Welcome

Enjoy the Refuge

Canada Goose

Salinas River National Wildlife Refuge belongs to the world's most unique network of lands and waters—the National Wildlife Refuge System, set aside specifically for the conservation of fish, wildlife and plants. Nearly 60 percent of the refuges within this System allow hunting of one type or another. Waterfowl hunting is allowed at Salinas River National Wildlife Refuge according to the regulations outlined in this booklet.

Hunting is a traditional form of wildlife-dependent recreation in the United States and draws thousands of people out to refuges each year.

By purchasing all required licenses and paying federal excise taxes on their gear, hunters provide millions of dollars each year for conservation programs that benefit wildlife and help ensure the future of many wildlife species, both hunted and non-hunted.

Mallard

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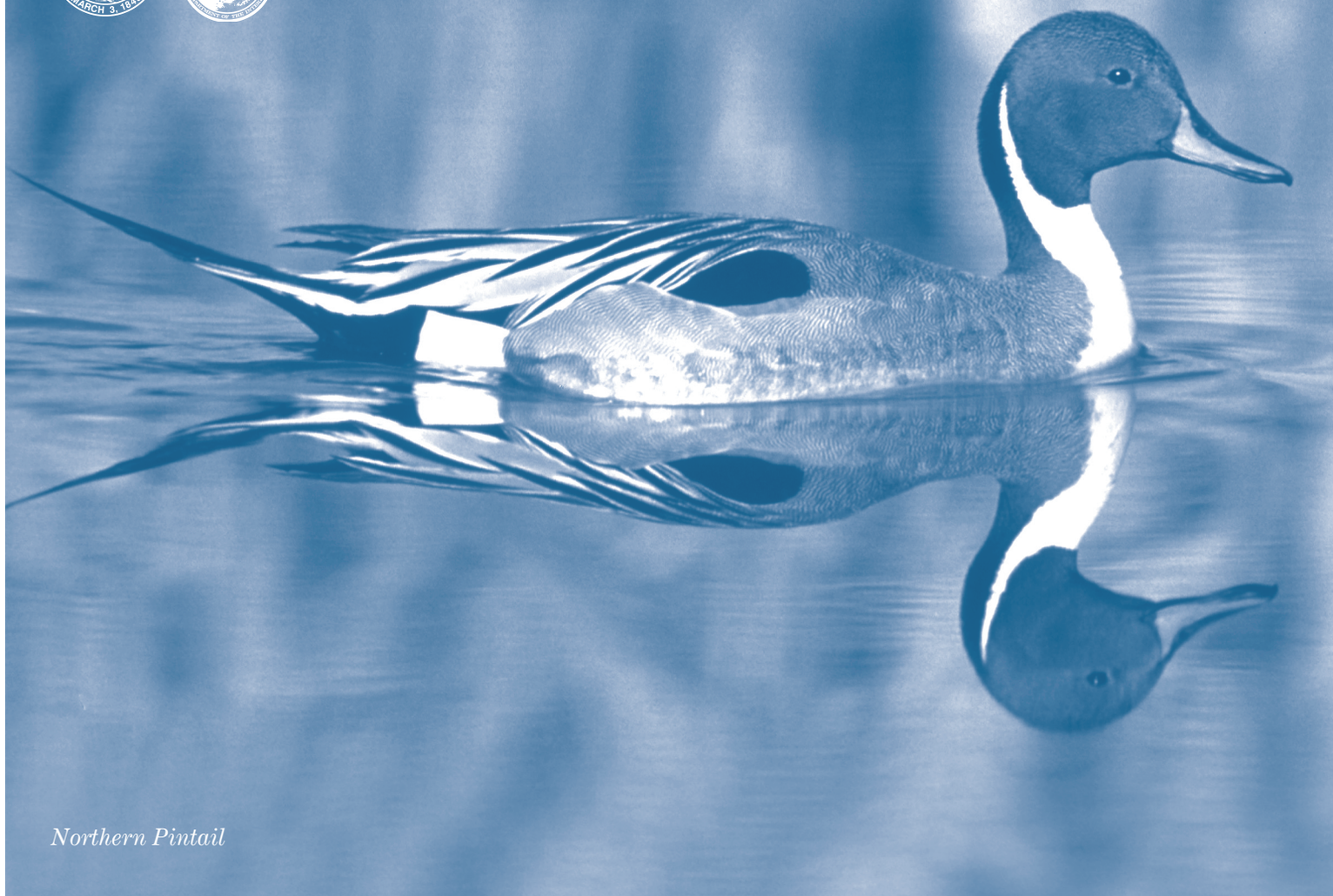
Waterfowl Hunting



Northern Pintail

Regulations

Hunt Area

Hunting is allowed within the posted boundaries of the hunt area (see map). Shooting is only allowed along the bank of the Salinas River on the southeast portion of the refuge toward the river. Access to hunt area is by foot only. Shooting from the river toward the refuge river bank is prohibited. Mobility-impaired hunters should consult with the refuge manager for allowed conveyances.

Hunting Season, Days and Hours

Waterfowl hunting season extends from approximately mid-October to mid-January. During the season, hunting is permitted daily from one half-hour before sunrise until sunset. More specific information is contained in *California Hunting Regulations, Waterfowl*.

Retrieval Dogs

Only dogs engaged in hunting activities in the hunt area of the refuge during the waterfowl season are permitted. Hunters must keep their dog(s) under their immediate control at all times. Dogs may not be trained on the refuge. All other dogs and pets are prohibited.

