

Whittlesey Creek

National Wildlife Refuge

Hunt, Fish & Public Use Regulations

2019 - 2020



The regulations in this brochure supersede all previous versions

Report a Violation Hotline Call or Text
1-800-847-9367

The hotline number is in operation 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Wisconsin's DNR Violation Hotline provides Wisconsin citizens with the opportunity to confidentially report suspected wildlife, recreational, and environmental violations.

Public Use Regulations The Refuge is open from sunrise to sunset. To protect the natural resources of the refuge and provide all visitors with a safe, enjoyable recreational experience, follow these guidelines:

- Access on the Refuge is by foot traffic and includes hiking, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing.
- Motorized vehicles are permitted only on public roads and designated Refuge parking areas. Consult attached map. **Overnight parking is prohibited!**
- Camping is prohibited.
- Pets must be on a leash, except when used for the purpose of hunting where permitted in accordance with federal and state regulations and seasons.
- Fires, including charcoal, as well as all fireworks and explosives are prohibited.
- Vegetation may not be damaged or removed from



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Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center
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Ashland, WI 54806
715-685-9983

People with hearing Impairments may reach Whittlesey Creek through Relay Service at 1-800/947-3529 (TTY)

http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Whittlesey_Creek/
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
1-800-344-WILD



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the Refuge including willow and birch twigs or branches.

- Disposing of animal carcasses, trash, yard waste, or other debris is prohibited.
- The use or possession of alcohol or controlled substances are prohibited.
- Trapping of furbearers is prohibited.
- Berry, fruit and mushroom picking are permitted for personal consumption ONLY, not for resale or commercial use.

Big Game Hunting:



The Refuge permits archery deer hunting in designated hunting areas larger than 20 acres in accordance with federal and state regulations subject to the following conditions:

- Firearm deer hunting is prohibited on the Refuge.
- Distribution of feed or bait or hunting over bait is prohibited. This includes salt and minerals.
- Bows must be cased at all times while in areas posted as no hunting.
- The use of artificial lights and vehicle headlights are prohibited to take or locate game.
- Stands and blinds: The construction or use of permanent blinds, platforms or stands is prohibited.
- Ground blinds or any elevated stands are permitted only if they do not damage live vegetation, including trees. The use of nails, wire, screws or bolts to attach a stand to a tree,

or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven to support a hunter is prohibited.

- All stands and all other personal property must be removed from the Refuge at the end of each day's hunt.
- Hunters must obtain permission from the landowner to enter private property to retrieve deer.

Waterfowl Hunting



The Refuge permits waterfowl hunting in accordance with federal and state regulations subject to the following conditions:

- Hunters must possess and use only non-toxic shot.
- Permanent blinds are not permitted. All blinds as well as boats, decoys and all other personal property must be removed from the Refuge at the end of each day's hunt.

No Hunting Zones:

Closed to all hunting for visitor safety. Consult attached map.

All other state regulations apply. In any instance where federal regulations and state regulations differ, federal law supersedes state law.

Public access to refuge lands east of Hwy13 open to both waterfowl and archery deer is south from Longbridge Rd. via adjacent DNR property, or the shoreline of Lake Superior.

Fishing



All Refuge lands are open to recreational fishing according to state regulations. Sport fishing is approved on the refuge according

to state regulations with two exceptions. See refuge sport fishing regulations below.

- Motorized watercraft use is prohibited.
- We prohibit all types of motorized vehicles on frozen water bodies.

Sport Fishing

Wisconsin DNR regulations apply as to license, seasons, sizes, limits, methods of take, and species of fish to be taken with the following exceptions:

