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The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

STEWART R. MCKINNEY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of duck, coot, and goose on designated areas of the Great Meadows Unit in Stratford, Connecticut in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require hunters to obtain an annual Special Use Permit in advance for permission to hunt in the designated hunting area. Consult the refuge manager for details on how and when to apply for a Special Use Permit.

2. Any person entering, using, or occupying the refuge for hunting must abide by all the terms and conditions of the Special Use Permit.

3. You must have all applicable hunting licenses, permits, stamps, and a photographic identification in your possession while hunting on the refuge.

4. We will limit hunt days to Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays during the waterfowl hunting season as established by the State.

5. We only allow shotguns.

6. The possession of a loaded shotgun while you are within the designated hunting area is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

   A. We require hunters to obtain an annual Special Use Permit in advance for permission to hunt in the designated hunting area. Consult the refuge manager for details on how and when to apply for a Special Use Permit.

   B. Any person entering, using, or occupying the refuge for hunting must abide by all the terms and conditions of the Special Use Permit.

   C. Permits are required for waterfowl hunting except on the South Upland Hunting Area.

   D. Hunting of waterfowl and coots is permitted on the South Waterfowl Area, the West Waterfowl Area, and the Young Waterfowlers Area.

   E. Only snow geese may be taken on the Snow Goose Area.

   F. Hunting is permitted only from designated sites, except on the South Upland Hunting Area.

   G. The maximum number of hunters permitted per blind is as follows:

      1. Waterfowl Area—4; South Waterfowl Area—3; Young Waterfowlers Area—2.

   H. The possession of a loaded shotgun while outside a blind or designated site is not permitted unless actively pursuing crippled birds.

   I. Waterfowl hunters may not possess more than 15 shotgun shells per day on the West and Young Waterfowlers Hunt Areas.

   J. We allow hunting of upland game on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

      1. We allow hunting only on the South Upland Hunting Area.

      2. We allow hunting from 1 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1 1/2 hour after sunset.

      3. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

   K. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of turkey and deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

      1. We require a special permit except on the South Upland Hunting Area.

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2. Hunting on the Headquarters Deer Hunt Area must be from designated stands only, unless actively tracking or retrieving wounded deer.
3. We require a valid State permit for turkey hunting.
4. During firearms deer season, hunters must wear in a conspicuous manner an outer layer on the head, chest, and back a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm²) of solid-colored orange clothing or material.
5. Deer hunting during firearms seasons must be from designated stands only, unless actively tracking or retrieving wounded deer. We allow hunters to hunt from portable stands during archery hunts in all designated areas and during firearms hunts in the Slaughter Canal Area only. Tree stands must be portable, temporary in design, and completely removed at the end of each day. The Service is not responsible for any stands left overnight.
6. All persons in firearms hunting areas must display a minimum of 400 total square inches (2,600 cm²) of solid-blaze-orange material on their head, chest, and back. Blaze-orange camouflage is not acceptable. This includes hunters who are archery hunting on the refuge during days that coincide with State firearms hunt dates for deer.
7. Hunters may use or possess slugs only during designated shotgun seasons.
8. Hunters may take mourning dove, snipe, and woodcock only on designated upland game hunting areas as shown on brochures available from the refuge manager.

PRIME HOOK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of waterfowl, coot, mourning dove, snipe, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:
1. We require daily permits and fees. The permits are nontransferable. Consult with the refuge manager for details on permit conditions.
2. For all refuge hunts, a hunting or non-hunting adult age 18 or older must accompany a permitted juvenile age 17 or under.
3. Hunters may take waterfowl and coot on the Waterfowl Hunting Area only as designated on brochures available from the refuge manager.
4. The refuge is open to hunting of waterfowl and coot on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays throughout the State waterfowl hunting seasons from 1/2 hour before legal sunrise until 3 p.m. Consult the refuge manager for dates when we close to hunting or have limited hunts.
5. Access to the Waterfowl Hunting Area is by boat only and hunters must use designated launching sites to launch their boats.
6. We prohibit the use of air-thrust and inboard water-thrust boats on all waters within the refuge boundaries. We allow a maximum horsepower of 30 HP.
7. We allow waterfowl hunting from designated blind sites only. We allow a maximum of three people per blind.
8. Hunters may take mourning dove, snipe, and woodcock only on the upland game hunting areas as shown on brochures available from the refuge manager.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of pheasant, rabbit, and quail on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:
2. Hunters may take white-tailed deer only on designated deer hunting areas as shown on brochures available from the refuge manager.
3. We require a valid State permit for turkey hunting.
4. During firearms deer season, hunters must wear in a conspicuous manner an outer layer on the head, chest, and back a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm²) of solid-colored orange clothing or material.