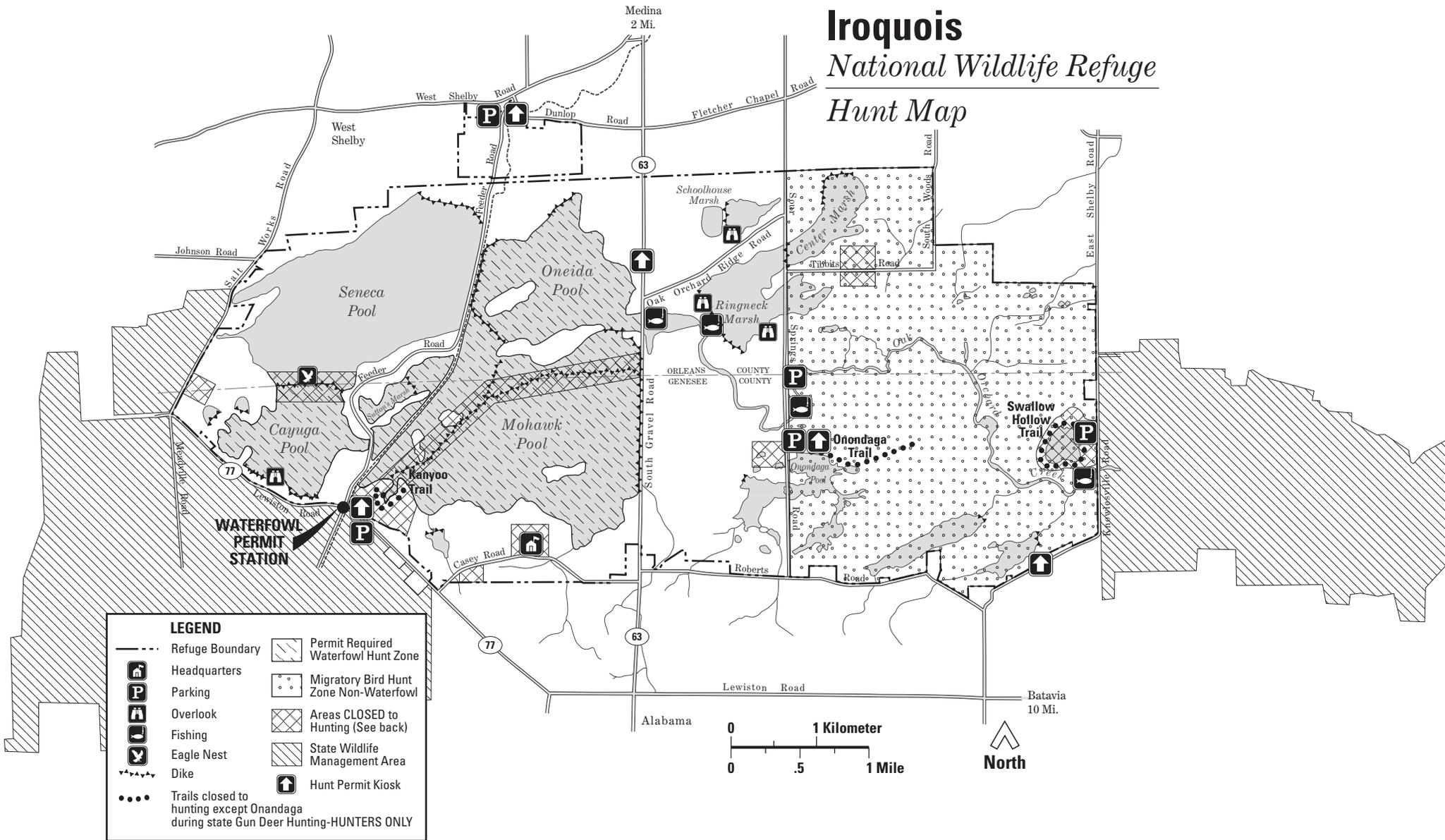
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Hunt Map



LEGEND

- Refuge Boundary
- Permit Required Waterfowl Hunt Zone
- Headquarters
- Migratory Bird Hunt Zone Non-Waterfowl
- Parking
- Areas CLOSED to Hunting (See back)
- Overlook
- Fishing
- State Wildlife Management Area
- Eagle Nest
- Dike
- Hunt Permit Kiosk
- Trails closed to hunting except Onandaga during state Gun Deer Hunting-HUNTERS ONLY