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8. We prohibit commercial fishing on the refuge.


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BITTER LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, mourning dove, and sandhill crane on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and any special posting or publications subject to the following conditions:

1. On the North Tract (including Salt Creek Wilderness Area and the portion of the refuge located north of U.S. Highway 70), all hunting must be in accordance with State seasons and regulations.

2. On the Middle Tract (the portion of the refuge located between U.S. Highway 70 and U.S. Highway 380), we restrict hunting to goose, duck, sandhill crane, and American coot (no dove):
   i. In the designated public hunting area;
   ii. In the southern portion of the Tract that never approaches closer than 100 yards (90 m) to the public auto tour route;
   iii. In the southern portion of the Tract only, we limit hunting to Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays during the period when the State seasons for that area are open simultaneously for most of these species; and
   iv. All hunting must cease at 1 p.m. (local time) on each hunt day.

3. On the South Tract (the portion of the refuge located south of U.S. Highway 380), we allow hunting only during Special Hunts (hunters with disabilities and/or youth hunters age 17 and younger).

4. You may use only approved nontoxic shot while hunting (see §32.21(c)).

5. We prohibit pit or permanent blinds and require removal of all waterfowl decoys and all temporary blind/stands (see §27.93 of this chapter).

6. We allow unleashed hunting and/or retrieving dogs on the refuge when hunters are legally present in areas where we allow hunters, only if the dogs are under the immediate control of hunters at all times (see §26.21(b) of this chapter), and only to pursue species legally in season at that time.

7. We prohibit hunters and their dogs from entering closed areas for retrieval of game.

8. We do not require refuge or other special hunt permits other than those required by the State (e.g., sandhill crane permits).

9. Visit the refuge office or Web site, and/or refer to additional on-site brochures, leaflets, or postings for additional information.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of pheasant, quail, cottontail, and jack rabbit on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and any special postings or publications subject to the following conditions:

1. On the North Tract (including Salt Creek Wilderness Area and the portion of the refuge located north of U.S. Highway 70), all hunting must be in accordance with State seasons and regulations with the specification that we allow rabbit hunting only during the season that is concurrently open for quail hunting within the State.

2. On the Middle Tract (the portion of the refuge located between U.S. Highway 70 and U.S. Highway 380), we allow only pheasant hunting:
   i. In the designated public hunting area in the southern portion of the Tract;
   ii. No closer than 100 yards (90 m) to the public auto tour route; and
   iii. We limit hunting to Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays during the appropriate State season for that area.

3. On the South Tract (the portion of the refuge located south of U.S. Highway 380), we allow public hunting only during Special Hunts (hunters with disabilities and/or youth hunters age 17 and younger) as per State seasons and regulations.

4. Conditions A4 and A6 through A9 apply.

5. We prohibit the use of archery equipment at any time on the refuge except when hunting deer and hogs (see C. Big Game Hunting).

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of mule deer, white-tailed deer, and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and any special postings or publications subject to the following conditions:

1. We restrict all hunting to the North Tract (including Salt Creek Wilderness Area and the portion of the refuge located north of U.S. Highway 70) in accordance with State seasons and regulations, with the specification that you may hunt and take feral hog (no bag limit) only while legally hunting deer and only with the weapon legal for deer on that day in that area.

2. Conditions A4 and A7 through A9 apply.

3. We allow use of only portable blinds or stands and require daily removal of all blinds and stands (see §27.93 of this chapter).

D. Sport Fishing. [Reserved]
Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of mourning and white-winged dove and light goose on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must possess and carry a refuge permit for hunting of light goose. The permit is available through a lottery drawing. Applications must be postmarked by November 15 of each year. A $6.00 nonrefundable application fee must accompany each application.

2. We allow hunting of light goose on dates to be determined by refuge staff. We will announce hunt dates by September 1 of each year. Hunters must report to the refuge headquarters by 4:45 a.m. each hunt day. Legal hunting hours will run from ½ hour before legal sunrise and will not extend past 11:00 a.m. local time.

