



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Audubon

National Wildlife Refuge

Hunting Information

Welcome to

Audubon National Wildlife Refuge

Audubon National Wildlife Refuge is managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Refuge is one of 540 refuges in the National Wildlife Refuge System — a network of lands set aside to conserve wildlife and habitat for people today and for generations to come.

Hunting Information

The Refuge Office and Visitor Center is open from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, except for Federal holidays.

Hunting on the Refuge is permitted for deer, pheasant, grouse, and partridge as described in the following sections. Hunting of all other wildlife species is prohibited on the Refuge.

All Federal and State hunting regulations apply.

Audubon National Wildlife Refuge is divided into two zones which are designated as open or closed to hunting as shown on the map. Areas that are closed to hunting are posted with “No Hunting Zone” signs.

Hunters must park at the Refuge boundary and walk in. Hunting from vehicles or driving on the auto tour route to access hunting areas is prohibited on the Refuge.

When hunting on private lands adjacent to the Refuge, downed game may be retrieved up to 100 yards inside the entire Refuge boundary fence and closed areas of the Refuge. Retrieval is limited to direct travel to and from the game. No firearms may be carried while retrieving game in these areas.

Refuge islands are closed to all hunting. Islands that become attached to the mainland because of lowered water levels or dikes may be hunted.

Hunting from horseback is not allowed on the Refuge.

Baiting is not allowed on the Refuge.

Deer Hunting - Bow, Gun, and Muzzleloader

The open area is open to bow, gun, and muzzleloader deer hunting in accordance with State regulations and during State seasons. Special Refuge permits are not required.

Travel for retrieval of downed deer with a vehicle is restricted to the auto tour route and deer retrieval trails shown on the map. Only direct travel to and from the downed game is allowed. The auto tour route and deer retrieval trails may be blocked seasonally due to drifting snow. Please use care when driving on these roads in winter.

Hunters may use portable tree stands that meet State regulations. Tree stands may not be left up overnight. No permanent stands are allowed.

The closed area is closed to all deer hunting.

The Refuge is not open for the special youth deer hunting season.

Upland Bird Hunting - Pheasant, Grouse, and Partridge

The open area opens for upland bird hunting the first Monday after the deer gun season closes and continues to the end of the State season.

The closed area is closed to all upland bird hunting.

Non-toxic shot is required.
NO LEAD SHOT MAY BE USED OR CARRIED on the Refuge.

Accessibility Information

Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs and activities of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is available to all individuals regardless of physical or mental ability. Dial 7-1-1 for a free connection to the State transfer relay service for TTY and voice calls to and from the speech and hearing impaired. For more information or to address accessibility needs, please contact the Refuge staff at 701 / 442 5474, or the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Equal Opportunity, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20240.



This blue goose, designed by J.N. “Ding” Darling, has become the symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

