a manner creating a safety hazard, or endangering any person, property, or environmental feature, is prohibited. Any vehicle left parked in violation may be impounded at the owner’s expense.

**Littering**

All refuge lands must be kept clean during the period of use or occupancy. You must keep all refuse, trash, and litter contained in bags or other suitable containers, and not left scattered on the ground or in the water at any time. You must remove all personal property, refuse, trash, and litter immediately upon vacating a site. Animal carcasses and spent shells are considered litter.

**Additional Regulations**

This is a listing of the most commonly referenced regulations. Additional regulations are published in the Code of Federal Regulations Title 50, Subchapter C, The National Wildlife Refuge System, and available at refuge offices or the refuge website.

**Special Regulation Areas**

Areas throughout the refuge are designated as closed or restricted use areas, usually autumn to spring, to protect migrating waterfowl or for public safety. These areas are marked with orange topped “special regulation” signs (see next page) and list the restrictions and effective dates or seasons. Please read and heed these signs. Maps of these areas are available at refuge offices or the refuge website.

The Bertom-McCartney Closed Area in Pool 11 has no avoidance provision. The “no motor use” designation means the use of motors on watercraft is prohibited from October 15 through the end of the regular state duck hunting season, although possession of motors is allowed.

**Electric Motor Areas**

These signs identify an area which is closed year-round to all motorized vehicles and watercraft except watercraft powered by electric motors or non-motorized means. The possession of other watercraft motors is not prohibited, only their use.

**Slow, No-Wake Areas**

In areas marked by these signs, watercraft must travel at slow, no-wake speed and no airboats or hovercraft are allowed from March 16 through October 31. Respective state definitions for what constitutes “slow, no-wake” speed or operation apply.

**Refuge Signs**

- **NO ENTRY SANCTUARY**
- **NO ENTRY NO MOTOR USE**
- **AREA CLOSED NO MOTOR USE**
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These signs mark the refuge boundary or let you know you are in the refuge.
Hunting and trapping have a deep history and tradition on the refuge. Most hunting opportunities are in wetlands, on islands, and in floodplain forest accessible mainly by boat.

Portions of the refuge are open to hunting in accordance with federal, state, and local regulations, with the most restrictive regulation applying on the refuge. All hunting regulations should be checked before hunting. Local ordinances may restrict hunting near populated areas. Contact one of the refuge offices for information regarding special regulations that apply in your area of interest. Please be aware that individuals involved in hunting near populated areas. Contact one of the refuge offices for information regarding special regulations that apply in your area of interest. Please be aware that individuals involved in hunting near populated areas.

General Hunting Regulations
Hunting is not allowed on the refuge during the Illinois Duck Hunting Season, from August 16 through August 31, except for wild turkey during the spring season and fox squirrel on the Illinois portion of the refuge. The Illinois Duck Hunting Season is 20 days.

Hunting and trapping have a deep history and tradition on the refuge. Hunting and trapping in accordance with general Wisconsin regulations is allowed. Constructing hunting gear, and hunting blinds on the refuge is allowed. Blinds from rocks placed for shoreline is allowed. Constructing hunting gear, and hunting blinds on the refuge is allowed.

The construction of permanent hunting blinds is prohibited.

Natural material may be used for seasonal blinds, with restrictions: You may gather grasses and marsh vegetation from the refuge for use as blinds. However, Phragmites (bulrush) cannot be cut or brought onto the refuge. Cutting willow, up to a diameter of 2 inches, for trap stands, commercial fishing gear; and hunting blinds on the refuge is allowed. Constructing hunting blinds placed for shoreline protection (rip rap) is prohibited. You are allowed to leave seasonal blinds, made entirely of natural vegetation, and biodegradable twine, on the refuge. All such blinds include public property and open to the public. Mammal material may be used for temporary blinds, with restrictions: No lumber, pipes, posts or timbers may be used for blinds. At the end of each day’s hunt, you must remove any mammal blinds used.

Wildlife
We prohibit the discharge of firearms (including dog training pistons and dog training pellets) other than weapons or other weapons on the refuge, except by hunters, employees or trappers engaged in authorized activities during established seasons, in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations. Target practice is prohibited.

Hunting Equipment
Hunting equipment can only be set up the day of the hunt, and must be removed at the end of each day. Any blinds should be checked before hunting. Local ordinances may restrict hunting near populated areas. Contact one of the refuge offices for information regarding special regulations that apply in your area of interest. Please be aware that individuals involved in hunting near populated areas.

Gross Retrieval
You must immediately make a reasonable attempt to retrieve drowned waterfowl, whether marked or not and any injured waterfowl on the refuge. Skinning a living animal is prohibited.

Hunt Methods
Shining a light to locate any animal the point of kill for specified in sportsman hunting is prohibited. Light hunting regulations. Lights may also be used to find your way. The distribution of bait or feed and the use of nails, wire, screws, or bolts is prohibited. All other hunt method is prohibited. All such blinds include public property and open to the public.

Aloof Dogs
Dogs may be used for hunting in accordance with State regulations. When dogs are not actively engaged in hunting activities, the following conditions apply. No dogs are allowed to disturb or chase birds or other wildlife on the refuge, except at Potter’s Marsh Entry Sanctuary, or on any sites designated as Medium sized wildlife sanctuaries. No hunting is allowed on the refuge.

License/Permits
Hunters must possess a hunting license valid in the state in which they are hunting. They must be in compliance with general Wisconsin state and federal regulations and requirements. Hunting areas cannot be reserved, except at Potter’s Marsh Managed Hunt Area, Pool 31, near Thomson, IL.

Non-Toxic Shot
Hunters may only use ac or possess approved non-toxic shot shells while in the field. Hunting shot shells used for hunting waterfowl.

State Boundary
The main channel of the Mississippi River is considered the state boundary for all areas. For verification of the state boundary line, contact any of the refuge District Offices, or refer to Pool Maps available at refuge offices or on refuge website.

Forfeiter Harvest
Portions of the refuge are open to trapping. State-licensed trappers must obtain a trap Special Use Permit and receive trap tags. Refuge special trapping seasons may differ from state seasons. You may cut willow up to 2 inches in diameter along the refuge. You must submit a Fur Catch Report following the season. The Special Use Permit contains additional regulations.

Other Regulations
Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.

Warming Fires
Cutting or removing or damaging any tree or other vegetation except as allowed for blinds or by written permit is prohibited. Cutting or removing or damaging any tree or other vegetation except as allowed for blinds or by written permit is prohibited.

Campfires
Camping is prohibited during waterfowl hunting seasons within areas posted Waterfowl Hunting Area, Closed Area, No Hunting Zone, No Entry Sanctions, or on any sites not clearly visible from the main commercial navigation channel. Camping is prohibited during waterfowl hunting seasons within areas posted Waterfowl Hunting Area, Closed Area, No Hunting Zone, No Entry Sanctions, or on any sites not clearly visible from the main commercial navigation channel.

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Vehicles
All vehicles are prohibited on or across refuge lands at anytime, except on designated routes of travel, or on ice over navigable waterways, such as trails, sandbars, and boat landings. Field trials or commercial/professional dog training are prohibited.

Cutting of any arrow for bow hunting is prohibited. The use or possession of any drug hunting is prohibited. The use or possession of any drug hunting is prohibited. The use or possession of any drug hunting is prohibited.

Legal shooting hours until ½ hour during the time 1 hour before the start of legal shooting hours until ½ hour after the close of legal shooting hours. The use of nails, wire, screws, or bolts is prohibited. All other hunt method is prohibited. All such blinds include public property and open to the public.

Firearms
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