

## Welcome to the Alamosa and Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuges

Alamosa and Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuges (NWRs) are two of over 550 refuges in the National Wildlife Refuge System. This Refuge System is a network of lands set aside and managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service specifically for wildlife. It is a living heritage, conserving wildlife and habitat for people today and generations to come.

The mission of Alamosa and Monte Vista NWRs is to provide food, cover, and migration and breeding habitat for migratory birds and other wildlife. Both Alamosa and Monte Vista NWRs conserve and enhance the mixture of wetland and desert habitats found in the area to accomplish these goals. The 12,026-acre Alamosa NWR, containing wetlands of various depths and sizes, is located primarily within the Rio Grande flood plain. The artificially created wetlands of the 14,843-acre Monte Vista NWR are intensively managed to provide habitat for a wide variety of waterfowl and other water birds.

### General Hunting Regulations

All Federal and State hunting regulations apply. Hunters must possess all applicable Federal and State licenses.

Refuge hunting areas are not accessible to hunters prior to 4:00 am on the opening day of each season. Therefore, pre-season scouting is prohibited.

Only **waterfowl** and **small game** hunting are permitted on a portion of each Refuge according to State regulations and the following special Refuge regulations. **All hunting on both Refuges is permitted only during waterfowl season as set by Federal and State regulations.**

It is our desire to prevent violations rather than to prosecute violators. Please respect other hunters who may be hunting in close proximity to you. Please handle firearms carefully. The cooperation of all sportsmen is respectfully requested.

*When in doubt about any of the hunting regulations, please contact a Refuge officer.*

### Special Refuge Hunting Regulations

See Refuge kiosks for up-to-date refuge hunting regulations and current water conditions.

#### Hunting Areas

Hunting is only allowed in the designated hunting areas posted and shown on the maps. Hunters may access hunting areas by foot from legal roads, but all vehicles must be

parked in designated hunter parking lots. Entering or remaining in a closed area is prohibited.

#### Motorized Vehicles

ATV, OHV, and snowmobile use is not permitted on the Refuge. Use of any other motorized vehicle is not permitted off-road or in hunting areas for activities such as game or equipment retrieval. The use of game carts or other non-motorized methods to transport hunting equipment to and from the hunting area is allowed.

#### Weapons

Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on National Wildlife Refuge System lands must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (50 CFR 27.42 and specific refuge regulations in 50 CFR Part 32). When in possession of firearms in a motor vehicle, they should be unloaded and secured in a case or in a manner where they are not readily accessible. Rifle and handgun use is strictly prohibited. Possession of firearms in Federal facilities and buildings is prohibited under 18 USC 930(a).

#### Non-toxic Shot

Non-toxic shot must be used for **all** hunting on the Refuge. It is illegal to **use or possess** lead shot while in the field.

#### Decoys

Decoys **cannot** be left unattended and **must be** removed from the hunting area when you leave.

#### Blinds

Blinds used for the purpose of hunting must be removed each day.

#### Hunting Dogs

The use of dogs for hunting and retrieving is permitted. Dogs must be under immediate control and may not interfere with other hunters' activities.

#### Camping

Camping and overnight parking are prohibited.

#### Alcoholic Beverages

It is illegal to **use or possess** alcoholic beverages while in the field. It is unlawful for a minor or person under the age of 21 to possess or consume an alcoholic beverage on the Refuge.

#### Controlled Substances

It is unlawful to possess a controlled substance or any drug paraphernalia on the Refuge.

#### Collection

The collecting, taking, possession, or searching for animal parts, antler sheds, artifacts, and fossils is prohibited.

#### Littering

Littering is prohibited. Please remove all trash, including spent shell casings, from the Refuge.

#### Fires

No fires of any type are permitted within the Refuge.

#### Accessibility

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 711 for a free connection to the State 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 Refuge staff at 719 / 589 4021, or the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Equal Opportunity, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20240.