Retrieving Zones

Hunters may use dogs or inflatables to enter closed areas of the refuge to retrieve downed birds, provided that they leave all weapons on the bank.

Huntable Species

Only ducks, geese, coots, and common moorhens may be hunted on the refuge. All other wildlife is protected.

Licenses

All hunters must carry a valid California hunting license. Hunters 16 years or older must also possess a valid, signed, Federal Duck Stamp, a State Duck Stamp, and the Harvest Information Program participation stamp.

Additional Permits and Reservations

None Required.

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Bag and Possession Limits

Hunting limits vary from year to year; read *California Hunting Regulations, Waterfowl* for up-to-date information.

Weapons and Ammunition

Only legal shotguns are permitted in the designated hunt area during the waterfowl hunting season. Firearms must be unloaded until you are in the designated hunt area. Hunters may possess only approved non-toxic shot shells in quantities of 25 or less while on the refuge.

Accidents

All accidents and injuries occurring on the refuge must be immediately reported to the Refuge Manager, Salinas River NWR.

Removal of Personal Property

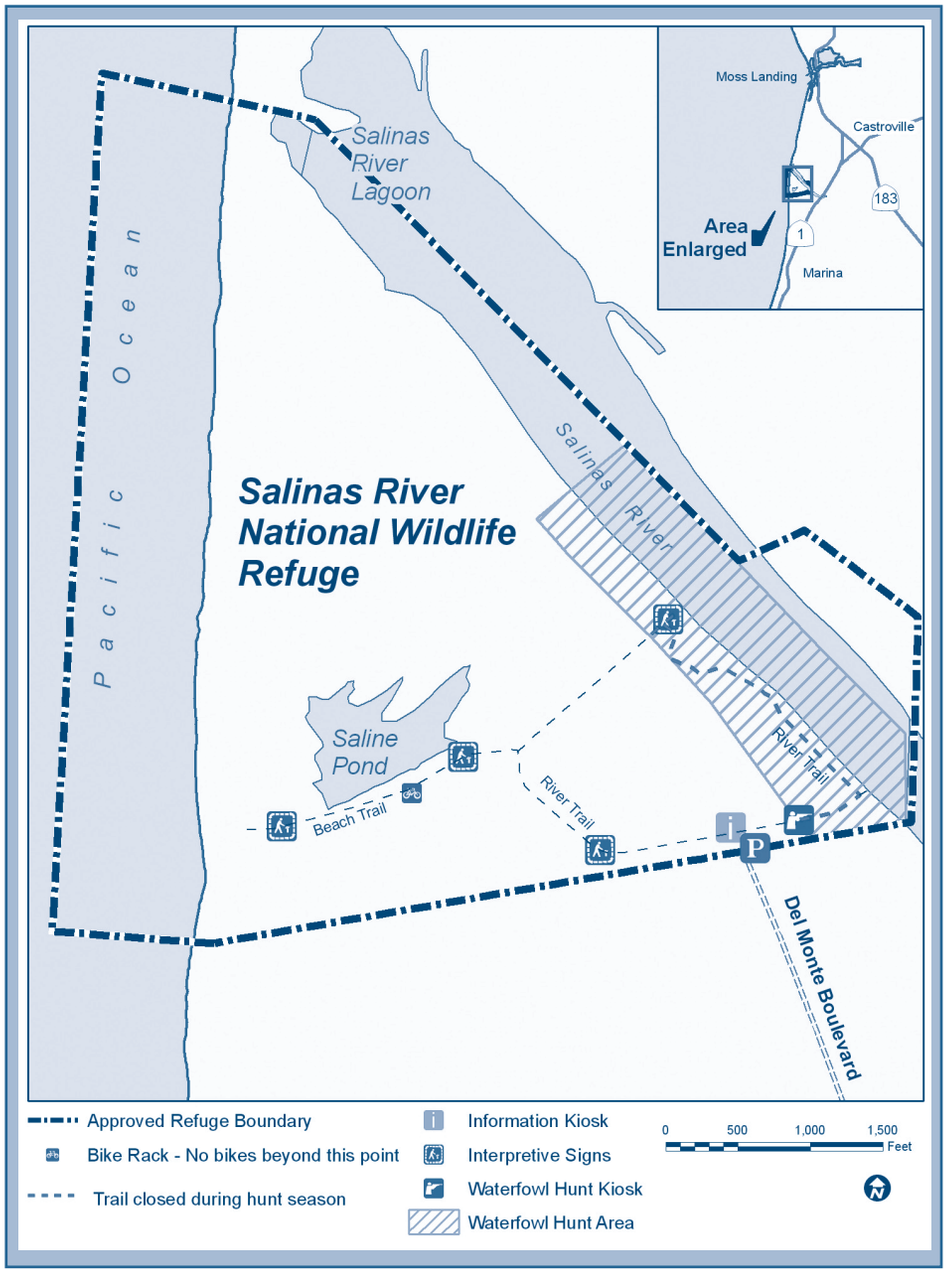
Decoys and other personal property must be removed from the refuge at the end of each day. Hunters must remove all trash, including shotshell hulls, when leaving hunting areas.

Alcohol

Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.

Camping, Campfires, and Overnight Parking

Prohibited



Hunter Survey

Please fill out the optional hunter survey (located in a wooden box by the parking lot) prior to leaving the refuge. This information will assist us in determining hunting participation in the area as well as aid in procuring funds for further improvements.