3. We allow the use of hunting dogs for animal retrieval. You must keep dogs on a leash when not hunting (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter).

4. We prohibit hunters and dogs from retrieving dead or wounded birds in closed areas.

5. All State and Federal hunting and fishing regulations regarding methods of take, dates, bag limits, etc., apply to all hunting and fishing on the refuge, in addition to these refuge-specific regulations.

6. We prohibit canoeing, boating, or floating through the refuge on the Rio Grande.

7. We prohibit hunting any species on the north hunting area and the south hunting area. We provide maps with the refuge permit (Big/Upland Game Hunt Application, FWS Form 3-2356), which each hunter must possess and carry, that show these areas in detail.

8. We allow hunting of bearded Rio Grande turkey for youth hunters only on dates determined by refuge staff. Drawn hunters must possess and carry their selection letter/permit (Big/Upland Game Hunt Application, FWS Form 3-2356) for hunting of bearded Rio Grande turkey. The permit is available only to youth hunters and is available through a lottery drawing. You must postmark applications by March 1 of each year. A $6 nonrefundable application fee must accompany each hunt application.

9. Drawn hunters must possess and carry their selection letter/permit (Big/Upland Game Hunt Application, FWS Form 3-2356) for hunting of bearded Rio Grande turkey. The permit is available only to youth hunters and is available through a lottery drawing. You must postmark applications by March 1 of each year. A $6 nonrefundable application fee must accompany each hunt application.

10. We allow hunting of bearded Rio Grande turkey for youth hunters only on dates determined by refuge staff. Drawn hunters must report to refuge headquarters by 4:45 a.m. each hunt day. Legal hunting hours run from ½ hour before legal sunrise and ½ hour after legal sunset.

11. We will limit the Youth Rio Grande Turkey Hunt to four weekends during the New Mexico Spring Turkey Hunting Season. We will publish specific dates and bag limits every year in the hunting brochure.

12. We will allow scouting of the turkey hunt units only on the Friday before the actual hunt weekend. Scouting can occur only during normal refuge hours of visitation. Drawn hunters and their parents or legal guardians should contact the refuge in advance for more information regarding scouting of proposed hunt units.

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14. We allow the use of temporary ground blinds only for turkey hunts, and hunters must remove them from the refuge daily (see § 27.93 of this chapter). It is unlawful to mark...
any tree or other refuge structure with paint, flagging tape, ribbon, cat-eyes, or any similar marking device.

15. We allow youth hunters only one legally harvested bearded Rio Grande turkey per hunt.

16. Hunters must check out of the designated hunt unit and have their harvested turkey checked by refuge staff prior to leaving the refuge.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing on all canals within the refuge boundaries (Interior Drain, Riverside Canal, and Low Flow Conveyance Channel), and unit 25AS either from the boardwalk or from shore.
2. We allow fishing from April 1 through September 30.
3. We allow fishing from 1 hour before legal sunrise until 1 hour after legal sunset.
4. We prohibit trotlines, bows and arrows, boats or other flotation devices, seining, dip netting, traps, using bait taken from the refuge, taking of turtle (see §27.21 of this chapter), littering, and all other activities not expressly allowed.
5. Access to the canals is via the tour loop. We prohibit fishing in closed areas of the refuge, with the exception of the Low Flow Conveyance Channel.
6. We allow frogging for bullfrog on the refuge in areas that are open to fishing.
7. All State and Federal fishing regulations regarding methods of take, dates, creel limits, etc., apply to all fishing on the refuge, in addition to these refuge-specific regulations.
8. We prohibit fishing for any species on the Rio Grande within the refuge.