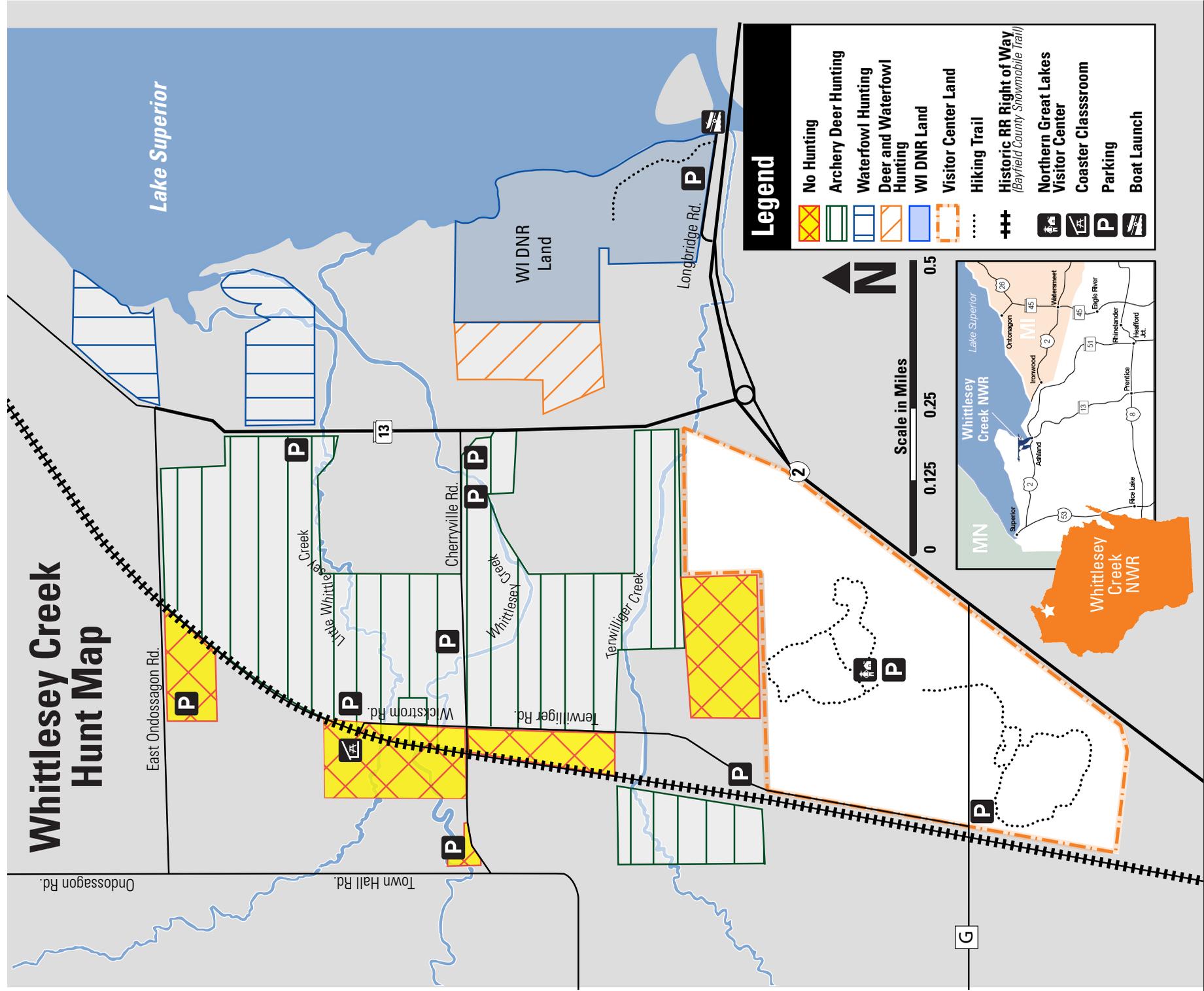
1. Fishing is permitted from sunrise until sunset.
2. We prohibit the taking of any mussel (clam), crayfish, frog, leech, and turtle species by any method on the refuge.

Trout Fishing

Specific information related to trout fishing is also included in the state fishing regulations for Lake Superior under Whittlesey Creek, downstream from Town Hall Rd.

- Open season: May 4 at 5:00 a.m. to September 30.
- Daily bag limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout.
- All brook trout must be immediately released.
- Length limit: brown trout 10", salmon 12" and rainbow trout 26".

Specific information related to spearing, netting, and bait harvest regulations is also included in the state regulations.



Refuge owned lands are bordered by privately owned parcels. Private lands are not open to hunting, fishing or any other public use without landowner permission.