
Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge Complex

Hunting Regulations 2003

Hunt Hours - ½ hour before sunrise until sunset, daily.

Species - Taking of all migratory, upland, big game, and other unprotected species and bag limits are in accordance with state regulations. Don't forget your HIP number for your waterfowl hunt!

Fishing - Fishing is prohibited on Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge Complex.

Weapons - Rifles and pistols are prohibited. Shotguns and nontoxic shot may be used for migratory waterfowl. Muzzle loaders and archery equipment as appropriate for additional hunted species.

Vehicles and Parking - Only registered vehicles (of any type), allowed on open roads. Parking is permissible only in designated (signed) areas.

Overnight Stays - Vehicles are allowed to park overnight in two designated areas. Area (1) is located in town of Stillwater. Area (2) is located on east Division Road.

Hunt Area - From Division Road south is closed to all hunting. During waterfowl hunting season, loaded firearms are prohibited within the retrieval zone, located 200 yards north of Division Road as posted. The following Stillwater Marsh units are open to waterfowl hunting during the appropriate season: Swan Lake, Pintail Bay, North, South and West Nutgrass, Willow Lake, Lead Lake, Tule Lake, Goose Lake, and Swan Check.

Boats - No boating allowed on the refuge except during waterfowl season. Exception: Swan Check Lake open all year for non-motorized boats. No boats allowed on Swan Lake, northern Pintail Bay, or northeast N. Nutgrass. Non-motorized boats are allowed in all other open units. Airboats are allowed in Goose Lake, S. Nutgrass, open area of N. Nutgrass and open area of Pintail Bay. All other motorized boats are allowed in units open to airboats as well as Lead Lake and Tule Lake. Airboat operation requires a special use permit from Stillwater Refuge.

Prohibited Activities - Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting, littering (including spent shells and toilet paper), artifact collecting, or tree cutting is not allowed.

Temporary Blinds - Portable blinds may be used. Temporary blinds may be constructed of natural material, but shall be available for general use on a first come, first serve basis.

Hunting Tips and Field Etiquette - Decoys and calls should be used to bring birds into ideal shooting range. While setting out decoys, place the outer decoys 40 yards from the blind. This will help you judge proper shooting distance and result in more birds in your bag. Remember to leave a head or wing attached for identification.

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