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## Hunting Regulations



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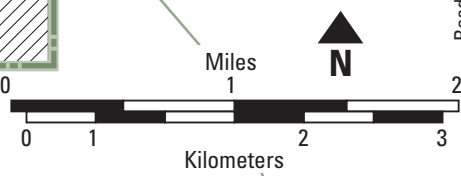
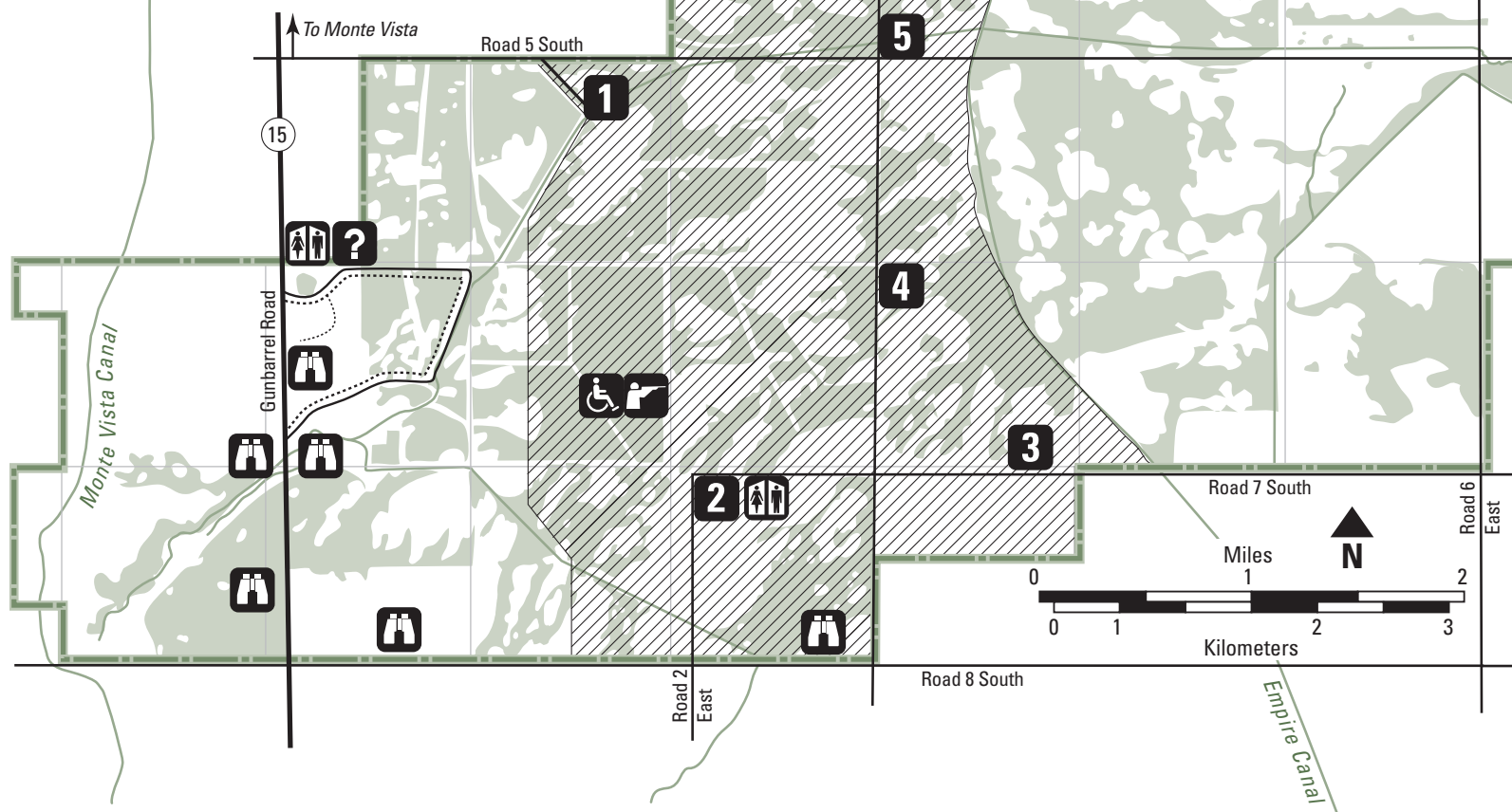
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-  Road
-  Auto Tour Route
-  Nature Trail
-  Hunting Permitted
-  Rivers
-  Wetlands
-  Accessible Hunting Blind
-  Visitor Center for Alamosa and Monte Vista NWRs
-  Information, Brochures, and Maps
-  Parking
-  Wildlife Viewing Area
-  Restroom
-  Hunter Parking and Information
-  Refuge Headquarters for Alamosa and Monte Vista NWRs



This goose, designed by J.N. "Ding" Darling, is the symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

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