LAS VEGAS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of mourning dove and goose on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must possess and carry a refuge permit and pay a fee.
2. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)).
3. Youth hunters age 17 and under must hunt under the supervision of an adult age 21 or older.
4. We prohibit hunters and dogs from entering closed areas to retrieve birds.
5. We allow goose hunting on designated day(s) of the week as identified on the permit.
6. Shooting hours for geese are from ½ hour before legal sunrise to 1:00 p.m. local time.
7. We assign a bag limit for both light goose and Canada goose to two geese each.
8. For goose hunting you may possess only approved nontoxic shells (see §32.2(k)) while in the field in quantities of six or less.
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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.

AMAGANSSETT NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting, [Reserved]
B. Upland Game Hunting, [Reserved]
C. Big Game Hunting, [Reserved]
D. Sport Fishing. Anglers may surf fish in the Atlantic Ocean from the refuge shoreline in accordance with state regulations.

ELIZABETH A. MORTON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting, [Reserved]
B. Upland Game Hunting, [Reserved]
C. Big Game Hunting, [Reserved]
D. Sport Fishing. Fishing is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Fishing is permitted only on the beach and in areas not designated as closed.
2. Fishing is permitted only during daylight hours.

IROQUOIS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of goose, duck, rail, coot, gallinule, snipe, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. For hunting of goose, duck, and coot (only allowed on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays):
   i. We require refuge waterfowl hunting permits. We allocate permits by random drawing at the Waterfowl Hunter Check Station on Route 77 on hunt days, except that we conduct a mail-in lottery for permits issued for opening day and the first two Saturdays of the regular waterfowl season. Permits allow up to three hunters to hunt. We charge a daily fee. A hunt stand is available for physically challenged hunters possessing a Golden Access Passport. We will allocate the hunt stand in a separate random draw for opening day and by first-come, first-served basis for other hunt days. The permit will allow one helper who may also hunt.

   ii. You must possess and carry a valid New York State Waterfowl Education Certificate of Qualification.

   iii. You must provide and use a minimum of six decoys.

   iv. We only allow hunting from ½ hour before legal sunrise to 12 p.m. (noon). All hunters must check out no later than 1 p.m. by returning the Harvest Report portion of your permit to the Waterfowl Hunter Check Station.

   v. You may only possess approved nontoxic shotshells (see §32.2(k)) in the field in quantities of 20 or less.

   vi. You must hunt within 100 feet (30 m) of your designated stand unless actively pursuing crippled birds.

2. For hunting of rail, gallinule, snipe, and woodcock:

   i. We require refuge daily small-game hunt permits and reports. You may obtain these self-issued permits at several kiosks located around the refuge. The hunter must complete and sign Part “A” and possess and carry Part “B” while hunting, then complete and return Part “B” to one of the kiosks at the end of the hunt day.

   ii. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot in the field (see §32.2(k)).

   iii. We only allow hunting from 1⁄2 hour before legal sunset to 12 p.m. (noon). All hunters must check out no later than 1 p.m. by returning the Harvest Report portion of your permit to the Waterfowl Hunter Check Station.

   iv. We allow youths ages 12 to 17 to hunt goose and duck on the first Sunday of the regular waterfowl season subject to the following conditions:

      i. Each youth hunter must preregister at the refuge office.

      ii. Each youth hunter must participate in the prehunt orientation and education program.

      iii. Each youth hunter must hunt with a preapproved, nonhunting adult (see refuge manager for details), who must be properly licensed to participate in the program.

      iv. Conditions 1v, 1v, and 1vi above apply.

D. Hunting of Upland Game. We allow hunting of ruffed grouse, gray squirrel, cottontail rabbit, pheasant, coyote, fox, raccoon, skunk, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require refuge daily small-game hunt permits and reports. You may obtain these self-issued permits at several kiosks located around the refuge. You must complete and sign Part A and possess and carry Part B while hunting, then complete and return Part B to one of the kiosks at the end of the hunt day.

2. We only allow hunting from legal sunrise to legal sunset. We prohibit night hunting.

3. We allow hunting only between October 1 and the last day of February.

4. You must only possess approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)) while in the field if hunting with a shotgun.